



The Chimes

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Valentine Banquet

The Valentine Banquet is Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm. This year our entertainment will be the movie *Courageous*, a powerful movie produced by the same church that made the movie *Fireproof*. It is the story of four policemen who are trying to raise their children. The movie deals with all of the issues that real families deal with and is especially good for men.

Dave and Sonya Snyder will be catering the banquet this year. The menu is as follows:
Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Maple Cherry Glaze on a Bed of White and Wild Rice, Buttered Corn, Oriental Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll with Butter and Raspberry Cake Dessert

OR

Grilled Pork Fillet w/ Apple Glaze, Hash Brown Casserole, Green Beans with Bacon, Oriental Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll with Butter and Raspberry Cake Dessert



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Happenings

Family Night Supper
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 5:45 pm

Ladies Night Out
February 3 @ 6:00pm to midnight

Official Board
February 6 @ 7:00 pm

Deacon Meeting
February 21st @ 6:30 pm

New Sunday School Series "Courageous"
Starts February 19th @ 9:00 am

Valentine's Day Banquet
February 11 @ 6:30 pm

Kid's Praise Team Sing
February 12 at Worship

Mission Meeting
February 13 @ 6:30 pm

Tickets will be available January 22, 2012 - February 6, 2012 for \$7.50.

This is a great outreach opportunity. If you have friends or neighbors who do not already attend a church, why not invite them to join you for this event. Tell them that you will take them out to eat and that you will pick up the bill. When you pick up your tickets just tell us that you are bringing people who don't go to church and we'll give you their tickets free.

Also, if you are a couple that needs to hire a babysitter in order to come, we are willing to help you out. Just hire a babysitter and we will pay for the sitter. Turn your bill in to Pastor Ron and we will reimburse you. We don't want anyone not to come because of finances.



"The Chimes" by Email

In an effort to cut down on printing and mailing costs we are hoping to be able to send the chimes to you via email. You will then be able to read it online or print it off for yourself. So, we are asking those of you who would be willing to receive it by email to let us know. You may either contact the church office at 988-4510 or check your name off on a tear-off tab in the bulletin. Our hope is that we will be able to transition totally to the new system in March.

BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE WITH YOUR FAMILY

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Romans 5:8

"...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away."

Psalms 63:3

"Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you."

1 John 3:18

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.

Max Lucado

Bringing God's Love to the Community

CHURCH BOARD NOMINEES 2012

Deacon Board

Matt Ulven (2014) Jeanne Hansen (2012)
Linda Braden (2013) Cindi Dorsey (2014)
Erlene Rhoades (2012) Ranae Puls (2013)
Reed Braden (2014) Gary Downey (2012)
Tom Dorsey (2013)

Mission Board

Marjane Taylor (2014) Patty Taylor (2012)
Jay Underwood (2013) Randy Welch (2014)
Deb Williams (2012) Phong Dorsey (2013)

Children & Youth Christian Fellowship Board

Jordan Hansen (2014) Joleyne Kramer (2012)
Melissa Marsh (2013) Lana Peterson (2014)
Tammie Mettlin (2012)

Adult & Family Christian Fellowship Board

Terry Gilbert (2014) Shari Downey (2012)
Doris Gilbert (2013) Sheila Wetherell (2012)
Brenda Engel (2013)

Finance & Stewardship Board

Mary Bucy (2014) Rosanne Underwood (2012)
Dave Roth (2013) Jim Koch (2012)
Blake Cowell (2013)

Property & Grounds Board

Jeff Rhoades (2014) Joe Wetherell (2012)
Jamie Allen (2013) Rick Dorsey (2014)
Randy Williams (2012)

Christian Education Board

Carol Bartlett (2014) Marci Fish (2012)
Kami King (2013) Twilla Glessner (2014)
Sue Liddle (2013)

Nominating Committee

Cindi Dorsey (2014) Kathleen Koch (2012)
Gayle Lorenz (2013)

Personnel Committee

Karen Sewick (2014) Marcia Janssen (2012)
Jaci Soska (2013)

Chairman: Melissa Seeber
Vice-Chairman: George Wessel
Secretary: Marilyn Gallery
Treasurer: Brandy Wilson



