

From the Desk of Pastor Dan ...continued

5. Everything is possible with God. The Bible says, "With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible." (Matt. 19:26 NIV) Right now, we have a lot of needs in our church. We need a new pastor to lead us. We need to learn how to do a better job of blessing the people in our community with the love of Jesus. We need to do a better job making disciples of our people who will be able to stand for Christ in a post-Christian culture. We have many people with individual needs as well. While our needs are many, the Bible says that all things are possible with God. He wants to bless you. He wants to do amazing things in your life and through your life. All things are possible to him who believes God. God gets the most glory when we trust him for the impossible.

You and I might be chagrined by some of the fads we have embraced over time. But we never have to doubt the eternal word of God that reveals an unchanging God to us. Unlike the fads that change day by day, God's Word is eternal. We can count on it. We can't count on people, politics, and provisions, but we can stand firmly on God's eternal word. We can count on His eternal love for us; we can count on the Holy Spirit equipping us to love God and our neighbors; we can count on God to meet all of our needs because nothing is impossible with Him.

In His Grip,
Pastor Dan



- Wednesdays
- 5:00-5:45pm Supper
- 6-7:30pm Awana Clubs



- ❖ Tuesdays
- ❖ 9:15am
- ❖ Room 200
- ❖ All ladies are welcome.



- Saturday
 - Feb. 1, 15, 22, & 29 at 10am
 - Feb. 8 at 1pm
- Room 200
- Questions? Contact Tucky Dill at 218.742.6040.



Celebrate Recovery

When: Tuesdays
Time: 7pm
Where: Room 200

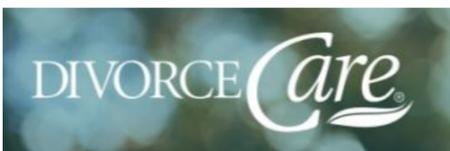
This is for anyone who has hurts or hang-ups that they are working through. Questions? Mary LePage at 286-5236 or Will Davies at 283-0925.



Waffles & Widows

Join other ladies for a time of encouragement & fellowship. Questions? Contact Tucky at 218.742.6040.

February 8 • 10am • Gym



Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each session has two distinct elements:

A Seminar with Experts

During the first 30–40 minutes of the meeting, each DivorceCare group watches a video seminar featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. These videos are produced in an interesting-to-watch television magazine format featuring expert interviews, real-life case studies and on-location video.

A Support Group with Focus

After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

DivorceCare will meet on Thursday nights from February 6 – April 30, 6:30-8pm, in Room 200. This is open to the community! Questions? Please contact Andy & Laurie Hedlund at 286-3310.

Your Jesus Story



In the book of Acts there is an amazing story about some guys who got in trouble for sharing about Jesus. They told their accusers "As for us, we cannot stop telling about what we've seen and heard" (Acts 4.20). If you are a Christian, did you know that you have a story to tell about what you've seen and heard Jesus do in your life? It's called a testimony. Have you ever shared your story about how Jesus saved you with someone else? Even if you haven't, the Apostle Peter tells us we should BE PREPARED to give a reason

for the hope that we have in Christ" (1 Peter 3.15). Pull out your pen and I will show you how! *Write brief answers below...*

What was the void in your life that only God could fill? What were personal needs that led you to seek Jesus?

How did Jesus come into your life (How did it happen)? How did this event change your life?

How is your life different because of Jesus? What benefits have you experienced?

Can you find a common thread through your previous answers? Write a single statement that could be a 'title' for your testimony. (ie. 'God set me free from addiction')

Now write it all out as if you were telling it in a conversation.

This is the story of how Jesus ...

Before Jesus my life was ...

The moment Jesus changed my life was when ...

Now with Jesus in my life....

Now you are prepared to share the reason for your hope in Jesus. May God bring you an opportunity to share your Jesus story with someone soon!

