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An introductory note from Jon & Hannah.....

We first met each other at Bible camp in 2002. When we were in high school we wrote letters to each other and looked forward to getting together at AFLBS and Bible camps. We started dating while we were in AFLBS and were married in June 2011. Hannah went to the University of Minnesota and graduated with an RN degree in 2013. Jon graduated from Northwestern College in 2012 with a degree in Intercultural Studies. Jon's degree took them to Ukraine in 2012 for an internship with Josiah Venture and we returned in 2014 as team leaders. Hannah worked as a speed skating coach while in college and Jon recently worked as a youth leader. We aren't exactly sure where God will take us in the future but we are hoping and planning on missions, though we aren't sure if we will take a call here in the States first or not. Our family has since grown to three with the addition of Evan Robert on April 23rd.

I had the privilege of growing up in family that loved Jesus. My parents brought me to the Lord in baptism when I was a baby and continued to bring me to church and read from God's Word each night after supper. For the most part I was a "good Christian boy". When I was in 5th grade we adopted a little boy and girl and I went from being the youngest to being "forgotten", at least in my mind. I began to be jealous of my new sister and brother. Unfortunately this jealousy turned to hatred and this was the only feeling that I had toward



them. I remember the night before I was confirmed I needed to find my favorite Bible verse and I didn't want to have the usual, typical verse that everybody chooses so I kept searching for a good one. Eventually I came across I John 2:9 which says, "If anyone says he is in the light and yet hates his brother he is in the darkness." Though this verse extends to more than familial relationships, here I was, hating my own sister and brother. God got my attention that night and showed me my sin. But He didn't leave me there. In verse 12 He says, "I am writing to you little children because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake." God turned me around from my life of jealousy and hatred to a life of selfless love for others. And even this wasn't something that I did on my own accord, but it is because of the love that God has shown me. If I had not experienced His love, I would not be able to love others. John 3:16 says that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." God loved me enough to give up His Son Jesus to die for my sins, for my sins of hating my siblings, my sin of living for myself, my sin of trying to be my own god. I am reminded of my sins often and so I continue to cling to the fact that Jesus has paid it all.

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I (Hannah) was blessed to be baptized into faith and raised in a Christian home in a family with a strong mission background. I went to a Christian school kindergarten through 12th grade followed by two years at the Association's Bible School before attending a state school for my nursing degree. I can remember "inviting Jesus into my heart" as a young child one night with my older brother's guidance, and then again and again any time my kindergarten teacher talked about it. The summer before 6th grade I attended

a few Bible camps which were instrumental in helping me to fully grasp the assurance of my salvation. Through the years I would go back and forth about feeling called to missions, which included mission trips to Mexico and Madagascar, and through our dating and engagement I really felt called to whatever Jon would be called to. After college that meant seminary and a summer in Ukraine, and possibly full time missions after the year of internship, either right away or a few years down the road. God continues to teach me something through each life transition and I look forward to what I will be taught during this next chapter in our lives at Helmar Free

Birthdays and *Anniversaries For JUNE

June 1

Nancy Christian
Nick Hughes
Carrie McCoy

June 2

Debra Hagler
Mary Swenson

June 3

Taylor Christian

June 4

Elmer & Nancy Leifheit*

June 5

Shawn O'Malley

June 7

Everly Chelsen
Tom & Linda Mathre*

June 8

Leora Chally

June 9

Karena Martin

June 10

Steven Bullington
Melissa Hageman

June 11

Elaine Spera

June 13

Arnold Abens
Tom Adams
Rogr Toftoy

June 14

Pam Christian

June 15

Justin Ostby

June 16

Katherine Braund
Scott Swenson

June 17

Bob Bond

June 19

Rich & Rhoda Niles*

June 20

Steve & Kristy Bunge

June 21

Jennifer Chelsen
Jim & Sandra Vogen*

June 22

Kyle & Laura Anderson*
Bob & Pam Christian*
Jim & Connie Punke*
Ann Thorson

June 23

Mark & Tracy Frieders*
Cole Wiesbrook

June 25

Elsie Funte
Jonah Geistler
Dennis & Joan O'Malley*

June 27

Noel & Diane Cryder*
Don & Elsie Funte*
Cole Johnson

Laura Keigher

Lisa Meyer

June 28

Don & Sig Davidson*

June 29

Sam & Jenni Creek*
Henry Cryder

June 30

Jacob & Jennifer Chelsen*

*Wedding Anniversaries



Home Bible Studies

Our Summer Home Bible Studies will begin on June 10th. There will be 3 different locations. Brad & Treva Mathre will host a study on the 5 Love Languages and there will be babysitting available. Don & Sig Davidson will host a study of "How Now Shall We Live", a video series by Chuck Colson. And Dave & Shira Christian will be hosting a video series "That the World May Know". They will all begin at 6:30pm.



Grief Share classes will begin on Sunday, June 14th., late afternoon or evening. Exact time to be determined. Tom and Linda Mathre will be leading the class. If you have any questions, please contact them at 815-210-0985 (Linda) or 815-210-0875 (Tom).

Help Needed! Quilters and anyone willing to help! We will be moving everything out of the Quilting Room on Tuesday, June 2 at 9am. If you have empty containers that you could bring, it would be appreciated. We need to have everything off the floor for the carpeting to be installed. Also, if we have enough help, we would like to finish the cleaning in the basement kitchen.

