



# NEWS

## UP FRONT

Well, it has been a quick minute since I last wrote to you through the newsletter. I am thankful for all the leadership Leigh Steiner has provided during these last few months as we have transitioned from the LCT to the ALT. A much needed transition for such a time as this. She navigated this season of change beautifully. Way to go Leigh!

A few things to keep on your radar:

1. Each fall we take time as congregation to think about and pray through how we might contribute to the life of the church through the area of tithing. Our church is on mission in the community in so many beautiful ways: Feast of Plenty, Graham Mart, volunteer librarians, Levitt Amp, Global Servant support, etc. All of this is made possible by your tithes and offerings to the church. In the month of September, we will take some time to hear about the hope God is working through the church body and be encouraged to financially contribute for the 2025-2026 ministry calendar year.
2. We are seeing a significant uptick in guests and visitors in our Sunday morning service. I am so encouraged to see the church body welcoming them and showing them genuine hospitality. I consistently meet with visitors and one of their first comments is, "everyone is so nice". It is a wonderful thing to know visitors will be met by a congenial congregation.
3. Lastly, I want to share one story in particular about a connection our church made at Levitt Amp last summer. We met an individual while we were handing out hot dogs and waters to people last summer and he came back to our tent every week for the entirety of last year's Levitt Amp concert series. Well, this past week he came and visited our church during morning worship! Every interaction our church has in the community is a seed planted in someone's life. Sometimes those seeds sprout quickly and other times it takes a while; however, the call is to continue to sow seeds of love and kindness.

On the first Sunday in September, the church will be handing out a booklet that Daniel Walden and I have been working on all summer called, "Living Hope: Finding the Good". I cannot wait to share this with everyone as I think our congregation will truly be blessed by this document! Big things ahead!

Grace and Peace,  
Tony

## COMING UP

**9/1** The church office is closed for Labor Day.

**9/3** Connecting Women, 10 a.m, Weber Lounge 9

**9/6** Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

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### Church Office Hours

8-2:30 T-F

\*The Church office is closed on Mondays.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Kumler Food Pantry

Each month, we ask our congregation to remember the hungry in Springfield. Please bring some nonperishable food to the Serve the World Center and it will get to the Kumler food pantry to help an individual or a family who are in need. Peanut butter, canned vegetables, cereal and Mac & cheese are just a few suggestions. If everyone brought in one item, think how much we could help those in need.

### Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the MealTrain web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoo5gm> or call the church office at (217) 523-3639 and Rachael will sign you up.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Fellowship Cookout

You are invited to join us at Randy and Ann Wells home in Rochester on Saturday, September 6 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. We will have fellowship, games, enjoy their wonderful gardens and food on the grill. If you are able to join us, we ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Dear Church Family,

The last decade has been difficult after Philip's diagnosis of dementia. The last two years were even more so. Philip is now cured of this horrible disease and is at peace. Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, encouragement, monetary gifts and so much more. I look forward to rejoining you in Sunday school and Worship soon!

Erika Palsen

I'd like to thank the congregation for the generous scholarships I have received for college for my freshman year and my upcoming sophomore year. It means everything to me that I have such a loving and super supportive church family.

Isaac Alt

I would like to thank everyone for the good wishes, cards and prayers after I broke a toe and severely sprained my foot and ankle.

Evelyn Nagel

### BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Tom Langford

9/6 Quinton Stang

9/10 Judith Anderson

9/14 Marty Saint

9/15 Robert Lewis

9/25 Ben Stang

9/27 Donna Stolleis

### ANNIVERSARIES

9/3 Bill and Sharon Smith

9/19 Jim and Donna Stolleis

If we missed anyone, let us know at [rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## Connected Pairs

### **11 Psychological Keys to Maintaining Long Term Relationship Satisfaction**

In this article, Mariam from KnownPsychology states that to have a long-term relationship the psychology behind a healthy relationship must be known. Some of the eleven keys to maintaining long term relationship satisfaction noted in this article are:

1. Prioritize open and honest communication. Without it, misunderstandings and resentments can build.
2. Practice emotional validation. "I see how you could feel that way".
3. Maintain personal identity. Personal growth leads to relationship satisfaction.

To learn more, read [here](#).

Blessings,  
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