

Steepleviews

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

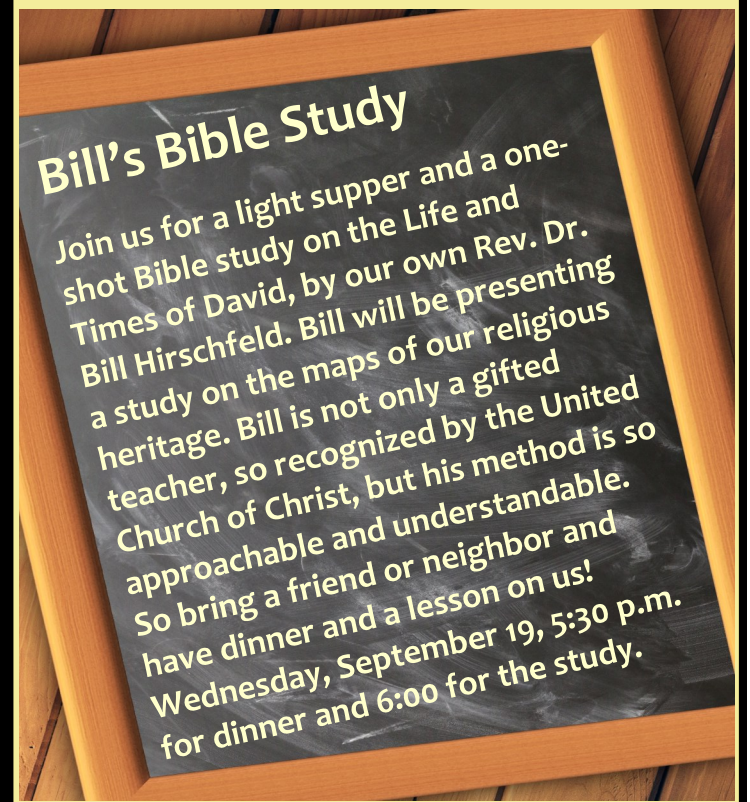
September 2018

- 01 Dan Lautenbach
Sawyer Reed
Albie & Myra Elias
- 03 Signe Ruddy
Doug & Robin Somero
- 04 Carlisle Clevenger
Cathy Shaffer
Amy & Ed Schindler
- 05 Will Church
Michelle Frostic
Julie & Mike Morris
- 06 Nora Bungard
Melissa Gramt
Kyah Robinson
- 07 Eric Buzzell
Jack Dulaney
Frank Ikens
- 09 Caitlin Anderson
- 10 Tom Marshall
Denis & Kathy Crosby
- 11 Mary & Tom Osborn
- 12 Bob & Sue King
- 14 Betty & Fred Milliron
- 16 Carol Ehle
- 17 Missi Gilbert
- 18 Sandra Grant
Moore Peregrine
Doug Rath
Becca & Kristopher Smith
- 19 Katie Robinson
Mark Steigerwald
- 20 Saskia Von Wolferen
Ron Wardwell
Chris & Marjorie Porter
- 22 Devin Gokey
- 24 Luann & Michael Elwell
- 25 Ed Schindler
- 26 Sarah Dougherty
- 27 Tom Osborn
Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen
- 28 Nancy Simmons
Johnny & Kendra Nuske
- 29 Mary Osborn
Cecelia Schmitt
Beth & Mike McNamara



Catch These Coming Events

- Sept 3 Labor Day
- Sept 9 Grandparents Day
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday School Begins
Dan Straubel Golf Outing
- Sept 14 The Gathering
- Sept 19 Bill's Bible Study



Pastor's Page

So, I had a dream the other night. It started as I was "training" at a new job as a nursing assistant, helping to get a tiny little lady ready for bed, and I suddenly had to go on my break. . (I am certainly not looking to change vocations any time soon, but that is the background to the dream.) As I was coming back from the break, there were other workers summoning my co-workers and myself to hurry, as this lady was dying. If we wanted to see her alive, we'd best get there quick.

As we entered the room, there were other staff standing behind a chair, as if trying to support her as the lady lay there. As we walked in, the lady's head sank down to her chest - like you would see in so many movies. And then, she raised it up again.

Not only that, she started to smile. And then she started to laugh. And laugh. And laugh. Not the sort of laugh that you use with a slapstick sort of event, but the kind of laugh that people sometimes use when they have overcome a particularly difficult feat.

As the lady laughed, those standing behind her turned her around 180 degrees, and soon there were other people coming toward her (us.) I don't know that they knew her, but they, too, were laughing that genial sort of laugh that happens when all is good and right with the world. And then I woke up.

I'm sure Sigmund Freud would have a hay day with many of my dreams, but upon waking from this one, I was surprised when it dawned on me that it was about heaven - or the after life. (Maybe I've been doing a few too many funeral services lately!) I was also surprised at how "right" it felt, and how

natural it seemed; laughing in release and joy.

We have so many different visions of what eternal life looks like, and even the Bible isn't so easy to decipher about that subject. I remember one young man I was working with, years ago, thinking that God looked like a mist. Another lady I know thinks about her sister, in heaven, wearing an orange or lime green choir robe.

I don't know if people are so concerned these days about the afterlife as they are about the potential pain they will have to endure before getting there. But God promises us that whatever it will be like, that in this new heaven and earth that will be created, "the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more." (Is. 65:19)

Until we all get to the big corral in the sky, happy trails to all of you. Pastor Dinah



September is First Congregational Church's Children and Youth Appreciation Month

September brings the start of school and new challenges for our young people. Please pray for them as they grow in knowledge and in the love of God. We have the honor of holding them up and embracing their presence and their lives.

