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Pastor Hours are
Monday-8:30-12, 1-4:30

Special offering for UMW & UPC

Special Mission offering will be taken on October 16th. This is divided between the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church. The United Methodist goes for Human Relations Day, UMCOR Sunday, Native American Ministries, Peace with Justice, World Communion and United Methodist Student Day. The Presbyterian goes for One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace and Global Witness, Christmas Joy ad Pentecost offering.



Fall baskets bidding begins on October 2 nd and will end when worship begins on October 23 rd. You can pick up and pay for your baskets after the service.



Pill bottles are being collected by the PW to send over seas for their hospitals to use. The labels are to be taken off and bottles washed.
Thank you to everyone who donated for the special mission to support the hospital in getting new waiting room furniture. \$295 was the amount received.

Thank you to Katie Drader for her special music on Sunday.

Up Beat

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The Bottineau Area Christian Ministers Association has not met since its Wednesday, September 14, meeting at Metigoshe Lutheran Church. Consequently, there has been no further discussion regarding the proposal of welcoming a refugee family to Bottineau. I will keep the parish informed of any developments. I hope BACMA will meet on October 12.

Pastor Beth



A group of ladies from the church met at the Norway House for a farewell luncheon for Edna Peterson. Her new address is Edna Peterson

1000 Century West, Apt. 148
Bismarck, ND 58503

Charly McKay played at Oak Manor for the residents.



The Story Behind Black Cats Aren’t Scary“As Boris discovers in the story, the only way to change hearts is to always act in love. Nothing is more powerful than love because God IS love!” — Harrison Woodard

Background – The Christian Halloween Story Black Cats Aren’t Scary is set during Halloween when Boris encounters fear, prejudice and superstition surrounding black cats and the holiday.

Black cats seem to get singled out during the Halloween season, sometimes in very evil ways. For this reason, many parents with black cats keep them indoors and out of harm’s way until Halloween has passed. The story concept had been bouncing around my head for many months. With Boris being a black cat, a Halloween story seemed like a natural. I just did not have the right Christian message.

While meditating one day, I started thinking about how God reacts to all the people who reject him. I remembered an incident a few weeks earlier when I was with two atheists who were mocking my faith. They called Christianity a “fairy tale” and had other things to say in an effort to embarrass or hurt me. They weren’t rejecting me. They were rejecting Christ. It might have been out of fear, or emotional pain, but they were rejecting the one person that could give them peace, freedom and wholeness.

I just felt compassion for them. I assume in the same way Jesus felt compassion for those that rejected and crucified him. He knew that they are simply blinded by the evil one. No matter what they did to Jesus, he would still love and forgive them. His death and resurrection was the ultimate love act, bringing redemption to all who would accept it. Ultimately, people have to make the choice for themselves whether to believe Jesus or reject him as their Savior. There is no middle ground. You are either for God or against Him. But God in His great mercy will protect your free will all the way to hell.

As long as you live on this earth, you have the opportunity to “switch teams.” As Christians, God has delegated to us the power along with authority to influence and encourage people to turn to Christ. So what is the secret to doing this effectively? As Boris discovers in the story, the only way to change hearts is to always act in love. Nothing is more powerful than love because God IS love.

Summary – The story begins with Boris seeing images of scary black cats while looking in store windows. And then he meets people who call him evil or bad luck. This of course is very troubling. Boris knows that none of this is true. God made him and he is not evil. As these thoughts continue to trouble him, he turns to God for an explanation. God helps Boris see how love can overcome all fear and prejudice. When Boris has a chance to see some of the people that were afraid of him, his act of love changes their attitude.

Did You Know? – Many shelters have stopped adopting black cats during the month of October. And although statistics are hard to locate, there does seem to be some truth to the stories of abuse targeting black cats.

Boris, the real one, does enjoy his forays into the dark. But during the Halloween season, He only gets supervised trips outside. If you have a cat and especially a black one, I would encourage you to keep a watchful eye on your furry friend during the Halloween season.

The story was illustrated by Donna Rosin.

But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Do to others as you would have them do to you. — Luke 6:27-28, 31

October Birthdays

- 01 – Logan James Moss
- 3 – Andy Mills
- 8- David Kyle
- 10 – Rhonda Milbrath
- 11 – Ralph Bjornseth
- 11- Sharon Whetter
- 12-Anna Elizabeth Sand
- 14 – Brenda Gardner
- 20-Linda Kyle
- 21 – Bryson Mills
- 24 – Margo Knudson



October Anniversaries

- 19 – Leo & Clairen Jostad
- 21 - Jordan & Taylor Kippen
- 24 – Lloyd & Peggy Nelson

United Parish Memorial

Charles & Helen Kippen - Joy, Jeff, Jennifer and Jennifer’s children.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Sunday School 9 Fellowship 9 Bible Study 10 Worship						1
2	3 10 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy	4	5 2:00 PW	6	7	8
9 4 - 7 Peace Lu- theran Supper	10 10 Christian Crafters	11	12 2:00 UMW 7:00 Parish Council	13	14	15
16 Special Mission offering	17 10 Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy	18	19	20	21	22
23 No Sunday School	24 10 Christian Crafters	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 10 Christian Crafters					