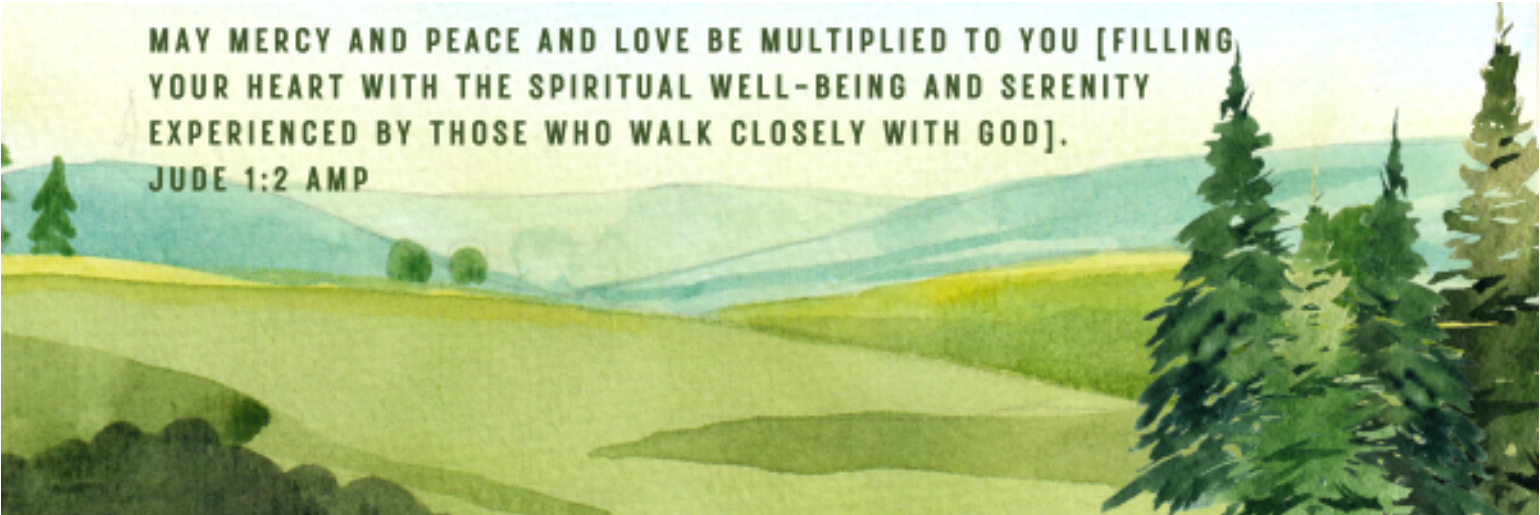


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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I have heard so many amazing stories from missionaries over the last 20 years of people coming to know Christ through dreams. Those dreams have a theme of a man showing up in their dream and telling the dreamer that someone will be coming to tell them about Himself. Then the missionary shows up and it is like the hard work has already been done; they get to reveal the details of seeds already planted. The people are eager and ready to receive the gospel. We get a similar story in Acts 10, when Carnelius has a vision in which he is told to send for Peter (and told where he is staying) and Peter would bring the good news.

Then there are dreams like I had last night. It involved a person I know committing very violent crimes and I woke up so angry and frustrated. It took me a minute to remind myself that the setting of the dream is not the setting I was in, that the person in question did not commit the crimes of my dream, and that everything my brain had just been thinking was not reality. There’s a running joke with some of my family members about “dream David,” apparently dream David is not the nicest person and is often causing trouble and hurting people. It feels a little silly sometimes when I say, “I’m sorry for what dream David did last night.” God can speak through dreams, but that doesn't mean that all dreams are messages from God.

If you wake up and think to yourself, “Wow, I wonder if God was trying to say something to me in that dream?” There are a few principles which you can use to try and discern if there is some sort of message from God in the dream. First, and most importantly, how does it compare with God’s revealed word? God has already given us His word in scripture, and we affirm that it is authoritative on all matters on which it speaks. If your interpretation of the dream would lead to doing something, or believing something which is contrary to scripture, then we can quickly reject that as a message not from God. This is an important reason why we need to be people of the word. If we do not spend time in the Bible, if we do not know what it is saying, then how are we to be good at discernment when we neglect the primary tool God has given us. It would be like showing up to a competition having never trained or practiced.

