

Pastor's Message

The number of days which have been in the 70's is growing. I love 70's. Not only do I like 70's music but I really like 70's temperature. Not too hot and not too cold but just right.

And besides the grass is growing like crazy and the leaves are popping out their leaves. The farmers planted seeds that are sprouting and they are getting their first cutting of hay. Who wouldn't like all of that?

With all this nice weather it makes me think of Science and Faith. You might think I'm weird, but not more so than any of you. But there is not an either/or mentality that works when you consider Scientific Investigation and the Christian Faith. One is not in opposition to the other. The way that you hear about things now days, you'd think you have to pick one over the other - Science or Faith in Christ. And that just is NOT true.

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sachs - the former chief rabbi of Great Britain, a distinguished professor at three universities, and a member of the House of Lords - says, "Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean."

Wondering why the world works the way it does is what led early scientists to explore how it works. The result was science as we know it today. Nobel Prize-winning physicist Steven Weinberg, no fan of religion, admits, "The Protestant Reformation of the early sixteenth century set the stage for the great scientific breakthroughs of seventeenth-century England."

In their book *The Soul of Science*, Nancy Pearcey and Charles Thaxton explain that Christianity provided the greenhouse in which science could

develop. They identify seven Christian convictions that enabled the scientific impulse to flourish:

1. *Nature is real and valuable enough to study* (as opposed to the ancient Greek belief that nature was transient and therefore relatively unimportant).

2. *Nature is good, but it isn't God* (as opposed to animistic religions that leave nature alone because it's the exclusive abode of the gods).

3. *Nature is orderly* (as opposed to religions that teach that the world is unpredictable because it is ruled by a pantheon of unruly and unpredictable gods).

4. *Nature's laws can be precisely stated and understood* (as opposed to ancient religions that taught that creation was too mysterious to be consistently known).

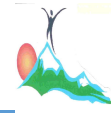
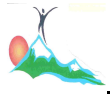
5. *Humans can discover nature's order* (as opposed to the ancient Eastern belief that nature was not the product of a rational mind and therefore not subject to rational thinking).

6. *Detailed observation is possible and important* (as opposed to Aristotle's thinking that if an object's purpose was understood, detailed observation of it was unnecessary).

7. *The universe is rationally intelligible because God is rationally intelligent* (as opposed to philosophies that trust limited human intelligence as the only kind that really exists).

These assumptions made the study of the natural world both theological as well as scientific. God cares about what he has made, and so should we.

This is just a bit of food for thought as you enter into this first month of what we term "summer". And soon we will experience the longest day of the



year - June 20th. It took us six long months to get here from the shortest day of the year - December 20th.

I hope that you might be enjoying God's creation. And, in your own way, be exploring it to better understand it. Also take time to reflect on He who created it all. The purpose of creation is to lead you and I to Him.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)

In the beginning was the Word and the word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

(excerpts from Understanding the Culture by Jeff Myers pp 77-78)

Your friend in Christ

Pastor Vern

Administrative Board

The Administrative Board meeting minutes from May: The April's treasurer's report has deposits in the amount of \$5023.06 and expenses totaling \$6298.06. Pastor Vern will be on vacation for four days, June 4-7 and for five days June 11-15. In April we had a productive clean-up day with the bushes at the front of the church being removed and landscaping to be completed at a later date. The board received one bid for the work to be done in the "new room" which is located where the pipe organ was. The bid of \$8970 excludes flooring and moving the heat source. The balance in the building fund for this project is \$7667. There will be a Congregational meeting after May 27th church service to vote on the renovations. The vanity and faucets have been purchased and will be installed. The front of the building needs to be scraped and

repainted and considerations for this work is being discussed. The boiler was inspected on May 8th and it passed. A second projector for the right side of the church will be purchased from the Memorial Fund. May 20th will be the Blessings of the Bikes at Quincey Square after the church service. It is also Pentecostal Sunday. May 27th Bob and Carol Rosetti will be present to tell us more about the "Buy the Farm" ministry. June 3rd is Children's Day and June 10th will be a Ladies Service with our women doing the service. Plans are underway for VBS with Truxton, DeRuyter and Cuyler participating. The contribution of \$300 was voted on and passed to support the VBS program. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

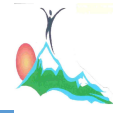
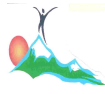
Bonnie Ziegler, Clerk

Christian Education

We had a special guest help with our Mother and Father's Day gifts. Denise Whalen helped the younger kids make gifts for their parents using beads and markers and their own words describing their parents. The last few weeks we have been wrapping up and preparing for our year end program at the church on June 3rd. Hope you will come and share in our year end celebration!

Vacation Bible School News

We are fast approaching VBS week July 16-20, therefore we are meeting twice a month. The next meeting will be June 3rd at 2 PM at Cuyler church. The DeRuyter church will be serving the meal on July 19 and we are in need of servers. This church will be having a sign up day on Children's Sunday June 3rd.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 1~~John Young
June 2~~Luke Sautter
June 4~~Harry Ludke
June 5~Bobby & Denise Cuddeback
June 9~Sam & Shirley Fuller
June 12~Laura Centolella
June 12~Fred & Rosemary Lawrence
June 13~Jamie Graham
June 14~Steve & Jean Whalen
June 17~Denise Cuddeback
June 19~Dave & Joan Ball
June 25~Teri Burdick
June 27~Dave Ball
June 28~Ginny Moore
June 28~R J Brown
June 29~Bob & Dot Brock
June 30~~Sue Young

Calendar of Events

Each Sun. @ 9:30 am Adult Sunday School through June 17th

@11 am Worship Service and time will change on June 24th to 10 AM

Tues AM Prayer. @ 8:30 am– Prayer in Pastor Vern’s office, June 19th and 26th

Each Wed. @ 6:30pm-Prayer @ home of Ginny Moore

2nd & 4th Sat. of month

9th - Men's group meets @ 8 am. @ Lynn’s Diner

23th - Men's group meets @ 8 am. @ Parish House

June Calendar Events

June 2 - Tractor Pull @ Fairgrounds - 1 pm

June 3 - Sunday School Sunday for the worship service.

Adult SS class will continue through June 17.

Sunday School will resume in September

June 4 - 7 pm - Admin. Bd. Meets at 7 PM

June 7 - 7 pm - Spiritual Bd. meets

June 4 -7 Pastor Vern on vacation

June 10 - Lady's Sunday for the worship service

June 11-15 Pastor Vern on vacation

June 17 - Father's Day

June 24 - Graduation Sunday (change to 10 am worship)

What if

You woke

up one day

and you

only

had what you

thanked God

for the

day before!!