At the end of the book *Radical*, by David Platt, he challenges the readers to a one-year challenge that he says has the potential to radically alter the remainder of our lives. After reading the book together, the deacons have decided to take him up on his challenge this year. We have altered the challenge a bit to better fit our situation. Here is his challenge:

1. Pray for the entire world. The reason for this challenge is because most Christians don't spend much time praying. So, we are committing to spending time every day in prayer. We are not taking his challenge to pray for the entire world, but are instead praying for whatever we have a heart to pray for. And we will be keeping a record of our prayers to see how they are answered. Some of us are keeping a journal during this adventure while others are not.
2. Read through the entire Bible. We have all agreed to do this and we have challenged the congregation to join us. Many have taken the challenge. The only way to know what God says is to read his Word.
3. Sacrifice money for a specific purpose. We have agreed to make this our challenge, but we are allowing each individual to choose how they want to sacrifice their money. Remember, this is a challenge for one year. David Platt reminds us that we can do most anything for one year.
4. Spend time in another context. In this challenge, David was challenging people to go on a short term mission trip in order to

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BIGhouse

Sr. High youth (grades 10-12) attend The Big House at Orchard Hill Church each Wednesday.

BIGhouse is a mid-week ministry event with worship, teaching, and small groups for high school students in the Cedar Valley and surrounding towns. It is a great chance to see friends and **BIGhouse** staff, enjoy snacks from the coffee house, and most of all, to worship and take steps toward Jesus through teaching and small groups.

BIG room programming involves large group worship, videos, games, Biblical teaching relevant to teenagers, and other special pieces. Small groups form early in the year, and include about seven to ten students with one or two adult leaders. Small groups are places for students and leaders to share about life, discuss the teaching and God's Word, and then challenge each other in their walk with Christ. Small groups are a critical aspect of helping students take one step closer to Christ!

CHAOS

The Junior High youth (grades 7-9) attend CHAOS at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

CHAOS stands for:

Christ Has All Our Solutions. We strive to get teenagers involved in Christian relationships like Jesus had: in a one-on-one relationship with a Christian adult or peer, in a small group of 5-8 people living life together, and with a large group experience with community, excitement, accomplishment, and unity.

What are the core beliefs of CHAOS?

1). That students can have a personal relationship with Jesus. 2). The Bible is a road map for life. 3). Love one another. 4). Going God's way is always the best option. 5). The church is a great way for me to grow closer to God and his family.

The children's Sunday School curriculum is called Orange, 252 Basics. Elementary-age kids are in a constant state of discovery. Think about all the different things they are trying for the first time and what they're learning every day, even how to make (and keep) friends.

How can we tap into the way kids are naturally wired to discover, so they can begin to experience for themselves who God is, how He sees them and how much He loves them?

How can we show them God's big story and help them discover the active part they can play in this life-long adventure, to be more like Him?

252 BASICS curriculum and resources PROVOKE DISCOVERY, inviting kids to live out their new understanding of how to grow in relationship with God and with others.

There are Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. each week. Our current classes and teachers are:

Preschool, taught by Jacquie & Quentin Judas

Kindergarten, taught by Tami Langham

1st-2nd grade, taught by Tom Glessner & Paul Fish

3rd-4th grade, taught by Carol Bartlett & Emily Kaus

5th-6th grade, taught by Suzi Hansen

The junior high and high school students are studying "**not a fan**". They are led by Pastor Ron. This class meets in the basement in the last room on the left.

The adult class, led by Linda Braden at 9 a.m. on Sunday, is currently studying "**not a fan**".

"**Courageous**" will be the Sunday School Study beginning February 19th. "Another collaboration between brothers **Alex** (director, co-writer, actor) and **Stephen Kendrick** (producer, co-writer), the film is set in the small town of Albany and concerns the interactions among four sheriff's deputies and a Hispanic immigrant desperate for work. The theme — hammered home repeatedly — is fatherhood, and the responsibilities that come with it." Unknown



Winter Weather Cancellations Reminder

With the snowy weather already well upon us, we want to remind you of the church cancellation policies.

Cancellation Notification

When any church event is cancelled, every effort will be made to make a decision at least 2 1/2 hours before the event. If the event is small, like a board or committee meeting, we will notify attendees by phone. Larger event cancellations will be sent to KWWL-TV for broadcast and listing on their website, www.kwwl.com.