Dan Straubel Memorial Golf Outing



Sunday, September 9, 2018

4 Person Scramble
Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed Teams
Registration from Noon-12:45 PM
Shotgun Start at 1:00 PM
\$70 Per Person

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We just had one, but why not
have another?

The Gathering:

Convening at the Parsonage
Friday, September 14
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bring your own beverage and
a little something to share.
Feel free to bring family and
friends.



Bill Keith has organized and begun a
Vet-to-Vet support group for military
veterans who have served in any branch
of the service. The group meets on
the first Monday of each month at Trinity
Lutheran Church's library,
955 James Street, Frankfort, at 6:30pm;
and, because of Labor Day,
September's meeting will be on
Tuesday, September 4th. Any
questions, contact Bill Keith at
231-429-5778.

Someone brought this
photo in for us to
include with the
military display on
July 4th. If you
recognize it and
would like it back,
please see Dinah or
Katherine.



We also have a small
collection of other photos that
are ready to be picked up.



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FCCF - Special Meeting for the purpose of discussion and input of installing air conditioning in the Sanctuary August 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 am by Council Chair, Myra Elias, followed by an opening prayer offered by Pastor Dinah Haag. There were 37 members present.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and to get explanations, as were available, on several aspects of this project. Following the discussion/question and answer session, Al Bryant made the motion that the membership, at this time, hold a straw vote, non-binding, in favor or not in favor of the installation of the Sanctuary air conditioning unit; Molly Frostic seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the majority in favor; one opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk, reporting



The Tri Up North triathlons are bike, paddle, and run triathlons in Frankfort, Michigan put on by the Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. This event centers around Frankfort's Betsie Bay on the Western shore of Lake Michigan which is the perfect setting for a triathlon. Tri Up North features different triathlon courses: **"The Classic Ten Mile" event** is geared toward beginners and those who are looking for a little motivation to become more active. **"The Challenger 22 mile" event** is a competitive course for experienced athletes and relay teams looking for a challenge. For those who would like to participate but aren't interested in tackling a triathlon there is the **Betsie Bay Walk**, this fun non-timed 2.5 mile walk may be the perfect fit! Funds raised from the 2018 Tri Up North Triathlon will support Community Wellness Programs at the Betsie Hosick Health & Fitness Center in Frankfort. There's no better way to get the "Up North" feel than by making September 15th your weekend to **Tri Up North!**

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Theology
Righteousness
Power
Rhetoric
Purity
Clubs
Love

— John 13:35



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Cost: \$160.00 includes Books & Workbook

Class size limited. Register by September 12, 2018

Thank you!

- Thank you to those who covered the bases while I was on vacation. It was good to get away, and it was good to get back and know that all were in good hands with each other.
- Special thanks to Andy Mollema and Al Bryant who assisted Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Jack Harnish on Sunday mornings. (P.S., there are more than a few walleye and perch left in Biscotasi Lake!)
- Randy, Scott and Katherine Johnson for refinishing my desk at church. It's so beautiful, I feel bad putting anything on it! I had long wished for it to happen, and the refinishing fairies were finally able to get it onto their list. It's beauty will long inspire me to continue to do the best that I can.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rosemary Abbett's grandson, John Baldwin. After spending 3 months studying for the PERT college placement test, and not being sure he'd pass, John was accepted into the Honor's College at Valencia, FL.

And congrats to Carmyn Brodbent and her horse, Draco, who got reserve champion halter at the Northwest MI Fair.

And now for a little different perspective...



It is thought that the above photo was taken before 1920.



The steeple bell



Please Remember in Prayer

Roy Acklin
 Dawn Bonderencko
 Teri Carlson
 Gregg Cobb
 Lowell Corbin
 Jim Davis
 Doug Ehle
 Barbara Fisher
 Harry Gardner
 Lori Gorden
 Tyler Grant
 Marsha Hagen
 Pat Hessler
 Paul Holland
 Bunnie Hunt
 Tate MacKenzie
 Michelle Master
 George McHugh
 Susie Neuhardt
 Dawn O'Connell
 Sidney Olsen
 Ron Phillips
 Kate Polermo

Bonnie Reed
 Shelley Scripps
 Edna Teatro
 Annie Tift Comstock
 Betty Webb
 Jordy Yarwood

Those in the Military:
 Matthew Conrad
 Cheyenne Dubois
 Mike Kinney
 Mike Porter
 Clark Robinson
 Ryan Ruddy

Those in Senior Living:
 Gordon Banks
 Jan Condon
 Pat Hessler
 Moore Peregrine
 Susie Vigland

WHAT KIDS WITH ANXIETY NEED TO KNOW.



You're brave.
 You're resourceful.
 You're a thinker.

You have everything you need inside you to cope with things brilliantly. Don't let your mind tell you that you can't do hard things, because you can. You absolutely can.

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September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dan Lautenbach Sawyer Reed Albie & Myra Elias
2 10:30 a.m. Worship	3 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class Happy Labor Day! Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero	4 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Carlisle Clevenger Cathy Shaffer Amy & Ed Schindler	5 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Nora Bungard Melissa Grant Kyah Robinson	7 Eric Buzzell Jack Dulaney Frank Ikens	8
9 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks & Sunday School Happy Grandparents Day Caitlin Anderson	10 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby	11 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Mary & Tom Osborn	12 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Bob & Sue King	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	14 <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">6:00 p.m. The Gathering At Pastor Dinah's</div> Betty & Fred Milliron	15
16 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 p.m. POLAR 2:45 p.m. The Maples Worship Services Carol Ehle	17 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class Missi Gilbert	18 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 6:00 p.m. Shift Happens Class Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath Becca & Kristopher Smith	19 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px;">5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study</div> 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald	20 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Saskia Von Wolferen Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 International Day of Peace 	22 11:00 a.m. McKnight Memorial
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