

Share n Care

*There is no one holy like the LORD;
There is no one besides you;
There is no Rock like our God. —1 Samuel 2:2*

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How Does God View You?

I have always been a bigger kid. Even when I was a little tyke, I was chubby and most of the time my clothes didn't fit me well. Unfortunately, my clothes still don't fit me that well. And I've learned to deal with that, but that wasn't always the case.

Just like many young people today, I struggled with "self-esteem" issues. I would get picked on in school and come home feeling worthless because I felt others viewed me that way...worthless. When I tried to boost my self-confidence it would always come through sports. I wanted to be the best in whatever sport I was playing because that gave me worth. Even if it were for fun I would play with extreme competitiveness to win and that was supposed to make me feel better about myself. But, that didn't work! I realized that I was never going to be the best at sports and that realization dragged me down again.

Sports gave me a false sense of worth, and that is the problem with "self-esteem". When we rely on ourselves to give us worth, we see we are worthless. When we look into ourselves we see a person who is dirty, dark, and disgusting. I knew I needed change and I looked for it. Want to know what I found?

I discovered that "self-esteem" is a counterfeit for God-esteem. I know, it sounds like a bad cliché but it is true. The only way one can realize their worth is through understanding our standing before the Creator of the universe. And as believers in Christ, it is crucial to know how God views us and why he views us the way he does. Romans 8:31-35a gives us the answer:

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will

he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

As a believer, no one's condemnation can come against you...not even your own. God calls you elected. God calls you justified. God says that Jesus intercedes for you, and that you will never be separated from the love of Christ. And all of this was given to you through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

So, if you are struggling with how you view yourself just ask this question..."How does God view me?"

That's the only answer that matters!—Travis Berry

Reminder-Severe Weather Policy

If a severe weather watch or warning is still in effect one hour before the beginning of a worship service or a church meeting, that service or meeting is automatically cancelled. If a severe weather watch or warning is announced during a service or meeting, it will be terminated. In the event of uncertain weather during a worship service, there will be an elder on duty to listen to weather reports and to notify the pastor if a severe weather watch or warning is issued.

Cancellations will be announced on KWLM 1340 and www.kwlm.com Operation Snowdesk/
Operation Raincheck



Birthdays

January

- 7 Linda Mikelson
Chris Lorensen
- 8 Jan Kleinhuizen
- 11 Burton Ulferts
- 13 Isaiah Iedema
- 15 Duane Noordmans
- 18 Bob Vanden Einde
Tom Mikelson
- 19 John TeBrake
- 20 Lowell Breems
Tyler Leenstra
- 22 Dale Gratz
Hailey Jurgenson
- 24 Joe Pavelko
Makenna Brouwer



- 25 Shirley Jensen
- 27 Gerri Hillenbrand
- 28 Anna Marcus
Eleanor Ryder

February

- 3 Sandy Moorlag
Katrina Ryder
- 4 Mary Breems
- 7 Lois Bos
Lindsay Lingbeek
- 8 Kevin Faber
- 9 Malachi Jacobson

Anniversaries

January

- 3 Jack and Caroline Kreps
- 6 Ray and Carol Chapman

February

- 8 Gordon and Lois Bos
- 19 Alan and Anna Marcus
- 28 Paul and Carolyn Viss



2nd Sunday Offering

January 15

- CMCS
- World Renew-AIDS Relief
- The Fortress
- Calvin Seminary

February 12

- CCS
- Youth Unlimited
- Great Commission Utah
- Hope Haven



Events

January 21

Cadet's Sunday

January 28

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 29

Keep your calendars open for our Annual Congregational budget Meeting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

February 4

No Regrets Men's Event-See Page 3 for full details

February 5

GEMS Souper Bowl Sundae-See page 4

Our Church Family



In Memory Of
Henrietta Tanner

**November 11, 1938-
December 16, 2017**

Henrietta Tanner, 79, of Willmar, went to her Heavenly Home on December 16, 2017 after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Cancer at Prairie Senior Cottages in Willmar.

