



At DeWitt's End

*(6) For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity. **The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! (Isaiah 9:6-7)***

This prophecy from Isaiah is about Jesus. It reminds us of the tremendous love which motivated God to send Jesus into the world. There is a lot I don't understand about God. I don't understand how God can be the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three different expressions yet only one God. I don't understand how Jesus could have existed from before the beginning of time as God, have created everything that exists, yet be born as a human to the virgin Mary and be God in the flesh.

There is a lot I don't know about God, but this passage tells us some key things He wants us to understand. It says God has a passionate commitment which is guiding His plan. He has a passionate commitment to providing us His grace, mercy and love. He has a passionate commitment to give us the chance to be forgiven. God is passionate about loving us.

God not only loves us but loves us passionately. Amazing!

I hope you remember God's passionate love for you this year during the Christmas Season. Remember His love. Bask in the joy of knowing God loves you! God's love is the greatest gift we can receive this year at Christmas! Merry Christmas, God passionately loves you!

--Dan

Tuesday Bible Study

Beginning in January, Pastor Dan will start a new study on what the Bible teaches about heaven. He will use the following book as a primary resource: Heaven by Randy Alcorn. You don't have to purchase the book, but it would be helpful if you did. It is available on Amazon.com for \$15. The class will start Jan. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in his home. All are welcome to come join the class.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Coming Sermons:

Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent - Hope Mat. 6:18-21

We all go through times when we feel vulnerable and weak. When we are in the middle of those times, it is nice to know Jesus is there for us and that He is gentle and kind. He gives us hope!

Dec. 10 Adult Choir Cantata in place of the sermon

Dec. 17 Third Sunday of Advent - Joy John 15:9-11

The Christmas season is all about joy. That's what the movies and the songs all say. How do we find the joy? Jesus gives us some great tips in John 15:9-11.

Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love John 1:14-17

The birth of Jesus is all about Love - not our love for each other; but God's amazing, unbelievable, un-failing love for us!

Dec. 31 Rev. Bill Lupole will be our guest speaker.

CWH-Children's Worship	TBS-Tues. Bible Study	EPIC-Youth Group	FF-Community Fellowship Feast
MG-Men's Group	CC-Chancel Choir	LBS-Ladies Morning Bible Study	WBS-Women's Afternoon Bible Study
SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group		HOW-Heart of Worship	FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee

Sunday <u>December</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:00 am-MG
3 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 1:00-4:00 p.m.-Christmas Open House at the DeWitt's Home	4 3:30 p.m.-WBS	5 7:00 p.m.-FMC	6 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	7	8	9 7:00 am-MG
10 9:30 am-Worship/ "Christmas in the Heart" Cantata CWH	11 3:30 p.m.-WBS	12	13 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	14 7:00 pm-SCUG	15	16 7:00 am-MG
17 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 2:00 p.m.-Cantata Performance at Willowbrook	18 3:30 p.m.-WBS 6:30 p.m.-Quilters	19	20 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	21	22	23 7:00 am-MG
24 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 5:00 p.m.-Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS! Office Closed	26	27 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	28	29	30 7:00am-MG
31 9:30 am-Worship/CWH						

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Chuck & Patti Fox	Julianna and her baby Autumn (Mary Plante's niece)	
Glenda Potter	Donald Alderman (Kara Johnson's dad)	
Lisa Augustine	Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa	(Our Sincere Sympathy is extended)
Lee Legner	John and Diane Klene	(to Michele Stahl and family on the)
Judy Roher	Carol Pruski	(passing of her mother, Anita Herzog.)
Lally Phillips	Walt and Margaret Droppa	
Wanda Goff	Mary Ann Chamberlain	
G. L. Hartman	Vicki Damato & Joyce Mackie	
Pastor Wayne Edwards (KY)	Keith Spears, Florida Johnson Family, Todd & Marcy	
Family of Anita Herzog	Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brook's grandbaby)	
Pam Sprague		

Homebound, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living

June Bannister, Irma Grady, Lois Peterson, and G. L. Hartman

Office Closed: The church office will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Pastor Dan and Linda invite you to attend a Christmas Open House at their home, 827 S. Wells St., Sandwich, on Sunday, December 3, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come and go as you like, and enjoy good fellowship as we celebrate this Blessed Christmas Season!

Looking for a Christmas Gifts? There are 7 Federated Church Centennial Cookbooks left for purchase at \$10.00 each. See Laurie Knight if you would like one. EPIC also still has wall and pocket calendars for sale. Wall calendars are \$7.00 and pocket calendars are \$5.00.

Celebrate Christmas Family Style, Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Fox Valley Community Center, 1406 Suydam Road, Sandwich. For tickets, call 312-752-8400. Cost \$25.00 per person.

Need Volunteer! We are in need of someone to host the after-worship Fellowship on Sunday, December 17. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact the church office.

December 31 Fellowship: For the Fellowship following the worship service on Dec. 31, please bring a plate or dish of leftover Christmas goodies to share, and help get rid of them before the New Year!

Food Drive: There is a box in the lobby for the Sandwich Lions Club Christmas non-perishable food drive. Once again we will be a collection point for the drive. The box will be picked up on Dec. 19.

Pastor Out of Office: Pastor Dan will be out of the office December 26 - January 1. If you need any assistance while he is gone, please contact the office or one of the Session members.

Bible Reading Plan: Beginning in January, pastor Dan will begin something new. He has put together a Bible Reading Plan for the entire year. He is encouraging you to read one chapter of the Bible each day, Monday through Saturday. For example, on January 1, he is asking you to read Genesis chapter 1. On Jan. 2, you are to read Gen. 2, etc. Then on Sunday, January 7, he will preach a sermon from a passage found in Genesis chapters 1-6. He will do this all year long as we read through most of the Old Testament. He hopes everyone will participate in the Bible readings.

Christmas Cantata: "Christmas is in the Heart", a cantata for Christmas brought to you by the Chancel Choir, will be presented during morning worship on Dec. 10 at 9:30 . This cantata takes the big picture look at God's redemption plan for humanity with fresh, lively music. The choir will also be performing the cantata at the Willowcrest Nursing Pavilion at 2:00 on Sun., Dec. 17.

- 12-8 Steve Skorup
- 12-11 Jack Thompson
- 12-11 Susan Beall
- 12-11 Juanita Anderson
- 12-14 Kristin Duffield
- 12-17 Levi Shumway
- 12-18 Amy Hamilton
- 12-18 Beverly Newton
- 12-20 Pastor Dan DeWitt
- 12-23 Chris Williams
- 12-25 Bill Griffith
- 12-26 Nancy Sanders
- 12-29 Mike Burgin
- 12-31 Steve Hoadley



The Finance Committee asks you to submit a Financial contribution pledge for the 2018 year. It helps them put together a budget for 2018 if they have an idea the amount of contributions which will likely be given this coming year.

Copies of the Pledge form are available in the office. Please return the pledge forms by Sunday, December 3.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00—12:00

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship Hour

9:30 a.m.

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