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



February Reading Schedule

New Testament		Old Testament	
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1. <input type="checkbox"/> 10:21-42	<input type="checkbox"/> 15:22-41	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-3
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Recipe Corner

Mini Apple Pies

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| 5 C peeled, cored, & chopped small Granny Smith apples | 1/2 C brown sugar | 1/2 C granulated sugar |
| 1 tbsp lemon juice | 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon | 1/4 tsp nutmeg |
| 1/4 C cornstarch | 2 C water | 1 pkg (2 9") store-bought pie crust |
| Pinch of salt | 1 egg beaten for egg wash | |
| Sugar for sprinkling | | |

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Grease a 12-C muffin tin thoroughly and set aside. Peel, core, and chop apples into small pieces and toss with lemon juice. Set aside. Combine sugars, cornstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in a small saucepan. Pour in water and stir until incorporated. On medium heat, bring mixture to a gentle boil for 3 minutes stirring frequently to prevent scorching on the bottom. Once mixture is thickened slightly, add apples and toss bringing the mixture to a gentle boil once again. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes or until the apples are tender. Take mixture off heat and allow to cool slightly. While the mixture is cooling, thaw pie crusts and unroll one crust onto a flat surface. Start by cutting 3 1/2—4" circles with a cookie cutter. Place each circle into a muffin tin cavity, pressing them into the bottom and up the sides. Fill with apple pie filling about 2/3 to the top. With the second pie crust you can make lattice for each pie or cut more circles, place on top, crimp edges, and cut vent holes. Brush the tops of the pies with egg wash, sprinkle with some sugar and bake for 15-17 minutes or until tops are lightly golden and cooked through. They are best served the same day, but can be stored up to 2 days.

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Recently, I was going through some old pictures and I was startled by how I looked! Did I really wear something like that? Bell bottom jeans? A denim suit? Wide ties? Yep...I did! The pictures didn't lie. Those things were the fads of the time. Fortunately, those fads have changed. But in five years, the fads of today will be out of date too. That's the way fads are.

Fads aren't just in fashion, or decorating, or colors, or even cars. Fads exist everywhere, even in our thinking. For example, fads or trends in thinking can impact our values. In fact, everything can be a changing fad except one thing: God's word. The Bible says: "The grass withers, and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8- NLT) Let's briefly look at several biblical truths that won't change with the changing fads of time.

1. Life is all about God. Life is not about me and it's not about you. It's not about profit, politics, or anything else. It's all about God. Until you understand that, life does not make sense. In Romans 11, the Bible says, "For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power. And everything is intended for his glory."

2. God expects us to love Him and those He created. Life is not about the acquisition of things. It's not about achievement. It's not about popularity. It's about learning how to love like God loves. If you miss that, you miss it all. God is love. And he says the most important thing is to love him. The second most important thing in life is to love others. In Luke 10:27b, Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

3. The whole world needs Jesus. The whole Bible testifies to this. Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations." Does it say, go and make disciples of some nations? No. All nations. Does that include Iran? Yes. Does that include North Korea? Yes. No nation is off limits.

4. Only the Church will last forever. Nothing on earth will last forever – no business, government, or nation. But the Church will. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18: "I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." A thousand years from today, there probably will be no United States of America or Canada. No nation lasts forever – no empire lasts forever. Where's the Roman Empire today? Where's the Greek Empire? Nothing manmade lasts. Nothing but the Church. And God loves the Church. The local Church is the hope of the world.



February



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2 Todd Christianson	3 Kay Larson	4 Kaylin Hufnagle Gunner Sears	5 Gabriel Kostiuik Cathy Morrison Missy Ruelle	6	7 Aila Aili Rosemarie York	8 Kenna Clayton
9 Bonnie Frahm Howie Hauge Michelle Schrock	10 Danni Aili Abby Barnhart	11 Alex Bissonnette Cuyler Line Cooper Line Jim Peterson	12	13 Becca Ruelle	14 Carter Line	15 Dave Austin Carol Clement Tyler Hedlund Kathy Howdahl
16 Mikko Aili Dave Cassibo Paul Galusha Jim & Mary Hummel	17	18	19 Paul Hjelle Kerry Meyers	20 Betty Hansen Melissa Holt Dan Zika	21 Elaine Johnson	22 Larry Arch
23 Isaac Jones Lex Jones Debbie Peterson	24	25 Gerald Forsythe Julie Schrock	26 Seth Bjornrud	27	28 Jackson Vollom	29

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