



Harbor's Beacon

February 2019

*Anchored in the Word
Growing through Worship and Prayer
Sharing the Joy of God's Love for All*

*Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church
1204 L Ave.
Milford, Iowa*



Charly's 2 Cents

March 2019

Who am I? That's the question a faded stuffed animal asks himself in the children's book "Nothing" by Mick Inkpen. Left in a dusty corner of an attic, the animal hears movers call him 'nothing' and thinks that's his name: Nothing.

Encounters with other animals spark memories. Nothing realizes that he used to have a tail, whiskers, and stripes. But it's not until he meets a tabby cat who helps him find his way home that Nothing remembers who he truly is: a stuffed cat named Toby. His owner lovingly restores him, sewing on new ears, tail whiskers and stripes.

Whenever I read this book, I think about my own identity. Who am I? John, writing to believers, said that God has called us His children. (1 John 3:1) We don't fully understand that identity, but when we see Jesus, we will be like him. Just like Toby the cat, we will one day be restored to the identity intended for us, which has been marred by sin. For now, we can understand that identity in part, and we can recognize the image of God in each other. But one day, when we see Jesus, we will be full restored to the identity God intended for us. We will be made new.

Where do I find my identity? According to Scripture, how does God view me?

Thank you, God for rescuing us and restoring us.

Church Council Communication
Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church Council
January 8, 2019

The Council Meeting of Harbor of Joy Lutheran Church was held on January 8, 2019. President Denny Struck called the meeting to order at 7 pm. The following members were present: President Denny Struck, Vice President Barb Rohlf, Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Karen Sunde, Financial Secretary Kristi Peck, and council members Elmer Lubinus, Dale Gehrels, Scott Berry, and Lynne Koelling. Members absent was Dean Ramsey. Devotions and prayer by Scott Berry.

The Secretary's minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

Treasurer's report and Financial report were approved as read.

Pastor Call Committee Report

- Call was issued to Dr. Kyle Fever on November 25th. Deadline is January 15, 2019

Property Committee

- Steve Letcher installed new TV in Sanctuary and mounted a new lock box on south door. Thanks so very much to Steve for these needed improvements!

Missions/Benevolence Team

- Dale announced that our Bible camp needs 6 picnic tables. Dale volunteered to make these tables and discussed that the cost for wood would be \$600-\$700. Kristi moved that we use funds from Mission fund for this project. Thank you Dale for this kind gesture.

Parish Education for Youth

- Joy youth groups resume February 6th.
- Christmas program was well attended and a success. Thanks to all who helped.

Adult Discipleship/Small groups

- Bible study group with leaders Patti Thayer and Patt Gehrels will start again January 15th and will meet every Tuesday at 9:30 in Fireside Room for six weeks. Please join us!

Prayer Team

- Please pray for call, unity, and guidance in this time of change.
- Special thanks to Patt Gehrels for the numerous prayer chain prayers. They keep our congregation not only close to God but close to each other.

Fellowship Team

- Dean will continue Wednesday night monthly suppers/special events.

Nursing Home Ministry

- Linda and Nancy will be starting a Heaven Bible Study at Accura Care Center as well as visiting and sharing God's love with the residents.

Worship Team

- **Worship Pulpit Supply Schedule *** as needed
- Jan. 6-Rod Quamback
- Jan. 13- John Jensen
- Jan. 20-Steve Meyer
- Jan. 27- Kyle Fever
- Feb. 3- John Pausley
- Feb. 10-John Jensen
- Feb. 17 Jeff Griffith
- Feb. 24- Rick Porter
- March 3- Mike Maffin

Lenten Services start March 6th on Ash Wednesday through Easter April 21st.