Church Office

The church office is generally open, even when Hudson schools are closed, but in severe weather cases or when electrical or mechanical problems occur, the office may close. On days when the weather is bad, you may wish to call the office first to make sure that it is open before you stop by.

Family Night Activities

If Hudson schools are closed or dismissed early due to weather on a Wednesday, then **all** Family Night activities are cancelled.

Sunday Worship Service

There will be worship services each Sunday regardless of the weather. However, please use care in determining whether it is safe for you to travel to the church.

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experience a different culture. We agree that this is a possibility for some but for most of us that is not a possibility. So, we are looking for ways to get involved cross-culturally right here in Black Hawk County. We are going to be meeting with the leaders of Bridge of Hope Church on February 7 to discuss how we can get involved with them in their ministry in Waterloo. We will keep you posted about this one because our whole church will be given the opportunity.

5. Commit your life to a multiplying community. We have also agreed to meet together each week as a small group to continue to learn and challenge each other. We are finding that small groups are important if spiritual growth is to take place.

So, these are our challenges for 2012. Have you set any goals or challenges for yourself this year? I know that many of you have started the year by going through the study *Not a Fan*. *(We have at least 60 people doing this)*. However, I encourage you to look for other challenges when that study is over. And I would love to hear how you are challenging yourself and what you are learning.

I pray that 2012 will be remembered as a time of real spiritual growth for our congregation.

Pastor Ron

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT CHURCH CAMP

Church camp will be coming soon and is an activity that can have a positive lifetime influence on an individual. If you attended last year, you should be receiving your registration application in the mail soon. We are expecting some applications at the church soon for those that have not had the opportunity to attend camp. It is held at Village Creek Bible Camp in Lansing, Iowa. This is an excellent camp with outstanding leadership, very good Bible teaching, and a large variety of exciting activities. There are several dates that will be available to the different age groups. We do not want anyone to miss out on this opportunity, so if you cannot afford the cost, please talk to Pastor Ron. There are people in our church willing to help financially. If you are interested talk with one of the kids that attended last year.





February Birthdays

Feb 2: Taylor Rogers
 Feb 6: Virgil Ehrig, Andy Langham
 Feb 8: Julie Kaus, Sue Liddle
 Feb 16: Dutch Imfeld
 Feb 17: Kelsey Longhorn, Haille Longhorn
 Feb 18: Jerry Schmidt
 Feb 20: Larry Zobel
 Feb 21: Juanita Bowman
 Feb 22: Jon Holbach
 Feb 23: Sue Dufel, Jeanne Hansen
 Feb 26: Jamie Votrobeck
 Feb 28: Scotlynn Rhoades



Men, if you enjoy a challenging Bible Study and good food, you are encouraged to join us on Saturday mornings, February 4th, February 18th & 25th for men's breakfast. First off, we eat a meal together, and then discuss the week's topic. February 4th the study will be Acts 15. On February 18th, & 25th we will be discussing the movie "Courageous". The time for the meal is 8:00 a.m. and we are usually done by 9:30 a.m.

Our Ministers At Work This February

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Feb. 5: Gary Downey
 Feb. 12: Matt Ulven
 Feb. 19: Linda Braden
 Feb. 26: Reed Braden

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Feb. 5: Cheryl Klahsen/John Roth
 Feb. 12: Pam Wessel/Austin Roth/Courtney Petersen/ Mandy Loeb
 Feb. 19: Paul Fish/Jordan Mettlin
 Feb. 26: Suzi Hansen/Austin Roth

COMPUTER OPERATORS

Feb. 5: Kaitlyn Mettlin
 Feb. 12: Carol Holmes
 Feb. 19: Carol Holmes
 Feb. 26: Kayla Mettlin

SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR

Feb. 5: Brent Hansen
 Feb. 12: Don Swanson
 Feb. 19: Brent Hansen
 Feb. 26: Carol Bartlett

NURSERY HELPERS

Feb. 5: Austin Roth
 Feb. 12: John Roth
 Feb. 19: Kaitlyn Mettlin
 Feb. 26: John Roth

FEBRUARY USHERS

Terry & Doris Gilbert
 Gayle & Pat Lorenz

CHAOS DRIVERS

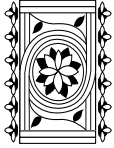
Feb. 1: Carol Bartlett
 Feb. 8: Mark Klahsen
 Feb. 15: Mary Bucy
 Feb. 22: Dave & Sue Roth
 Feb. 29: Carol Bartlett



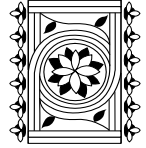
Come early on Sundays (8:30 am) and join us at **the Coffee House** for some fellowship prior the worship hour.