The second principle is to ask, “Is this bringing glory to Christ?” Jesus says in John 16:14 that the Holy Spirit will bring glory to himself in His interaction with believers. So be asking yourself, who or what is being glorified if I were to follow down this path? Am I just doing what I want? Or is God actually going to be glorified through these actions? These questions can easily be aided by the third principle, get Godly counsel. What do your friends who are sold out for Jesus say about what you are feeling led towards? Are they excited and cheering you on saying, “I can’t wait to see how God uses this?” Or are they questioning whether you are wanting to do this for ulterior motives? Take for example a dream in which you feel prompted to move, change jobs, or something similar. You won’t find a scripture saying, “you shall move to …” so we have to start asking these other questions. Am I going for the right reasons? Am I moving because I know that there are opportunities for the gospel to be shared? Or am I moving because I am actually running away from problems or relationships that would be better worked through? Hopefully, you have Godly friends who are willing to challenge your thoughts and push you towards pursuing what God wants for you, not just what would make you feel better. One of the biggest lies today is that what is most important in your decisions is your happiness. I strongly disagree, what is important is doing what is right and what will bring glory to God.

Pastor David

Pastor David's Office Hours:
Monday 9 - 12 & 1 - 3 pm | Tues & Wed 1-3 pm | Thurs. 9 am - 12 pm | Pastor David's Phone: 906-290-3510

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA



Pray for safety, healing, provision and spiritual strength in the wake of devastating earthquakes and ongoing crises.

Venezuela has recently experienced two powerful earthquakes, measuring 7.2 and 7.5, causing widespread destruction, thousands of deaths, and leaving tens of thousands missing or displaced. The country also faces ongoing socio-economic challenges, including shortages of food, medicine, basic supplies, high inflation, and widespread poverty.

Local churches and humanitarian teams are actively responding, providing shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

Please pray especially for the Yanomamo Tribe that we have missionaries serving.



YANOMAMO TORCH

Torches are devices made by our missionaries in Venezuela who serve the Yanomamo Tribe. On this Torch there is the Yanomamo New Testament, there is an audio book called “King of Glory” (translated of course), testimonies from the Yanomamo Church elders, and 70 foundational sermons by a Yanomamo pastor



INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO VBS!!!

Please invite friends, family and neighbors to Vacation Bible School! We will be going back to Ancient Egypt this year to learn more about Joseph from the Bible! Please text Erin if you’d like to volunteer and haven’t signed up yet 719-225-5050

SUMMER BOOK CLUB



2nd book
“The Prayer Box”
by Lisa Wingate
Meeting to
discuss on
Thursday, August 27
6:30 pm.



KIDS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

10-12 AUG 5-8PM

EVERYTHING IS FREE INCLUDING DINNER

HELP YOUR KIDS GROW IN THEIR FAITH AND SEE BIBLE STORIES COME TO LIFE

Ages 4k-6th grade
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church
806 Fritzie Ave in Crivitz



BACKYARD LESSONS



My simple backyard oasis has been both a source of frustration and a series of ever-changing natural delights. Last year I revamped and fertilized my perennial beds. This year with all the rain, heat and humidity, they are looking like a lush jungle with colorful blooms, but the weeds are also flourishing. My vegetable garden beds are amazing – too amazing as the zucchini, cucumber and tomato plants filled and overwhelmed the cages and raised bed borders that usually corral them. I have been blessed by a bountiful harvest of green beans, zucchini, Swiss chard and cukes with more veggies popping up every day.

Job 12:7-10 “But ask the animals and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you, or speak to the earth, and it will teach you.”