New Business

- Discussion on using teams for kitchen help vs. signing up in kitchen. Some people are saying they liked it when they were responsible for a certain month and knew when it was their month they would be serving. It would help with funerals to share the responsibility and have each group in charge. Others say they are happy to help if they get a call. We welcome your opinions on what seems to be the most effective for all concerned. Council will make this decision after a bit more discussion with congregation members. Please let us know your ideas. Thanks!
- Annual meeting will be April 28th. Remember this is the meeting we need your written annual reports from each committee. Thank you.
- Next meeting is February 12, 2019 at 7pm. Devotion: Dean
The meeting closed with Lord's prayer.
Linda Johnson Secretary

Harbor of Joy Library

The Library has five Bible Studies that are available to be checked out. They are studies the Women's Bible Study Group has completed (except for #5). Each study contains the DVD series, and a study guide. We ask that you do not write in the study guide, so that others may study from it as well. The studies are in the office, and Charly will help you sign them out.

1. Here and Now, there and Then by Beth Moore

(A study on Revelations)

2. James-Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

3. Living Well by Beth Moore

(Unconditional Love)

4. Armor of God-Pricilla Shirer

5. A Million to One-Pricilla Shirer

(Journey to Your Promised Land)

This study will be available after February 26th.

We have received the following books into the library this month.

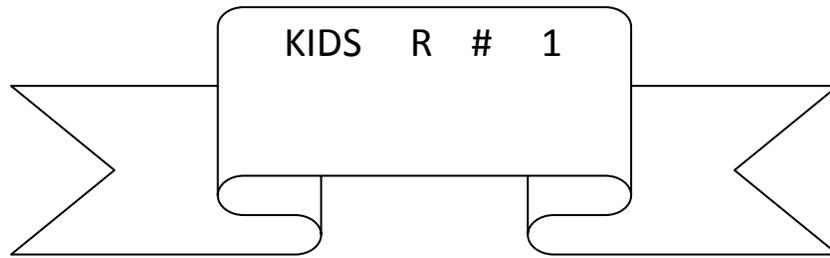
Fiction: Vicious Cycle by Terri Blackstock

True Light by Terri Blackstock

Biography: Unlikely angel by Ashley Smith

(This is a true story of Ashley, who miraculously talked her way out of the hands of an alleged killer when he broke into her apartment. She tells how her faith helped her survive and bring this terrifying ordeal to a peaceful end.)

Many thanks to those who have donated books, movies, CD's, magazines, etc. to our library



The Joy Kids will be learning about missionaries during this Spring session; what missionaries are, how we can be missionaries here at home, who some of the New Testament missionaries were and about some missionaries since Biblical times. The JoyUs students will continue with the lessons started in the Fall; Parables, Heaven and Christianity in American History.

Harbor of Joy has been blessed with 52 children who attend our JoyKids and JoyUs programs. We provide snacks, Bible lessons, music, games, and crafts. We also encourage them to pray for family, friends, our country, the situations they face every day, and also to pray for Harbor of Joy. Yes, these children are praying for our church and our congregation. These children desperately need a cover of prayer to protect them everyday as they enter into the spiritual war zone. Our Prayer Sponsor Program is in need of some adults in our church who would sponsor two or more children. Your job? We ask you to pray for the children daily. If you would like to meet "your" kids, you are welcome to come any Wednesday afternoon (beginning Feb 6th) at 3:30 and we can arrange an introduction. They get very excited when they hear someone is praying for them. We currently have 11 children who are still in need of a sponsor. Please consider being involved in this important prayer ministry. Contact Patt Gehrels if you are interested.

PARISH ED MINUTES—February 6, 2019, 5:15pm

Opened with prayer.

Six members present, with three guests.

Spring session of JoyKids & JoyUs will be held February 6th – April 24th. There will be no Joy Program on April 17th. April 24th will be a JoyKids/JoyUs program.

Dean and Patt reported that they had a great JoyUs (5th-8th grades) first session. Dean gave us their schedule for the year.

Each session: game, devotions, lesson & craft.

Carol Banta has led the crafts. Teachers pick their own lessons. Patt is talking on Heaven; Dean's lessons are Bible stories on Jesus life. Inga is filling in for Karen Dokken.

