

When unbelievers watch genuine worship, it becomes a powerful witness. In Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost, God's presence was so evident in the disciples' worship service that it attracted the attention of unbelievers throughout Jerusalem. Three thousand people were saved that day!

#### How does worship help people get saved?

**They feel God's presence and they understand the message.** I believe both of these elements are essential for worship to be a witness. God's presence must be sensed in the service. More people are won to Christ by feeling God's presence than by all of our apologetic arguments combined. Few people, if any, are converted to Christ on purely intellectual grounds. It is the sense of God's presence that melts hearts and explodes mental barriers. Worship without the Spirit yields few evangelistic results.

#### The importance of making worship inviting

Making a service inviting for the unchurched doesn't mean changing our theology. It means changing the environment of the church atmosphere and service - such as offering a coffee bar, greeting visitors at the door, the style of music we use, and the kind of announcements we make in the service. We make changes for the sake of those who don't know Jesus - "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means, I might save some" (1 Cor. 9:22).

#### Communicating the message.

##### The unchurched are not asking for a watered-down message.

The unchurched expect to hear the Bible when they come to church. They just want to hear how it relates to their lives. They can handle a clear, biblical message when it is delivered in terms they understand and in a tone that shows respect and care for them. They are looking for solutions, not a scolding. A clear message coupled with genuine worship will not only attract unbelievers, it will open their hearts to the power of the gospel. As they feel God's presence and understand the message they will walk away changed.

I am grateful to be serving as the interim pastor of a church that desires true worship of God, combined with a passion for the lost.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Dan

### Celebrate Recovery

**When:** Tuesdays  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Where:** Room 200

This is for *anyone* who has hurts or hang-ups that they are working through.

**Questions?** Call Mary LePage at 286-5236 or Will Davies at 283-0925.



Thank you for your continued prayers for God's guidance. Please continue to pray for our search committee members:

- Beth Nelson
- Rod Enns
- David Hebig
- Kristy Hufnagle
- Andy Hedlund
- Eric Todd
- Carol Anderson

#### Visitation Pastor



Would you like a visit? Pastor Ed Natysin is available and would love to come visit with you. You can contact him at 218.417.0653.



Congratulations to our Confirmation students!

- \* Chloe Hufnagle
- \* Caleb Levene
- \* Henry Morgan



### Waffles & Widows

Join other ladies for a time of encouragement & fellowship.

May 4  
10am • Gym

Contact Tucky at 218.742.6040



**Who?** Young adults following or seeking to follow Jesus and desiring friendships and fellowship with others.

**What?** We are an interdenominational group of young adults who meet Thursdays at 7pm to fellowship and grow in our faith together.

**Questions?** Contact Kathy Galusha at 286.5727 or Carol Anderson at 324.2470.

## THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

Join us to pray at 12 noon at the City Flagpole  
(Between the Public Library & Municipal Building)

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER

### Youth Movement



God is doing something cool in our church. I remember almost four years ago the leadership was praying and talking about a desire to reach young people and young families. During my first many staff meetings I would ask the staff to pray that I might make friends my own age. At times it felt like just as I was starting to build relationships with them, they were moving away. The prayers continued.

Soon, the Young Adults started growing and spending a lot more time together. Young people started having a heart for missions and going on mission trips around the world and sharing their love for Christ in the community. New people and families started finding a church home with us. We started celebrating more weddings and baby announcements. Young people started getting more involved in ministries in the church. It feels like a youth movement. Not only are young people coming to our church, but really gifted people with a heart for the Lord.

Many people have commented to me about how exciting it is to see what God is doing. That's the most important part is that it's what God is doing. Our Leadership Team has reflected back on how it started with a desire and a prayer. Now the leaders have identified this as a question of stewardship: God brought them here, now how can we be good stewards of God's gifts?

This is a question I challenge all of us to wrestle with. On Mother's Day, May 12 we will have a Young Adult Sunday where young people will be serving and sharing at Sunday worship. Please come and find out who they are. Even more, please introduce yourself to them and maybe even invite them into your homes to get to know them even better. For me personally, it's been cool to feel swept up in what is happening and getting to know them better and their love for Jesus and desire to serve Him. Let's keep praying and asking God for more, and in that way we can all be part of the youth movement.

Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.  
Pastor Seth



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**From the Desk of Pastor Dan ...**

*Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:23, 24*

I believe that worship that is alive, biblically based, excellent and relevant is the key to helping us experience God and provide a powerful witness to those who don't yet know him. I noticed this kind of worship during our Easter season. All of us who were gathered in the worship center experienced win-some worship. I want to thank the worship team and worship committee for all the work and planning that went into such inspirational worship. It has prompted me to think a bit more about worship. Let me share some of my thoughts with you.

**What is worship?**

**Worship is expressing our love to God** for who he is, what he's said, and what he's doing. We believe there are many appropriate ways to express our love to God: by praying, singing, obeying, trusting, giving, testifying, listening, thanking, and responding to his Word. The Bible says we should "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship" (Romans 12:1).

**Who is worship for?**

**Worship is for God.** In other words, worship is not about us and our preferences. It is like a divine drama. The worship leaders are the prompters, the congregation are the performers and God is the audience. In other words, the goal of worship is to please God, not us. When God is the focus of our worship, then God will be glorified and people will be drawn to him.

**Worship and evangelism go together.**

**The goal of evangelism is to produce worshipers of God.** The Bible tells us that "the Father seeks worshipers" (John 4:23). In genuine worship God's presence is felt, God's pardon is offered, God's purposes are revealed, and God's power is displayed. When unbelievers watch believers relate to God in an intelligent, sincere manner it creates a desire to know God, too. And although unbelievers cannot truly worship, they can watch believers worship. They can observe the joy that we feel. They can see how we value God's Word and how we respond to it. They can hear how the Bible answers the problems and questions of life. They can notice how worship encourages, strengthens, and changes us. They can sense when God is supernaturally moving in a service, although they won't be able to explain it.

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# May Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6am Men's Study  7:30am Men's Study  7pm Teens	2 7pm Young Adults	3	4 10am Waffles & Widows
5 8:30am Prayer  9am Worship  9am Sunday School  10:30am Worship	6	7 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  6:45pm Prayer & Praise  7pm Celebrate Recovery	8 6am Men's Study  7:30am Men's Study  7pm Teens	9 7pm Young Adults	10	11
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26 8:30am Prayer  9am Worship  9am Sunday School  10:30am Worship	27	28 8:30am Men's Breakfast 5pm Comm. Cafe 6:45pm Prayer & Praise 7pm Celebrate Recovery	29 6am Men's Study  7:30am Men's Study  7pm Summer Kickoff for Teens	30	31	



# May Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Milo Larson Abbie Sather Benson Sather Sixta Davies	2 Anna Levene Kathleen Ruelle Joel Pendergast	3 Brady Hjelle	4 Brooklyne Dowty Larry & Starr Oustad
5 Kathy Schultz Nieum Hultstrand	6	7	8 Remi Veert Jenna Averill David Hebig Stephen Jones	9 Allen & Valerie Peterson	10 Braden Skifstad	11 Alatheia Boyer Dave & Barb Casibo
12 Terri Anderson	13 Pat Hogan	14 Gordon Dobbs Jeannine Hegg Wally & Carol Clement	15	16 Dave & Barb Herly	17 Jeff Staudahar	18 Polly Hebig Heather Hall Mary Hummel Phyllis Klein Jerry Nyborg Penny Zoupas
19 Joe Griffith Tom & Melissa Holt	20 Laurel Marschalk Samantha Holm	21 Brock & Jenna Averill	22 Faith Johnson Rita Forsythe Kirsty Sinclair Allison Zika	23 Kathy Galusha Kim Morrison Lucy Zika	24 Trevor Galusha	25 Bryce Hjelle Wendy St. Peter
26	27 Walter & Joyce Kelly	28	29 Charis Boyer Chloe Hufnagle Roger Williams	30 Alice Desens Larry Pullar Lindsi Christenson	31	