

GOATS GOATS GOATS

In the past few years, Esther Circle has sent monetary gifts to IDES to go towards providing goats for people in need in other parts of this world. We thank those of you for sharing with us in this ministry in the past. Esther Circle is again preparing to send monetary support for goats to IDES and we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join us, as the more donations the more goats that can be provided for these families. This ministry is a gift of giving, to the needs of others, and a gift to yourself, a warm and caring feeling. Jesus' life message while on this earth was to reach out to others and this ministry is a way of carrying on that message. If you would like to join us or if you have any question about this ministry, please contact anyone of us in the Esther Circle. We would be happy to be of help to you.



Thank You,

- Betty Martin
- Eleanor Johnston
- Sandy Specht
- Vangie Sins
- Jan Hanson
- Joyce Clark

We Christians have no veil over our faces; we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him. II Corinthians 3:18

Vacuum Volunteers Needed



Anyone willing to take a turn vacuuming the church once a week for one month at a time please contact the church office at 712-225-2667 or Dixie Draper at 712-225-4838.

Your service is greatly appreciated.



The annual Giving Tree for residents at Countryside Estates has been put up and decorated with gift request ornaments. The gift request ornaments have the name of a resident at Countryside Estates along with their "wish list".

The wish list serves as a guide to what each resident may like. Other suggestions that work for all the residents include, perfumes, body sprays, cologne, Chap Stick, shampoo, body washes, and Kleenex.

Some of the residents have listed restaurant gift cards. These are specifically for those in Assisted Living. Those in Assisted Living enjoy being able to go out to eat, so gift cards to any of Cherokee's restaurants are great gifts. The lists provided are only suggestions and the staff at Countryside Estates encourages us to feel free to purchase what we would like to give. They appreciate the wonderful gifts and love the time spent remembering the residents at the party.

We ask that you limit your spending on each resident to \$15 so each resident has a fair share of gifts. There are currently 51 residents on the Giving Tree. Please choose an ornament and write your name next to the name of resident you chose so we may know who has taken which resident. Please have your gifts wrapped, labeled, and put under the Giving Tree in the church lobby by Friday, **December 12**, so they are ready for the Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 14 from 2-3 p.m.**

Esther Circle Homemakers



Thank you for the treats you recently delivered to us. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

In Christ's Love,
Charlotte Barnes
Nancy Nelson
Tom Lewis



We would like to thank the Esther Circle and Homemakers for the wonderful "treat" plates they recently delivered. Your thoughtful kindness is greatly appreciated.

Connie (Helene) Prunty



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Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 27
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carey's Café
115 S. 2nd
Cherokee, IA



CONNECTING POINT

First Church of Christ ~ 772 N. Second St ~ Cherokee, IA 51012
www.cherokeefcc.com

Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.
D-Groups 10:45 a.m.

Preachers Point . . .

Three inches of snow, temperatures in the single digits, cold north wind, and a marathon of Christmas movies on the Hallmark channel... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! You see how that worked? It was easy to skip over a time to give thanks. This next Thursday, Nov. 27 – has been designated as a day of Thanksgiving. The bible says in 1st Thessalonians 5:16-18; *Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*"

How and to whom will you give thanks? Will you give thanks by giving time, food, energy, smiles, laughter and companionship to all whom the Lord will call for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Carey's Café? Volunteers to work at various times and jobs are still needed – sign up soon. Will you give thanks by gathering with your family, some of whom you haven't seen in ages, and spend the day remembering, laughing and praying as you share a meal and more importantly, time together?