February Calendar

Feb. 1	5:45 pm	Family Night Supper
	6:15 pm	CHAOS
	6:15 pm	Kids Praise Team Practice
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 pm	Big House
Feb. 3	6pm-12am	W2W - LADIES NIGHT OUT
Feb. 4	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	7:30 PM	aTone performing at Lampost Theatre (Cedar Falls)
Feb. 5	8:30 am	The Coffee House is Open
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:10 am	Worship - Communion
Feb. 6	7:00 pm	Official Board Meeting
Feb. 8	5:45 pm	Family Night Supper
	6:15 pm	CHAOS
	6:15 pm	Kids Praise Team Practice
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 pm	Big House
Feb. 11	6:30 pm	Valentine's Day Banquet
Feb. 12	8:30 am	The Coffee House is Open
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:10 am	Worship - Children Singing
	4:00 pm	Youth @ the Church
Feb. 13	6:30 pm	Mission Meeting
Feb. 15	5:45 pm	Family Night Supper
	6:15 pm	CHAOS
	6:15 pm	Kids Praise Team Practice
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 pm	Big House
Feb. 18	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Feb. 19	8:30 am	The Coffee House is Open
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:10 am	Worship
Feb. 21	6:30 pm	Deacon Meeting
Feb. 22	5:45 pm	Family Night Supper
	6:15 pm	CHAOS
	6:15 pm	Kids Praise Team Practice
	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 pm	Big House
Feb. 25	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
Feb. 26	8:30 am	The Coffee House is Open
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:10 am	Worship
Feb. 29	5:45 pm	Family Night Supper
	6:15 pm	CHAOS
	6:15 pm	Kids Praise Team Practice
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00 pm	Big House



Around Our Church Family



Nursery help needed: Sarah Bishop will be discontinuing her status of nursery attendant at the end of January. We are looking to hire a replacement. This is a paid position that requires you to be in nursery each Sunday from 8:45 through the end of worship service (11:30). Please contact Marci Fish, 988-3226 or marcifishdc@hotmail.com, if you are interested. We are still needing volunteers for both nursery and Children's Church.

Volunteer Opportunities

GOOD NEWS!!! More young families are joining us on Sunday's! More families = More children. So now we need more help! Please volunteer to help our young ones in nursery and Children's Church. Children's Church lessons are planned for you and all materials are ready to go on Sunday. For nursery we need helpers on Sundays from 9:00-11:15. For Children's Church we need help during Pastor Ron's sermon, about 10:40 to the end of worship service. We are looking for teenagers through adult age helpers, male or female. The schedule rotates so the more volunteers we have the longer the rotations are.



Community Church Scholarship Applications Available

Community Church Scholarship applications are now available. All application forms, along with all of the supporting documents, must be completed and returned to the church office by noon on Friday, March 23, 2012, or if you plan on mailing your application and supporting documents, the postmark date needs to be no later than March 21 to be considered. Any church member planning on attending an institution of higher learning in the 2012-13 school year may apply. Information sheets and applications are on the table in the narthex, or available in the church office.



Please be in Prayer:

Kim Marsh had an emergency appendectomy and is now home from the hospital for some recuperation time.

Cindy Jones (Jacquie Judas' aunt) from Cody WY has received news that her breast cancer has spread throughout her body. Chemo will be started. Please pray that Jesus will hold her tenderly in his arms to give her and the family strength and peace. **Shawn (Gary and Shari Downey's daughter)** is in testing again (cancer).

Bill Kimpston (Cecil Holmes' cousin) has been released from the hospital and needs prayer for healing and strength.

Vera Mae Wilson needs prayer.

Manami Bjorndal requests prayer for the unspoken.

Lois Schubel needs prayer for health concerns.

Prayers for Heidi Adams dealing with cancer.

Angie Wilson (Seda) has had a bone marrow transplant.