My elderly northern Wisconsin bred body prefers cooler, less humid temperatures. I quickly wilt out in the garden even in the more temperate early morning hours. I am dismayed by my old lady arms that are peppered with wounds and bruises from my gardening efforts. Even minor bumps while working in my flowers and veggies often leaves my fragile skin with new colorful spots. I enjoy reading and the backyard views while sitting in my chair with my morning coffee. The early morning dew is glistening on the bushes and the garden with the sunlight filtering through the big sassafras tree and the lilacs. The birds are busily chirping and flying in to check out my feeders. The goldfinches and hummingbirds are enjoying breakfast, but all is not well for the other birds who frequented the other empty or missing feeders. Woody woodchuck and his cousins used to enjoy cleaning up any spilled seed, especially the sunflower mix, under the feeders. Woody also nibbles on some of my flowers and the white clover in the lawn. The birds and I were willing to share. The neighborhood cats patrol my feeder area hoping to catch a careless bird feeding on the ground. I seldom see any squirrels or rabbits. The cat patrol and the neighbors’ dog who loves barking at the squirrels and cats might scare them away. As a chubby Church Mouse, I also enjoy snacks. I need to keep a low profile, so I am careful to nibble on just my share. I had repeated invasions of nighttime bandits. A greedy masked band of marauders discovered my plentiful source of delicious goodies. A mother racoon and her three hungry growing youngsters would come after dark and raid the feeders. I had just filled them with the sunflower mix most of the birds preferred. I watched their acrobatic attack plan as two of them climbed the pole to grab, tip and claw at the feeders while the other two were feasting on the falling seed below. They quickly emptied the feeders. The bird seeds are expensive and so are the feeders now twisted and bent. They also destroyed the older plastic trash can I used to store the seed for the birds on my carport. I waved my white flag. I now have a new storage can with three bungee cords to secure the lid. There will be no more sunflower seed mix in the feeders until the racoons move on. Like in my backyard, some people upset the balance when they take more than their part with violence or greed. There are often negative consequences that effect their relationships with God and others. I enjoy watching all the critters when they share God’s bounty without being too greedy or destructive. So, it goes in my little corner of the world. Praise God for all his amazing creations, even the racoons.

-Pip the church mouse

AUGUST 2026



COMMUNION

Aug 2- Lyle C, Derrick M, Howie E, & Randy
Aug 9- Mike Y & Nora S
Aug 16- Howie E & Jim P
Aug 23- Brenda W & Lyle C
Aug 30- Derrick M & Nora S

COUNTING

Aug 2- Lyle C & Derrick M
Aug 9- Mike Y & Nora S
Aug 16- Howie E & Jim P
Aug 23- Lynn B & Lyle C
Aug 30- Derrick M & Nora S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug 2- Mary P
Aug 9- Wendy G
Aug 16- Amy K
Aug 23-
Aug 30- Randy C

GREETERS

Aug 2- Steven M & Dave G
Aug 9- Henry & Lynn B
Aug 16- Nora S & Steven M
Aug 23- Larry P
Aug 30- Dave & Lynn E & Steven M

SAFETY

Aug 2- Dave G
Aug 9- Henry B
Aug 16- Nora S
Aug 23- Andy K
Aug 30- Andy K

KITCHEN HELP

Joe & Sherry E & Dar T

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Tromble	4 th
Erin Pleuss	11 th
Glen Franzen	12 th
Dawn Greason	14 th
Terri Hager	17 th
Paula Guth	25 th
Donald Denis	27 th
Tom Jacobs	27 th
MaryBeth Edwards	27 th
Mary Pleuss	28 th
Averie Kaufman	29 th
Noelle Allard	29 th
Julie Yoder	30 th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Lori Landwehr	9 th
Dave & Wendy Glynn	13 th
Henry & Lynn Bauer	16 th
Glen & Diane Franzen	16 th
Joe and Sherry Edlhuber	18 th
Rick & Mary Berger	18 th
Chris & Terri Hager	20 th
Jerry & Cindy Herrell	21 st

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Worship 10am Potluck after service	3 Jail Outreach	4	5 Men's Group 6:30am	6	7	8
9 Worship 10am NO POTLUCK Pizza party/VBS Set up after service	10 VBS 5-8pm	11 VBS 5-8pm	12 Men's Group 6:30am VBS 5-8pm	13	14	15
16 10am Church Picnic/Service at Camp Daniel W10541 Army Lane Athelstane, WI	17 Jail Outreach	18	19 Men's Group 6:30am	20 Session 6pm	21	22
23 Worship 10am Potluck after service	24	25	26 Men's Group 6:30am	27 Book Club 6:30pm	28	29 Camp Daniel Movie Night 6:00pm
30 Worship 10am Potluck after service	31					