



June 14, 2018

Greetings friends,

As I think of Father's Day this year, our recent visit down to see Mark's folks was a real revelation to me. His mom and dad have always been a wonderful example of marital teamwork for us. For nearly 65 years they've chosen to do nearly everything together from simple daily farm living to working in the farm office to turkey meeting attendance all over the country to entertaining in their home to worldwide vacationing. But poor Janet has basically been out of commission for almost a year. She has had a couple back surgeries and at 83+ years old, recovery has been slow and painful. She has been in and out of hospitals and care facilities for months. Now that she is finally back home, Pete has stepped it up and is beautifully handling her continued recovery as he monitors her daily therapy and meds, keeps house and also prepares their meals. He is on the job and she is grateful for his loving care.

I had never witnessed Pete's compassionate competency at caregiving before and he totally rocks it. Over the years of raising Max together, and especially after my cancer surgeries, Mark has proven

to be an amazing life partner, dad and caregiver and I often wondered where he got his sensibility and prowess for these roles. I know both my dad and Pete greatly impacted his understanding of the husband and father roles. But his expertise at nurturing me back to health was above and beyond. Now I know who inspired his marvelous caregiving strengths.

And, thankfully, it doesn't stop with Mark. I'm so proud to report our Max also displays these same first-class dad and loving partner abilities with little Cora and his wife, Kristin. He learned them from the best of teachers, his dad and his grandpas.

Happy Father's Day!

This Week at Grace – Pastor Fred will lead our worship service this week, but Chris and Krista Taylor are back in town with their family and will share news of their ministry in north Africa. Josiah Soderstrum will share his gift for music as our special music this week. *Greeter this week is Loretta Parker. Those serving as ushers include the Warwick family. Riker Warwick will serve as liturgist.* Worship begins at 9:15. Team E is serving "Donuts for Dad" for Coffee Fellowship after the service this morning. Please join us!

Opportunities for lawn mowing are available at Grace Church this summer! A sign-up sheet is on a clipboard in the narthex. The church does have a mower that you may use if you'd rather not haul yours over.

HELP WANTED: With Pastor Fred winding up his time with us here at Grace, we need to prepare for Pastor Jonathan Cooney's arrival. The Trustees have set this **Thursday, June 21 as a "Painting Prep Evening"** beginning at 5:30 p.m. over at the parsonage. We'll be working on the second floor bedrooms and bath. Please bring painters tape and other painting supplies. **Saturday, June 23 is designated as our Painting Day beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29 will be our deep cleaning days (including window washing) at the parsonage.** All are welcome to come lend a hand at any or all of these sessions. Please bring the tools needed for the job(s) you plan to help tackle. Thank you!

The July-August Upper Room devotional magazine has arrived and is available for pick up in the narthex. There is also a flyer available on the upcoming Lifelight festival on July 14th in the North Park.

REMINDER - Any articles or reports you'd like to have included in the July newsletter need to be submitted to the church office by June 20th, please.

Looking ahead – Please note the attached invitation to the Retirement Reception in honor of Bethany Life Chaplain Sandy Anenson.

Bethany Life is holding their Annual Golf Classic on Friday, June 22nd. This is a two person best ball tournament, that includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, a hotdog lunch, grilled dinner by Chef Chris Hansen and all sorts of fun games and door prizes. This year's event is being held at the Ames Golf & Country Club. \$100 per person. Call Lynne Melssen at 515-733-3040 or email her at: lynne@bethanylife.org Come support Bethany Life and enjoy a great day on the links!

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:
Marlene Doolittle; Denny Michel; Caleb Michel; Jean Reeder; Lois Johnson; Duane O'Tool; Jackie Royer (Sharla's friend); Norman Patti; Cooper Leeman, Taylors in Africa

News You Can Use

Sunday, June 17

9:15 Worship – Taylor family shares news of ministry

10:15 Coffee Fellowship – Team E serves “Donuts for Dad”

Sunday, June 24

8:45 Java with Jesus – BYOB beverage & visit in narthex

9:15 Worship – Pastor Fred's last day in the Grace pulpit

**Faithfully,
Cathy**