

## CALENDAR

**September 8th** - Church Potluck in Fellowship Room after Worship Service

**September 21st** - Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Room @ 8am

## SERVICES

**Class on Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.**

Adult Class: **Wes Seals**- Auditorium  
Women's Class: **Beth Crawford**- Class Room #3  
High School Class: - Class Room #5  
K-6th Grade: **Mary Munsell** - Class Room #1  
Pre-K Class: **Linda Seals** - Class Room #2  
Infant Class: - Class Room #7

**Worship Service on Sunday at 10:30am**

**Class on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.**

Adult Class: **Gary Wiles**- Fellowship Hall  
High School Class: **Pete Tidei**- Room #5  
Kids Class: **Linda Seals/Mary Munsell** - Room #2

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

*God doesn't demand our worship,  
He desires your love.*



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**WELCOME!**  
Thank you for joining us today.

### Serving Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Bobbie Seals**

SONG LEADER - **Skippy Norman**

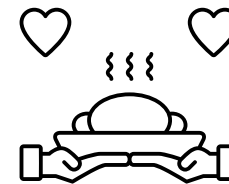
1st PRAYER - **David Hogins**

2nd PRAYER - **Gary Merritt**

LORD'S SUPPER - **Elton Schmidt**

READING - **Mark Schierling**

CLOSING PRAYER - **Jerry Munsell**



### Potluck

Today after services, in the Fellowship Room downstairs. Come join us for delicious food, and fun fellowship.



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### Today's Reading

## Ephesians 6:10-18

**10.** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11.** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12.** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against-powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13.** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14.** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15.** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16.** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17.** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18.** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

### Today's Preacher

**Michael Case**

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Oh baby!!-** There is a baby shower table in the back of the Worship Room for Jada and Tucker Hartman's baby boy. Little one is expected to arrive the end of October.

**Dads-n-Daughters-** 2024 will be held at Nebraska Youth Camp September 28th. Registration fee is \$45 per family. For Information, it is listed as above for Dads-n-Lads.

**Mt. States Children's Home-** We will be collecting items for Mt. States to be picked up on the 13th of October. Further information is posted in the foyer.

**York University choir-** Sunday evening October 13th, the young men and women of York University will be bringing us a night of beautiful acapella music. All are welcome.

**Thank you-** From Aaron Bartak: Thank you for thinking of me and gifting me the generous scholarship. I have just begun my education at York and so far, I love it!! The Christian environment is great and it will introduce me to people and friends that will help me on my Christian walk .

## PRAYER LIST

**Kase Purdue-**(Wes & Linda's grand-nephew) Is recuperating well from brain surgery he had on Monday August 26th. They are awaiting pathology results of the tumor that they removed. His follow up appointment will be on September 23rd. Please pray that the tumor results are benign, and that he has a full recovery.

**Gary Williams-** (Barb Richardson's brother) Answered prayers! Gary's surgery went well September 4th. He is in good spirits and is able to talk better. Praise God!

**Cindy Houtz-** Please keep Cindy in our thoughts and prayers, and send words of encouragement when you can. She is still feeling weak, her strength is coming back slowly, but she is still suffering from headaches.

**The multitude-** For the many that have been down with the stomach flu, and seasonal allergies, we pray for healing and relief.

### Continue to Pray

**Jeanne Carver-** Continues to heal from back surgery, upcoming appointments.

**Juanita Alvarez-** Will start radiation in a week.

**Vickie Terhune-** (Jerry's Sister)- Troubles with her kidneys, and her back.

**Abby Flores-** (Eddie and Dee Lee's granddaughter)- Road to recovery

### Card Corner

Elaine Harms  
Jeannie Seals  
Diana Danielson

Laurie Helgeson  
Bob Shearer  
Gary Whaley

*Stamped & addressed cards for those listed here and on our prayer list are available in the south corner of the foyer.*

*Please contact Carmen Aufrecht with any changes or questions*

## DEVOTIONAL

### The Promise of Restoration

Alistair Begg

In his essay "On Fairy Stories," J.R.R. Tolkien writes about the reasons why people are drawn to fairy tales. Such stories are often at the opposite end of the emotional spectrum to our daily news: instead of war, financial volatility, pandemic, and heartbreak, fairy tales offer happy endings that reflect the longings of the human heart. Tolkien suggests that at the root of those longings is an ache for Christ to set the world right--to unite all things, restore all things, and make the world as absolutely, perfectly beautiful as it was before Adam's rebellion. Don't we all long for the happy ending? Laced all throughout Scripture, as through our lives, are reminders that we are not there yet. We live in a fallen world, fraught with alienation, frustration, and disintegration. The first Adam sinned, and death and chaos followed. But a second Adam came to undo what Adam had done and to accomplish what no one else could. God will fix it all. In fact, He has already begun to.

Throughout his letters to the first-century churches, Paul recognized their hardships and never downplayed them; but he also always reminded his readers that there would be a day "when sufferings cease and sorrows die," and all our longings are satisfied. He encouraged them to keep their eyes on what was ultimate to help them deal with the immediate challenges. What they needed then is what we need now. If we focus only on what we see right in front of us and neglect to allow God's promise of restoration to enter our vision, we won't actually be able to deal with the issues we face. They will grow out of perspective. They will come to dominate. They will drain us of our hope and happiness. No--whether the problems are global, national, or personal, the best strategy is to keep our eyes on what God's word says about God's plan. There will be a happy ending. There will be a time when all things are united under a perfect King. Bring an eternal perspective to the affairs of time, with the help of the Spirit, and we can find security in His perfect plan. We can't yet know all the details of the story of this world, but we can know that for those who trust in Christ, the final scene is a happy, endless ending--and that is not a fairy story.

--Ephesians 1:9-10

**Church Text-** If you don't get the bulletin text Saturday evening, text Linda. Also, if you'd like to sign up and start getting the bulletin links by text the night before, text Linda 308-293-7994.

### ANY NEWS OR UPDATES?

Please **TEXT** items for the bulletin to:  
**308-234-9145**

### Serving 9/11

1st PRAYER  
**Wes Seals**

SONG LEADER

**Ken Whaley**

READING

**Ben Seals**

### Serving 9/15

PREACHER  
**Michael Case**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bobbie Seals**

SONG LEADER

**Doug Houtz**

1st PRAYER

**Joseph Morrow**

2nd PRAYER

**James Tidei**

LORD'S SUPPER

**Gary Wiles**

READING

**Riley Jones**

CLOSING PRAYER

**Elton Schmidt**