

# Helmar Heartlines



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“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.”

1 Corinthians 13:1

You can already see all of the flowers, candy, cards, and gifts for sale in preparation for Valentine’s Day. February is known for Valentine’s Day and celebrating love in our relationships and marriages. Love is also a key ingredient for life in the church. Jesus tells His disciples that the world will recognize them as His disciples by the way that they love others (John 13:35). Our love for one another should make us stand out from the rest of the world.

As a Youth Director, I’ve had the privilege of officiating weddings for my former youth group kids. It’s so cool to see how God has worked in their lives and placed someone into their lives that they promise to love, honor, and obey. One of the perks of officiating the wedding is that I also have done their pre-marital counseling. One of the activities that the couple does together is looking at 1 Corinthians 13 in a very personal way.

As they read through 1 Corinthians 13, they are instructed to put their own names in place of the word “love”. As they read, “John is patient” or “Katie is kind”, I ask them questions about which ones they think they may need to work on and which ones God has blessed them with. So what about us in the church?

What if we took 1 Corinthians 13 and applied it to Helmar? Our church is patient. Our church is kind. Our church is not self-seeking or rude. Our church does not envy or boast. How are we doing? What do we need to work on? Are people outside of the church



attracted to our love of Jesus and love for each other?

As we go through this month, and we see all of the cards, candy, and hearts all around, remember love. 1 John 4:10-11 says, “In this love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another.” God loved us enough to give us His Son. Let us show the world our love for Him and for one another. The love that we show others in our relationships, friendships, community, and church should reflect the love that Christ has for us.

Thank you Lord for the example of unconditional love through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to show that love to others in every aspect of our lives.

Gary Maxwell

### Quotes by George Washington.....

“It’s impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

“Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.”

“To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace.”

“Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble.”

# Birthdays and \*Anniversaries For FEBRUARY

**February 3**

Karen Stevens  
Stacy Swenson

**February 4**

Reddington Sucher

**February 5**

Jean Bazan  
Sue Johnson  
Steve Underwood

**February 7**

Art & Kate Hiller\*  
Pat Johnson

**February 8**

Kim Eisnaugle

**February 9**

Ann Borneman  
Nancy Leifheit

**February 11**

Leonard and Leora Chally\*  
Virgil Karales

**February 12**

Jim Punke  
Carol Urton

**February 13**

Kenny Durland

**February 17**

Scott and Lou Riemenschneider\*

**February 20**

Jacob Chelsen  
Ethel Martin

**February 21**

Becky Butts

**February 22**

Bob Christian

**February 26**

Harvey Urton  
Jeff Weisbrook

**February 27**

Audrey Hodney

**February 29**

Noel Cryder

# YOUTH FRONT

Thursday, January 31st is the deadline for FLY registration (at the lowest rate). Please register online at flyconvention.org. Talk to Carrie if you have questions.

Registrations have begun for Family and Youth Bible Camp at Cedar Lake. Camp is July 28-August 2nd. All ages are invited to attend. Students who have completed 6th grade are eligible to stay in dorms without their parents. You can register at fybiblecamp.com.

Friday, February 8th, JAM kids are invited to come to church at 5:00 and help with the Food Pantry. After food pantry, we will have pizza, Bible study, and games.

Lenten services will begin on Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00. The 6-12th grades will attend Lenten services with the adults. Several of the high school students will give their testimonies throughout the seven weeks. The youth will also be scripture readers and ushers. A door offering will be taken each service to support our youth who are attending FLY and Bible Camp.

Wednesday nights continue with JAM in the basement, and the high school Bible study at the Maxwell's. High school kids continue to meet at 5:00pm on Sundays to serve the community. Our Wednesday morning Bible study in Newark has resumed. If you would be willing to make a breakfast for the study, please contact Gary Maxwell.

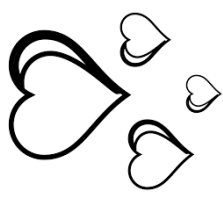
We appreciate your feedback. If you have any questions, please see Gary or any member of the Youth Board.



Thank you to everyone who came out in the extremely poor weather to help support the Food Pantry Kumla Fundraiser on January 19th. We were so thankful for all the faithful help we had setting up, taking down, making desserts and kumla, serving and cleaning up and even home delivery all during inclement weather. Thank you all! We served 380 generous people! Thru their donations we will be able to order 5 truckloads of food for 100 families. We are thankful to the Lord who has faithfully provided for this pantry for 10 years.

-The Helmar Lutheran Church Pantry Board

# February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5pm H.S. Youth Group	4	5 9am Women's Bible Study	6 1:15pm Fellowship Time and Adult Bible Study 7-8pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, BLAST, JAM 6:30-6:55 & 8-9pm Open Gym	7 5:15-6:30pm Legacy BB 7pm Grief Share	8 9am WeeCare 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry 7pm Jr. High Night	9 8am Men's Bible Study 9am Legacy BB
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