Patti reported that Joy Kids (K-4th grade) will be studying about Missionaries and how to be a missionary.

First session went very well The Kindergarten class will have a mother helping every other week.

Discussed discipline at length. JoyUs kids will get one warning, 2nd time they will sit in the hall and if there is a 3rd time, they will be sent home. All teachers must work together to solve any potential problems.

Zero tolerance rule for disrespect to each other and teachers.

Lenten Soup Suppers: If children are staying for soup supper they must stay in Fireside Room where games will be provided (5-5:30). If they leave the room without permission, they will be sent home. **Please come and play a game with a child.** Their parents are invited to come to soup supper with them and services after the supper. After the children finish eating, they are to stay in Fellowship Hall.

We will be looking for a Director for the Bible School program. Please pray for the future director. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Patti or Dena.

Next meeting: **March 6, 2019, 5:15pm.**



Prayers: Harbor Of Joy, Those who share pulpit supply, Joyce, friend of Carolyn Rossie has cancer, Enid Creswell, Jill Olger, battling Cancer. Chuck & Donna Tielbur, , Dena Struck, Kristina, Deb Hayenga's daughter, Dorothy Cherry and her brother, John McDowell, Dean Ramsey, Dave Sorenson, Karen Dokken's neighbor,.

Please Notify church office of any shut-ins or anyone ill who would appreciate a visit.

- **Gratitude and Praise:** We can still worship the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - First Sat.** of the month: **Men's Breakfast** at Perkins at 7:30 AM.
 - **Every Tuesday is Nursing Home Ministry** with Nancy Letcher and Linda Johnson
 - **2nd Sunday of each month:** Legion Breakfast at the Legion
 - **2nd & 4th Thursday nights of every month** is Community Table dinners. 5:30-7:00PM at Bible Conference Community Center. No cost to you. Everyone welcome.
 - **3rd Sunday of every month property Committee meets after church in Library**
 - **Every Tuesday Prayer Group at 10:30 AM**
 - **All communications for newsletter are due on March 22nd .**
 - **March 12th,** Board And Council Meeting, 7PM

Please sign up for Sunday morning snacks and coffee.

- **JoyKids/Us, at 3:30 PM every Wednesday.**
- **Choir every Wednesday at 7pm.**

Pulpit supply for the future

Mar. 3 Mike Maffin
Mar. 6 Ash Wed. **no supper.** Worship at 6:15PM
Mar. 10 Patti Griffiths
Mar. 13 Supper at 5:15; worship video at 6:15P
Mar. 17
Mar. 20 **No supper.** Worship video at 6:15P
Mar. 24 Pastor John Jensen
Mar. 27 Supper at 5:15P; Worship video at 6:15P
Mar. 31
Apr. 3 **No supper.** Worship video at 6:15P
Apr. 7
Apr. 10 Supper at 5:15P; Worship at 6:15P

Ecumenical Services are as follows: All are at 9:30 AM Plan to attend

March 1 World Day of Prayer—Community Faith, Milford

March 8 Calvary United Methodist church, Spirit Lake

March 15 Light of the Lakes—Milford

March 22 St. Joseph—Milford

March 29 First Lutheran—Milford

April 5 Harbor of Joy—Milford

March 10 is daylight savings time. Go ahead one hour.

Harbor of Joy Weekly Calendar

Mar 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 9:30am - Sunday 10:45am - Education	25	26 10:30am - Prayers 1pm - Accura 2pm - Music	27 choir practice 2pm - Acurra 3:30pm - Joykids/Us 5:15pm - Supper & 7pm - AA Meeting	28 2:30pm - Music 6pm - WNF	1 9:30am - World Day 3pm - AA Meeting,	2 7:30am - Men's
3 9:30am - Sunday 10:45am - Education	4	5 10:30am - Prayers 1pm - Accura 5:15pm - Parish Ed	6 choir practice 3:30pm - Joykids/Us 7pm - AA Meeting	7	8 3pm - AA Meeting,	9
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