Nancy Colwell is in follow-up treatment. Pray for strength and healing.

Pat Staack remains so positive and so thankful to all for the prayers that she has continued to receive during her treatment.

Darrell Grinnell is back in skilled nursing (Rm 14C) at the Lutheran Home.

Dick Mergen is still battling cancer.

Boyd (Bud) Hamm is still battling cancer and continues with treatment. Prayers for healing are needed.

Beverly Holmes is residing at Ravenwood.

Ginger Chilcote is dealing with health issues.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR U.S. SERVICEPERSONS:

Mike Beck (Iraq), Austin Kaus (California), Chase Feener (Afghanistan), Matt Welch (Kansas), Jacob Kafka (Afghanistan), Ryan Anderson (Hawaii), Randy Kafka (Germany), Curtis Bartz (Afghanistan)

NOTE: Please update the church secretary should any of the above change. Hospitals do not call us.

COMMUNITY CHURCH REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2012

PRESENT: George Wessel, Melissa Seeber, Brandy Wilson, Linda Braden, Kami King, Jo Kramer, Marilyn Gallery, Ron Bartlett, David Roth, Deb Williams, Jeff Rhoades, and Brenda Engel.

Melissa called the meeting to order and Ron had an opening prayer.

SECRETARY: George made a motion to approve minutes from the December meeting; Brenda seconded. All voted aye; motion approved.

TREASURER: Income to the General Fund for the month of December, 2011 totaled \$21,211.44. Expenses for the month totaled \$25,005.29. This resulted in a General fund month-ending financial accounts value of \$27,620.44. With 100% of our fiscal year completed, our receipts are 105.7% and our disbursements are 109.6% of our \$159,000 annual budget.

There were two non-routine receipts for the month of December. The first was \$592 received from the congregation for Christmas poinsettias, which was offset in the Altar Committee line for the \$480 charge from the flower shop. The second was a \$204 refund received from Grinnell Mutual Insurance, which offset the monthly insurance paid of \$416.12.

In addition to the poinsettia bill, some other non-routine disbursements for December were the following: Advanced Systems: \$136.10 paid for toner & \$154.72 final copier lease billing, as well as \$8,608.15 for the purchase of a new copier (Capital Expenditures.) \$927.69 was spent on musical accompaniment & props for the Christmas musical, \$3,290.64 was spent on 5 head microphones & 4 bodypack systems (charged to Capital Expenditures,) & \$369.40 was paid for web-hosting & a new website.

The savings account balance was reduced because of a transfer to the general fund to pay for the copier this month.

Strayer Memorial balance on Dec. 31 was \$15,853.66.

Van fund balance on Dec. 31 decreased to \$3,274.60 due to a payment of \$563.45 for our annual auto insurance.

The prayer shawl fund balance on Dec. 31 is now \$00 (\$-6.77 charged to Outreach.)

Deb made a motion to approve the report as presented by Brandy; Kami seconded. All voted aye; motion approved.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Draft of the 2012 budget was presented and discussed. George made a motion to approve the budget with these changes: 1) increase Capital Expenditures from \$4,000 to \$7,000; 2) decrease Insurance from \$5,200 to \$5,100; 3) increase the amount of non-pledged offerings to equal expenditure changes (\$2,900) for an operating budget of \$170,000. Dave Roth seconded the motion. All voted aye; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Ron gave an update on a trip to Fort Dodge with several congregation members to observe "Life Tree Café" in action. No proposal or action at this time.

Meeting adjourned.

Marilyn Gallery, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Community Church of Hudson Financial Scorecard

The table below shows the General Fund's monthly income and expense data for the month of December 2011.

General Fund Monthly Cash Flow –	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
January 1 (start of fiscal year '11)			\$34,125
Q1	\$43,574	\$42,865	\$34,834
Q2	\$38,440	\$42,117	\$31,157
Q3	\$36,250	\$37,959	\$29,448
Oct	\$16,629	\$12,453	\$33,624
Nov	\$11,720	\$13,929	\$31,415
Dec	\$21,211	\$25,005	\$27,621

With 100% of our fiscal year completed, our income is 105.7% and our expenses are 109.6% of our \$159,000 fiscal year budget.

Questions regarding your pledge or the scorecard should be addressed to Treasurer, Brandy Wilson, at 988-2097.