Henrietta was born November 11, 1938 to Herman and Jeanette (Zylstra) TeBrake. She was immersed in a Christian faith that would be her lifelong support from an early age. She received her Nursing degree from Pine Rest School of Nursing in Grand Rapids, MI. It was there that she met her future husband, Russell Tanner. They were united in marriage May 26, 1961. They established their home in Willmar, Minnesota, and she lived the remainder of her years there. She worked at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar for many years. She also enjoyed working at S. 71 Vet Clinic.

Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her in her struggle and ultimately gave her peace. She continued to sing God's praises to the end of her life.

She is survived by her four children Rochelle (Bob) Welin, Robin (Scott) Bailey, Rona Tanner, and Randy (Sarah) Tanner; seven grandchildren, Gabrielle, Josiah, and Jeremiah Welin, Joshua and Alexandra Bailey, and Landon and Kaelyn Tanner, She is also survived by her siblings John (Jean) TeBrake, Marlene (Harry) Van-Gurp, Ardis (Al) Negan, Herm (Connie) TeBrake, and Mark (Denise) TeBrake and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Annual No Regrets Men's Event



You are invited to attend the No Regrets Men's Conference. Rock of Life CRC will be hosting the conference via live stream on February 3, 2018.

The doors open at 7:30 am for coffee, donuts and registration, with the live simulcast starting at 8:30 am. The theme for this year's Conference is "No Reserve, No Retreat, No Regrets" based on a compelling true life story of William Bordan, who dedicated his short life to serve others and to the cause of showing the love of Jesus to the many struggling and hurting men he met.

The cost of this all day conference is \$25, (includes donuts and lunch) and registration and payment is available on line at rockoflifecrc.org, or you can call Renae Kleinhuizen at [320-235-3060](tel:320-235-3060) if you would like to register over the phone, or email willmarcrc@gmail.com. Register by January 29 to reserve your seat.

If you would like more information on the conference go to these links below or visit www.rockoflifecrc.org

<http://nrlive.com/wp-content/uploads/2018-No-Regrets-Mens-Conference-Promo-Video.mp4>

[http://www.noregretsconference.org/downloads/2016/Transforming Mens Lives.mp4](http://www.noregretsconference.org/downloads/2016/Transforming%20Mens%20Lives.mp4)

<http://www.noregretsconference.org/event/#platform>

Events-GEMS and Cadets

Soup-er Bowl Sundae

February 4, 2018

“Ready for some football!?!”

“Soup”-er Bowl Sunday will be here soon!

Yup! You bring the **soup**



the GEMS girls will serve you a

bowl of ice cream!



Sundae toppings will be provided too!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the morning service on February 4.

Don't miss this opportunity to support the GEMS Christian Service Project – stocking the Willmar Area Food Shelf!

Just in case you forget a can of soup, a box will be provided for **cash donations!**

**Thanks!! from the families
who are served by the Food Shelf!**



Willmar Cadet Club
Pinewood Derby Race
& Super-Everyone
welcome

When: Wednesday, February 7, 2018:

Supper @ 6:30 PM (Barbecues, baked beans, potato chips, beverages, & dessert.)

Weigh in @ 6:30 PM

Racing @ 7:00 PM

Where: Willmar First Reformed Church

Cost: Free will donation

*****NOTICE—WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN CLASS—IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING IN THE FUN, PLEASE SEE ONE OF THE COUNSELORS TO OBTAIN A CAR KIT

The boys and counselors would like to thank the men who took time to come to our meetings to help us cut and sand our derby cars. You are very much appreciated!!



Join us on Cadet Sunday here at Rock of Life CRC-January 21

Prayer Corner



Prayer for the US President

There are 10 very definite areas which must be considered when praying for the President. "Lord Jesus, bless the President" is not sufficient. We need to ask God to enable the person in the office to:

Realize his personal sinfulness and his daily need of the cleansing power of Jesus Christ.

