

NORTONVILLE

NEWS

NEW ADVENTURES

Just a few weeks ago, we had a new adventure. In order to celebrate our oldest granddaughter's birthday, we did a "drive-by" birthday. After coordinating with other family members, we all drove our cars by our granddaughter's house and honked the car horn repeatedly (I don't think I've ever honked the horn that much before - I'm thinking that the neighbors thought we had lost our minds).

We stood outside our cars, at a safe distance, while we sang "happy birthday", and watched her open her presents. There were no high-fives, no hugging, and no birthday cake. It was just a "drive-by" birthday. But, we made the best of it, and I don't want to complain about it. The Lord tells us that we shouldn't complain (1 Corinthians 10:10). In fact, the drive-by birthday was so special and different, that the next oldest granddaughter said to her parents, "I hope everything is still shut-down for my birthday so I can have a "drive-by" birthday too!"

We don't know how much longer we will be shut-down, but we do know that the Lord is in total control of the whole situation, and He wants us to trust Him and make the best of these unique days. We have a great opportunity to draw near to Him in humility and prayer, in the knowledge of His Word.

I encourage you to take 1 Chronicles 16:8-12 and pray through it line by line. Take the time necessary to thank Him. Take the time required to call upon Him. Take the time at hand to speak of Him to others. Take the time and effort to sing to Him. Take time to glory in His Name. Take time to rejoice in Him and seek His face.

There is no greater adventure given to us that to know Him deeply. And no virus or government regulations can stop God's people from drawing near to the One who has loved us, given His life for us, and represents us before our Father in heaven. Make this time into a new adventure in the presence of the Lord!

Love in Christ!
Pastor Joe

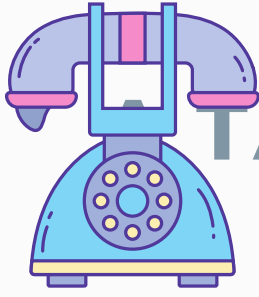
1 Chronicles 16:8-11

- 8 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
- 9 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
- 10 Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!
- 11 Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!

If you would like to watch our Sunday Services, search for Nortonville Gospel Chapel on Facebook or YouTube. You can see the video and discover more resources on our website:
nortonvillechapel.org.

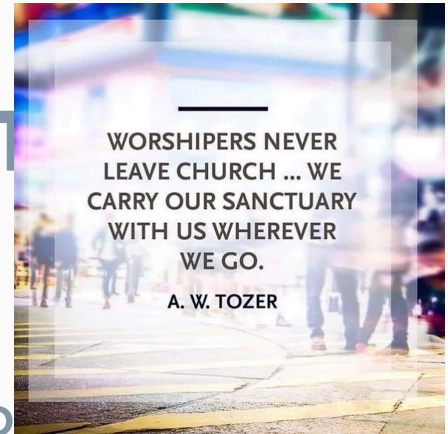


The Lord has been providing for the church during these unusual circumstances. Over this pandemic, our church giving has been at 67% of our budget. Thank you to all who have been faithfully giving; we praise the Lord for His blessings.



TALE OF TWO SIST

I Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore each other and edify one another"



Facebook is a social media website that allows people to talk with each other and share pictures and videos. As over 40% of the US population has a Facebook account, we've been using Facebook to connect with both churchgoers and people who have never visited our building.

A couple weeks ago, our church used Facebook to ask: "How do you see God working in the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic?" Several members of our church responded to the post, and their comments can be seen below.

105 People Reached **42** Engagements Boost Unavailable

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Comment as Nortonville Gospel Chapel

Susan L VandenBerg The sun is shining. We woke up this morning. There is a roof over head and food in the fridge. God continues to provide grace and wisdom day by day.

Elizabeth Reynolds God continues to provide When we did not have a computer for Hannah to do School God provided. God has provided food throughout so that run to the store are minimal. God has provided a way to video chat for the older kids with their father. God continues to bless and provide. Praying for God's continued blessings and safety for everyone

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Emily Hildebrandt This reminds us to be thankful for what we do have (food, warm home, safety). Also when we are able to get together, eat out and be in groups that we don't take it for granted. I am thankful that we have had a mild spring during this time so we have been able to get out more.

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Karen Dennis It has freed up more time so I can read the book of Psalms. Also thankful for the sun..and to go out to get fresh air/exercise. I enjoyed a great message by Dr David Jeremiah this morning too on how God may be using this pandemic as a warning to get our attention.

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Denise Noell I feel safe wrapped in His arms. Believing in Him takes my worries away

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Karen Kubczak I see people being intentional about celebrating one another during this time.

