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Pastor's Message

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

Pastor Mark

Discipleship / Worship

Service/Mission	
Requesting Prayers for...	Homebound Members...
Charlie and Audrey Zane, Gordon and Carol Rohweder Leitha Vollick Jennie McCain Marge Simpkins Ronan Mouw Dr. Pat Newhouse Geraldine Carnahan all missionaries and all members of the U.S. Armed Forces. *Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.*	*Long Term Care* Donna Laplaunt, PO Box 1858, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 *At Home* Carolyn Shaw, PO Box 127, Trout Lake, MI 49793 Ellen Meister, 233 West 8th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 *McKinley Manor* 2023 W 4th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Mary Lee Schmidt Mary Jane Bernier Mary Frances Morden *Pennington House* 665 S Pleasant St., Pickford Michigan, 49774 Ardith Bawks *Freighter View Assisted Living* 605 W Portage Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 Audrey Bush *Out of Town* Della Porter, 6600 Constitution Blvd, Room 605, Portage, MI 49024
Deacons in Service this Month...	Food Pantry Distribution...
Greeter: Cheryl Thoresen Pew Maintenance: Jeanne Shibley Transportation: Cathy Akre / Cheryl Thoresen Devotions: Jeanne Shibley	*Assisting Doris Boogerd*: May 12th: Mary Frances Morden / Cathy Akre May 26th: Mary Frances Morden / Francie Waybrant

Women's Bible Study Mission

The Women's Bible Study's Monthly Mission Project for the month of May will be to collect gift cards to assist the Presbytery Point Camp this summer. These money cards will be used to purchase various supplies for camp and for activities for the campers. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Cash and gift cards may be left in the designated, labeled box, in the Narthex on Sundays or in the church office during office hours M-F 9AM-1PM.

Presbytery Point Camp Needs

Presbytery Point needs your help! It takes a village to make it a successful season; our church is part of that village. We do have a wish list on Amazon, but if you would like to help in a more local way, gift cards are the best way! Cards from GFS, Walmart, Meijer, or Visa / Mastercard are the best way to go. These gift cards will then help to purchase what we really need and reduce the stress on our volunteers to get items to camp. Some of the things that these cards would help us purchase are items for our camp store, arts and crafts, bait for fishing, and many other items and activities. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office, addressed to Brenda Ransom, or sent directly to the camp. Thank you so much for supporting the camp in so many ways! It is never too early to get your campers registered and volunteers are always welcome! Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God!"

Church Life

Birthdays

Date	Names
2	Mary Deuman, Jaimee Gerrie
6	Elizabeth Martin, Olivia Martin
13	Jim Waybrant
16	Kristeen Mason
17	Mary Stanaway
20	Renee VanderWeg
21	Glenn Trumble
25	Piper Quinn, Charlie Zane
26	David Bernier
29	Darla Krueger
30	Ronald Cross

Anniversaries

Date	Names / (Years)
5.23.1981	Fred & Sue Michels (45)
5.24.2000	John & Jeanne Shibley (26)

Thank You!

A note of our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to our church family for all of the care and support given to us during Tom's illness and in the days following his passing. It's too much to list here, but please know whatever you did for us was truly appreciated. May God bless all of you for the wonderful friends you are! Cheryl Thoresen, Julie and Steve and families.

PW News

Plans are being made for the "Welcome Summer" luncheon that will be at noon, June 16th , in the Social Hall. There will be speakers from Community Action and we have a fun craft planned.
Our annual rummage sale will be held on August 1st and plans are underway.
Vacation Bible School is being held at our church this summer and we will be serving lunch for the attendees and volunteers on their last day.
We have received a donation of a brass candelabra from the Deuman family. It is available should anyone like to borrow it for an event. Contact Jess or Alegra if you would like to use it.

Kids' Page

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