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“Courage with a Capital C”

The month of May is very special. We celebrate two kinds of people — Mothers (on Mothers Day) and our Fallen Heroes (on Memorial Day). A necessary ingredient for these folks to be successful is “courage.” But their courage is spelled with a capital “C.”

In our comfort oriented, me-first society, there are plenty of “cowardly lions” — people with convictions but with no courage to take a stand. The ancient Romans purposely designed their soldiers’ uniforms so that their backs were exposed and unprotected. This was done intentionally. It was meant to deter them from ever considering retreating as a viable option.

Courage is a virtue not confined to any race, generation, religion or person. It transcends time as well as space. It is not one nation’s sole possession nor does it belong to any age. It is a virtue that is expandable to permeate nations — both in the western world and in Third World Countries — and it is retractable to isolated individuals. Whenever, wherever and however courage appears, people are made to stand tall.

Case in point, recently, on one of the major television networks, a man on a subway in New York noticed that someone had fallen onto the tracks and was lying helplessly. The observer was on the opposite end of the tracks. To get to the helpless person, he had to jump onto the tracks and run across several tracks. Now that seems to be “no big deal.” But he realized that some of the tracks were “live” with electricity and that he could be electrocuted. But this did not deter him. His courageous act saved a helpless man within minutes of an oncoming train.

Easter is now behind us. But the most courageous man this world has ever known was celebrated this season. His name is Jesus Christ. Jesus had the power to destroy His executioners and save Himself from crucifixion, but He refused to do so. Why? Because through His sufferings and death, He was paying for this world’s sins — past, present and future. He did so by choice. It took courage with a capital “C” to do what He did.

So ask yourself this question: Am I A Courageous Person or Am I A Gloom-And-Doom Person? Accord-

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May Refreshments

After the 10:00 am. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship Hall following worship. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone’s enjoyment after the service.

<u>Hostess</u>		
Sunday, May 7	F,G,H,I,J	Judy Selund
Sunday, May 14	K,L,M,N,O	Debby Bailey
Sunday, May 21	P,Q,R,S,T	Laura Hannon
Sunday, May 28	U,V,W,X,Y,Z	Marlene McNally

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.



Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast

This years Mayor’s Breakfast in Portage will be on Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 a.m. at Woodland Park.



National Day of Prayer

The first Thursday of May is designated as the National Day of Prayer. This year it will be May 4th. This day is dedicated for everyone to pray for our country, its leaders and for right, godly policies to be implemented. So, kindly take the time to pray for our country and our very own local government. The poet reminds us that “More things are wrought by prayer than this

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When you follow the most courageous Man in the world (Jesus Christ), He will give you a courage transfusion. Remember that the life we have is our gift from God; what we do with that life is our gift to God. So decide. Am I going to become "A Cowardly Lion" or "A Holy Knight?"

Blessings,
Pastor Sewdin



Sacrifice

There can be no real or abiding happiness without sacrifice. Our greatest joys do not result from our efforts toward self-gratification, but from a loving and spontaneous service to others. Joy comes not to him who seeks it for himself, but to him who seeks it for other people — that's what Memorial Day is all about!

Thoughts on Memorial Day

"There never was a good war or a bad peace!"
(Benjamin Franklin)

Remember to remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them. "That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom. Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes and heroines on May 29.



Vacation Bible School

Parents, kindly take note that this year's Vacation Bible School will be June 26th through 30th. More information will be sent out in next month's newsletter.



PRIMETIMERS NEWS



Prime Timers will meet on May 16 at noon in the Ogden Dunes Church Fellowship Hall. The presenter will be Robert Colangelo, a town resident and founder of Green Sense Farms. His enterprise grows many vegetables in unconventional ways which will be of interest to his audience. Come and join us for his presentation. A hearty luncheon will be served for \$9.00 payable at the door.

Everyone is welcome -- we are not all a bunch of oldsters.



Annual Fundraising Event

May 13, 2017
6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Silent Auction
Live Music (The Ticks)

Ogden Dunes Firehouse

Tickets: \$35.00 in advance
\$40.00 at the door

Contact information: sandpiperpreschool@gmail.com

100% of the proceeds support the educational programs at Sandpiper Cooperative Preschool

Something To Think About

- He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself.
- If it wasn't for the optimist, the pessimist would never know how happy he wasn't!
- We can read poetry, and recite poetry, but to live poetry — is the symphony of life.
- To have what we want is riches; but to be able to do without is power.

In Honor of Mothers (Mother's Day—Sunday, May 14th)



But Only One Mother

*Most of all the beautiful things in life
Come by twos and threes, by dozens and
hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets,
rainbows, friends, brothers and sisters, aunts
and uncles, but only one mother in the
whole world.*

Boundless

*They tell about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit;
There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whisper yes or no,
There's not a life, or death, or birth
That has a feather's weight or worth —
Without a woman in it.*