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PRAYER SPOTLIGHTS

John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



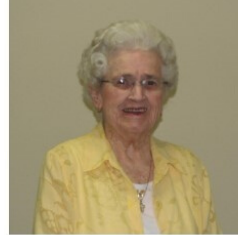
Missionary of the Week:
Daniel & Karen DeVerna

The DeVernas are missionaries in Japan with Biblical Ministries Worldwide. Their prayer is that God will use this epidemic to turn people's hearts toward Him.



Board Member of the Week: John and Emily Ambrose

The Ambroses have five children: Luke, David, Susan, Eleanor, and Sarah. John works at JR Automation and provides extensive tech help at the church. Emily's superpowers include homeschooling the kids.



Shut in of the Week: Jackie Wilson

Jackie lives at Christian Haven in Grand Haven. Please pray that Jackie is encouraged while visits are limited.



Volunteer of the Week: Karen Kubczak

Karen is very involved in serving at Nortonville, including Sisters of Sarah, the Welcome Center, and the Nursery.



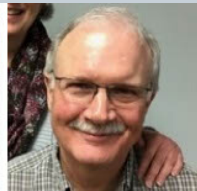
Student of the Week: Clayton Hildebrandt

Clayton is a Sophomore at Spring Lake High School. He is the oldest of four siblings and enjoys playing on his Nintendo Switch.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Dick Vink
DOB: 4/1



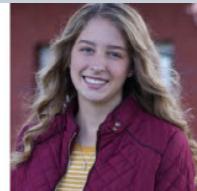
Phil Peterson
DOB: 4/9



Kris Arnon
DOB: 04/11



Marilee Stroebe
DOB: 4/11



Marissa Stroebe
DOB: 4/15



Sandy Cott
DOB: 4/19



Jackie Wilson
DOB: 4/20



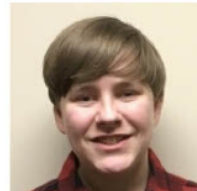
Randy Jobin
DOB: 4/21



Dewey Garrett
DOB: 4/23



Jezlynn Rose
DOB: 4/23



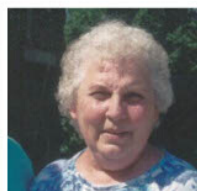
Charley Dalman
DOB: 4/27



Layla Hildebrandt
DOB: 4/27



Jeff Nietering
DOB: 4/27



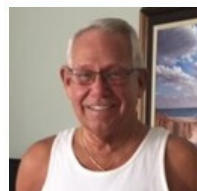
Lois Noell
DOB: 4/29



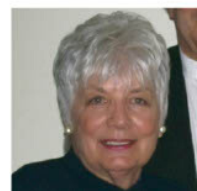
Dennis Snyder
DOB: 4/29



Vickie Buckner
DOB: 5/2



Dave Suchecki
DOB: 05/02



Lynne Hammond
DOB: 5/3

SONGS AND OUTLINE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you.
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You.
We long for You.

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence,
All our fears are washed away,
Washed away

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you.
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new .
You make us new.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory,
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy,
Holy holy holy,
Holy holy holy,
I want to see You

Open My Eyes

Open my eyes that I may see,
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee.
Ready my God Thy will to see.
Open my eyes illumine me,
Spirit divine

Open my mouth and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare,
Love with Thy children thus to share.

Our God is Alive

I'm alive because You're alive,
I am free 'cause You set me free,
I'm alive I'm alive in You Jesus.
I am Yours 'cause You said it's so,
I am loved and You won't let go,
I'm alive I'm alive in You Jesus.

O Spirit come set our hearts with holy fire.
This hope we have our God's not dead, He is alive,
He is Jesus, Nothing and no one can stop Him.
Nothing is strong as our God is,
Our God is alive

Hey death, where is your sting,
No sin has claim on me,
I'm alive, I'm alive in You Jesus.
No grave could hold my King,
He stands in victory,
He's alive, He's alive in me Jesus.
Oh You're alive, You're alive in me Jesus.

He is Jesus, nothing and no one can stop Him.
Nothing is strong as our God is,
Our God is alive.
And He is risen and now we are walking in freedom.
And nothing is strong as our Jesus,
Our God is alive.

Let praise rise high in this place
For our King stands over the grave
(Repeat x4)

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord.
Thou my great Father I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, oh, bright heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall.
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all.

"Covid -19; Complaining - 20"

Luke 24:13-27; 1 Corinthians 10:10

- I. The _____ of _____ comes _____.
- II. The _____ of _____ grieves _____.
- III. The _____ of _____ grieves _____.
- IV. The _____ of _____ brings _____.
- V. The _____ of _____ needs to _____.