

# NEWSLETTER

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## *Jesus is Miraculous*

### He Makes Us Eternally Rich

Andrew... spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." ... The men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten (John 6:8-13).



Have you ever fallen for any of the "Get rich quick" scams? Or have you thought, "If I could just win the lottery, life would be better."

People were coming to see Jesus because of the miracles he was performing. His notoriety had spread. People saw him as the answer to their problems in life. Jesus' own disciples were still learning who Jesus truly was. Jesus wanted all to know he was God, but he also wanted them to know he had come to make them right with God.

Just before his miracle of feeding the 5,000, Jesus leads Philip to see how amazing his power

was with a question: "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" (John 6:5-7) Philip saw what an impossible task this would be to feed more than 5,000 people.

By this miracle Jesus showed that he has the power to provide what we need. As God he can do what is impossible. The people recognized he was someone special, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world" (John 6:14). But Jesus is more; he is our Savior God.

All the riches in the world won't solve all our problems. Worldly riches will not make us right with a holy God, undo our sins, or save us from death and judgment. In his life, Jesus made it clear that he came to make us rich toward God. He gives us the certainty that we can live eternally with God in heaven. Jesus had the power to take away our sins and to give us his perfect life. That is the greatest miracle Jesus has accomplished for the world and you. As our Savior he brings us peace with God.

We invite you to gather with us and learn more about the spiritual riches God provides us now and for eternity through Jesus.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Summer Bible School:** Grab your sandals & sunglasses, cameras & snacks because it's **A TICKET TO ADVENTURE.** Come along with us on an adventure as we discover the cities of Damascus, Joppa, Philippi, Malta and Rome. Let's see what happened in these places when the Apostle Paul visited them. Summer Bible School begins next Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Children ages 3 through eighth grade are encouraged to join in the fun. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to spend time here with their children and grandchildren. Registration forms can be found in the narthex if you haven't already registered.

**Items Needed For Summer Bible School:** This year we are asking for specific items to be used for crafts and snacks. For craft items, we are looking for: clear plastic water bottles, Pringles cans, misc. ribbons, buttons, rick-rack, and fun print fabric scraps. If you wish to donate any of these items, please put them in the box at the top of the stairs. **Also take note:** On the bulletin board at the registration table there are pink notes with items requested to make snacks that go along with the stories. If you care to donate any of these items, take the slip with you and when purchased, please place it down in the kitchen. If you care to put money towards purchasing any of these items, that can be placed in the basket on the registration table. Any questions, speak to Pauline Schmidt.

**Worship and Picnic in the Park:** On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy an outdoor worship service at Oscar Olson Park beginning at 9:30am. (The shelter and parking lot are handicapped accessible.) Following the worship service there will be a potluck picnic lunch and entertainment. Juice and dinnerware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share (outlets available), a comfy lawn chair and a great attitude. If anyone is in need of a ride please speak to Bryan Koepp or Chad Koenen.

**Baby Bottle of Hope:** A heartfelt thank you to all of you who generously gave to help support the various counseling and educational ministries carried out by Christian Life Ministries. Our last count totaled over \$213. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

### **A Reminder To Save Your Aluminum Cans:**

Please remember to bring your cans to have them recycled. You can place them in the bin behind the shed at any time. The money earned from our aluminum cans will go towards various projects at church and our Youth Group Fund.

**Financial Updates** will be posted in our Sunday bulletins. The current balance for the General, Building, and Mission funds will be listed as well as the amounts (if necessary) still needed to reach our goals. You will find this information under *A Measure of Our Faithfulness* after the attendance numbers.

**Sunday School:** As we get past the middle of August, we once again focus our attention on the start of Sunday School on September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any concerns, ideas or are interested in helping with Sunday School, please speak to Pastor Reichow.

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## LADIES AID

Members of the Ladies Aid are reminded of their meeting on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ronald and Suzzanne Schuth (18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shay Goette and Benjamin Schuth
4 <sup>th</sup>	David Schmieg
5 <sup>th</sup>	Werner and Arleen Schmidt (53 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Lange
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth and Pearl Ortloff (52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Taylor Schmieg Loren and Darlene Mackenthun (43 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jared Mathwig
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Scherer and Jonah Scherer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Rabe
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Schuth
24 <sup>th</sup>	Marshall Dammann
25 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Litzau
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bruce and Donna Goette (39 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Hardel and Laurie Litzau
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Kettner Roger and Cindy Schuth (33 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Milbrand Gene and Leah Roush (17 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)