Men's Choir- All men are invited to sing "Faith of Our Fathers" for Father's Day, June 21. Not only will this be in honor of all father's, but also remembering Virgil and thanking God for all he did as he served our Helmar family. Please come even if you've never sung with us before. Practices will be in the choir loft on Thursday, June 11th and 18th at 7pm. Let's have a great turnout, men!

MY PRECIOUS CHILD

The greatest gift we will ever know
is a child, born to love and grow.
Conception is a miracle in itself;
the start of new life and good health.

Such a treasure your precious child is,
who will thrive on every hug and kiss.
Hold them close and sing them songs;
they will only be a child for so long.

They may not always smell pure and sweet,
A dirty diaper or a dampened sheet.
But with a loving cuddle and beautiful smile,
the joys of parenthood are all worth while.
"Thank-you Lord for our precious child."

Unknown



Help Needed

We are in need of help setting up the Food Pantry, unloading the NIFB truck on the 2nd Fridays of the month, and also with help during the pantry hours (handing out food and taking to cars).

We may set up the night before if this would enable us to get more volunteers. Please contact Linda Mathre if you could help or have any questions.

YOUTH FRONT

We give God glory for His faithfulness again as we see His work in the lives of the confirmands. Phil. 1:6 says, "For I am confident of this very thing that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." God's blessings as you walk with Jesus!

Come join The Amazing Race, either as participants or to cheer along your favorite team, on Saturday, June 6. Time slots are 9:30-11 am and 3-4:30 pm. Sign up as 2-member teams. The cost is \$10 per team. Concessions will be available, too. This is the last fundraiser for FLY. Speaking of which, there are 13 students (Danielle, Josh, David, Kynsey, Faith, Jonah, Eliza, Jared, Katie, Sammy, Austin, Millie, Cole, Jack) and 4 adults (Brian and Carrie Pilon, Caroline Swenson, Tyler Wiesbrook) planning to attend the convention, June 29-July 3. Jon and Hannah Langness are also going. Please pray for open hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit's guidance before, during, and following the time in Colorado!



Registration has begun! Both on-line and at church. The dates are July 13-17th. Helpers are still needed in all areas. Also, don't forget the float construction before the July 4th parade. Work days will be announced soon both for making mountains, etc. and for constructing the float for the July 4th parade. Set aside July 11th, beginning at 9am for decorating the church. Lunch will be provided.

Donations of the following items are still needed:

- White duct tape
- White large plastic table cloths
- Blue large plastic table cloths
- Rope lighting or small white lights
- Light weight quilt batting

There will be a container in the Narthex for any items donated.

Family Mission

Family Mission will be on June 7th with a 10:45am brunch. The featured mission project is LERT— Lutheran Emergency Response Team. Several Helmar members have attended training at Cross Lutheran, and went to Rochelle to help after the recent tornado.

He Gathers Every Teardrop

Regardless of the circumstance,
Regardless of the fear,
Regardless of the pain we bear;
Regardless of the tear,

Our God is ever in control,
Performing as He should,
And He has promised in His Word
To work things for our good.

But as a loving Father would,
He sometimes lets us cr;
To cleanse the hurt out of our heart
To wash it from our eyhe.

Yet gently gather He the tears
Within His hand to stay,
Until He turns them in to pearls
And gives them back someday

Glena F. Davis

Welcome Potluck

Jon & Hannah should be arriving in Helmar on June 3rd. After giving them time to get settled in, we will be having a Meet And Greet/Baby Shower Potluck for them on June 14th, following Sunday School. The church will provide the meat and a guideline for bringing a dish to pass is as follows: A-D hot dishes, E-L desserts, M-Z salads. As always, feel free to bring your "signature" dish even if it doesn't fall into the correct category. This is just a guideline. More details on the "Baby Shower" part coming soon.

The Amazing Race

Fundraiser for FLY

Two member teams.

There will be about 10 different challenges (some will only be done by 1 teammate). Some challenges will be mental and some will be physical (nothing too crazy since we'll have some younger participants).

Cost per team is \$10.

Time slots: 9:30-11am and 3-4:30pm

Concessions will be available.

Saturday, June 6th

Sign up in narthex.

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:30pm H2O	4 9:15-10:30am Women's Bible Study	5	6 8am Men's Bible Study 9:30am The Amazing Race
7 9:00 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Brunch 11:00 am Family Mission	8	9 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 8pm Council Mtg.	10 2:15pm Fellowship Time 2:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Home Bible Studies 7:30pm H2O	11 9:15-10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Choir Practice 7:00pm Men's Choir Practice 7:00pm Faith Circle	12 5-7pm Food Pantry	13 8am Men's Bible Study
14 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:30am Welcome Potluck for Jon & Hannah Grief Share begins-Time TBD	15	16	17 2:30 pm Bible Study 6:30pm Home Bible Studies 7:30pm H2O	18 9:15-10:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Choir Practice	19	20 8am Men's Bible Study
21 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School	22 3-5 pm Food Pantry	23	24 2:30 pm Bible Study 6:30pm Home Bible Studies 7:30pm H2O	25 9:15-10:30am Women's Bible Study	26	27 8am Men's Bible Study
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