Recognize his personal inadequacy for the task and therefore depend upon Almighty God for wisdom, understanding and courage to carry out the task.

Reject all counsel that violates spiritual principles and then trust God to prove him right.

Resist the pressure of those who would have him violate his conscience.

Reverse the trends of socialism and humanism in our land, both of which dethrone God and deify man.

Ready himself to forsake his political career and his personal ambitions, if to do so would be in the interest of the nation.

Rely upon prayer and the Word of God as the source of his strength and key to his success.

Restore dignity, honor, trustworthiness and righteousness to the office of the presidency.

Remember to be a good example in his conduct to the fathers and sons of the land.

Remind himself daily that he will be accountable to Almighty God for his attitudes, actions and motives while serving as President.

Prayer does not include criticism, for poison and sweetness cannot come out of the same mouth at the same time.

From "Stand Up, America"
by Charles F. Stanley

Prayer for a new beginning

Dear Lord, touch me with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal your love and light. In your

Pray without ceasing

The more we pray, the more we shall want to pray. The more we pray, the more we can pray. The more we pray, the more we shall pray. He who prays little will pray less, but he who prays much will pray more. And he who prays more will desire to pray more abundantly
—C.H. Spurgeon

Remember in Prayer:

Our Shut-ins

Carol Faber
Shirley Jensen
Martha Kiel
Hilda Nieuwbeerta
Jean Rolighed
Doward and Sylvia Visser

Our Servicemen

Jacob Lefever

Our College Students

Christine Hoekstra-Dordt
Miranda Roelofs-NSU
Kyle Stulen-U of M
Logan TeBrake-Ridgewater
Michael Vanderhooft-Alex. Tech

Missions

Hannah Vanderhooft-CTI Tour

Ministry Update-SALT



Dear Family and Friends,

At this time of year, it is always good to reflect on God's plan and His promises. Because God is all-knowing, He knew how things would turn out after creation. He knew that His highest creation, man, would choose death. But, He already had a plan to save them despite their choice to try and rule and reign as God in their own lives. God announces in Genesis 3:15 that the "seed" of the woman would crush the serpents head. Who is this seed? Jesus! Later, God tells Abram that "all the nations of the earth will be blessed" because of his seed (or offspring). Who is this seed? Jesus! God also promises a seed to David that will rule and reign forever. No human can rule forever, so who is this seed? Jesus. The Old Testament points to Him. And, how would this seed come to crush the serpents head, bless all the nations of the earth, and rule and reign forever? He would start by leaving His heavenly throne and entering into His fallen creation. He would become a helpless baby. This is why we celebrate Christmas. God became a helpless baby to save us. Isaiah 9:6 (see above) foretold of this coming baby, but we can now look back and see God's promises fulfilled in the man Jesus that would come as a baby, but live a perfect life, pay for our sins by dying on the cross, and show that He defeated death by rising from the dead! This is Good News! And, as followers of Jesus, we are called to share this Good News with all peoples (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)! We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support throughout this year! We look forward to 2018 to see all that God has planned unfold! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God Bless,

Nathan, Melissa, Chloe, and Elsie

We are so thankful for Rock of Life! Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus with our neighbors in our little man!