How will you give thanks? Send a note, make a phone call, or post something on Facebook or Twitter... how will you give thanks? Here's one we should all be sure to do... pray. Give thanks in prayer. Thank God for the simple and the sublime; for provision that comes just in time. Thank Him for struggle and the strength that arrives to lift us as upon an eagle's wings. Thank Him for new life that has come and for the life that has been called home... both to be shared. There are so many ways to give thanks to the Lord... just do so in prayer. I'll leave you with this prayer;

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 – 1882)

- Preacher Tom

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, December 7, 2014
11:30 a.m.
following D-Groups

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

We love our volunteers! So far you have done a great job of signing up to bring food donations, providing financial donations, and offering your time to work at our annual community Thanksgiving Dinner. There are still some empty volunteer slots that need to be filled, so if you have just a couple of hours to spare on Thanksgiving day your help would be greatly appreciated. We have opportunities for you whether it is only for a couple of hours or the whole day.

7:30-9:30 a.m.

3 more volunteers for prep work and pan washing.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

2 people to help cut pies, wrap silverware, fill water glasses and make coffee.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

1 greeter
4 servers

12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

2 greeters
1 counter person
3 servers

1 p.m.-until done

6 for clean crew

For more details take a look at the sign sheets located on the table in the lobby of the church. Any questions please ask Paula Burch or Tom Lewis.



Make plans to attend
Bible Buddies
Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 14
6:30 p.m.

2014 Bible Reading Plan

Daily reading for the week of:

November 23

Monday

John 11:45-57
1 John 4:1-6
Job 15:17-35
Ezekiel 42-44

Tuesday

John 12:1-11
1 John 4:7-21
Job 16
Ezekiel 45-47

Wednesday

John 12:12-19
1 John 5:1-12
Job 17
Ezekiel 48

Thursday

John 12:20-36
1 John 5:13-21
Job 18
Daniel 1, 2

Friday

John 12:37-50
2 John 1-13
Job 19
Daniel 3, 4

Saturday

John 13:1-11
3 John 1-14
Job 20
Daniel 5, 6

2014 Bible Reading Plan

Daily reading for the week of:

November 30

Monday

John 13:12-17
Jude 1-7
Job 21:1-21
Daniel 7, 8

Tuesday

John 13:18-30
Jude 8-16
Job 21:22-34
Daniel 9

Wednesday

John 13:31-38
Jude 17-25
Job 22
Daniel 10-12

Thursday

John 14:1-14
Revelation 1:1-8
Job 23
Hosea 1-3

Friday

John 14:15-21
Revelation 1:9-20
Job 24
Hosea 4-6

Saturday

John 14:22-31
Revelation 2:1-17
Job 25, 26
Hosea 7, 8



Praise for **volunteers** who work and serve in the church.

Praise for successful back surgery for **Renee Stull**.

Kathryn Hazen who is recovering from an injury at Heartland Care Center in Marcus.

Family and friends of **Vera Steineke** for peace and healing during this time of loss.

For the **MCS students** and their families.

Della Rupp for successful radium treatment and a safe journey south for the winter.

Continued prayers for **Tara Kleich** daughter of Melissa Stines.

The mother of **Georgia Crouch** for healing and successful surgery for lung and heart problems.

Mike Yaremko, Karen Weinreich's father, for health and transition to a new home in Correctionville.

Ongoing Health

Mike Jansen
Ava Simonsen
Helen Dittmer
Lois Schlichting
Donna Specht
Mavis Weaver
Opal Berger
Mike Yaremko
Lola Johnson
Mindy Witham
Jack Foley
Judy Aimers

Nursing Assisted Living

Roger Sassman (*Countryside*)
Winkie Cain (*Countryside*)
Helen Davis (*Villa*)
Helen Dittmer (*Villa*)
Vangie Sins (*Gardens*)
Bob Hartwig (*Sunset Knoll*)

Military

Bodi Alfred
Frank Buck
Roger Howard
Derek Woltman
Kyle Skaggs
Levi Newman
Heather Sittler
David Weinreich
Jeremy Strasser

Mission Ministries

Midwest Christian Services
Nebraska Christian College
Camp Nebowa
(*Mark Leonard*)
South Africa
(*Mike & Caryl Stanley*)

CEM
(*Michael Knight*)

Deaf Missions
(*Chad Entinger*)