Resolutions

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. ~ Oscar Wilde ~

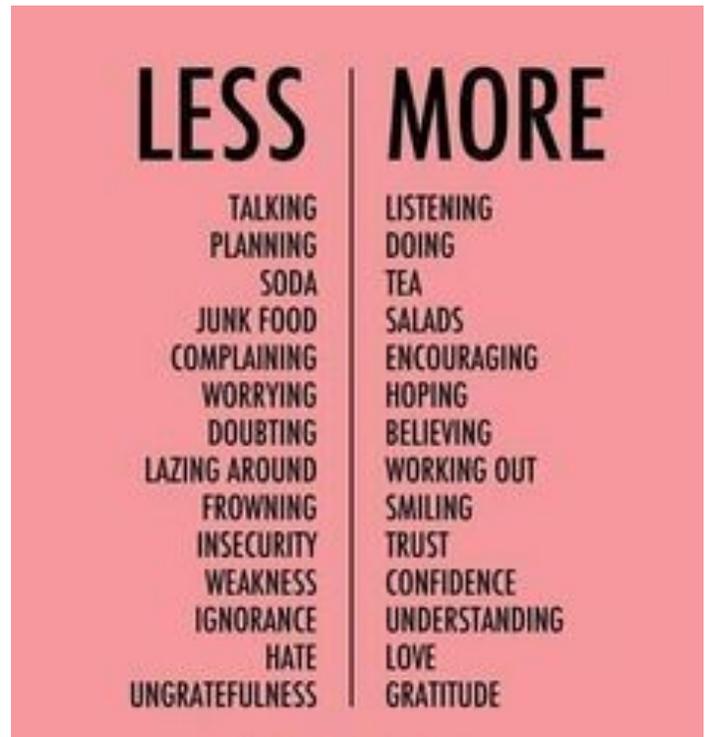
Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution. ~ Jay Leno ~

"Tomorrow, is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one. ~Brad Paisley~

On your new calendar, be sure to mark important dates such as National Drinking Straw Day (January 3), National Artichoke Hearts Day (March 16) and National Crouton Day (May 13). Those pseudo-holidays are now catalogued as part of the National Day Calendar, a venture by a North Dakota businessman.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." ~ John Steinbeck~

"My old grandmother always used to say, Summer friends will melt away like summer snows, but winter friends are friends forever." ~George R.R. Martin~



Humor to break up the winter blahs

Dear Winter, I'm breaking up with you to see other seasons...Summer is hotter than you

The squirrels have gathered up all the nuts for winter. I'm missing a couple of my friends

The Wi-fi went down for 5 minutes. I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

Q: What do you call ten rabbits hopping backwards through the snow together?

A: A receding hare line.

Q: What did the snowman have for breakfast?

A:Frosted Snowflakes

Q: What did the big furry hat say to the warm woolly scarf?

A: "You hang around while I go on ahead."





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Willmar CRC Statements

Purpose Statement

Worship

God in obedience to His Word

Equip

God's people to do His work

Proclaim

God's love and grace to His World

II Timothy 3:16&17

Values Statement

Loving

God above all, and our neighbors as ourselves

Praying

in all circumstances because God controls our ministry

Preaching

and teaching from God's Word, the Holy Bible

Giving

of our time, gifts and money which are blessings from God

Seeking

the Lord's will and direction in everything we do

Helping

others to find and follow Jesus.

Ephesians 4:1b-2

Vision Statement

Reaching Up

to God as we listen for His voice in our prayers of thanks, confession and praise.

Reaching In

becoming more Christlike, clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness

Reaching Out

Boldly through the power of the Holy Spirit, with words and deed, in our Community and worldwide.

Kid's Corner



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
QWCDREYATMIOC�HFASWCOR
MEGTHWE OFLDXHASSGZONL
ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

----- ! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Puzzle!

The 12 Old Testament books known as the Minor Prophets aren't unimportant — just short! Unscramble the names of these books. Then unscramble the circled letters to find a fruit of the Spirit.



Fruit: -----

- LEJO -----
- IHCAM -----
- ABKUKKAH -----
- DHAIABO -----
- MUNAH -----
- OAESH -----
- AZAEHINPH -----
- NJHAO -----
- AGIAGH -----
- OASM -----
- AHRIZAHCE -----
- IHCMALA -----

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

Answers: Joel, Micah, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Nahum, Hosea, Zephaniah, Jonah, Haggai, Amos, Zechariah, Malachi; Kindness