



June 20, 2019

Greetings friends,

Who knows what goes through a young child's mind? Last week little Cora was very busy "making a joyful noise" during worship. We'd talked about no wandering around the sanctuary during the service as she had done after escaping from G'pa, a couple times this spring. She understood she could go up to listen to the children's message, but was to come straight back to sit with G'ma. No wandering.

What I didn't cover was not talking to Pastor when he was trying to tell a story! Who knew

she'd have something to say? Usually, she's content to just sit and listen to him. But this week, Jonathan was using a globe. Cora is fascinated with G'ma's globe and G'pa has pointed out a few key places on it. Perhaps it shouldn't have been surprising then, that Cora felt it necessary to point out Spain where her good friend 'Derdinand' (Ferdinand the Bull) lives. She had a few other things she wanted to talk about, as well. Clearly, as with Ferdinand, Cora regards Jonathan as her good friend, too.

Also this week, Cora decided to debut her singing voice, her LOUD, but sweetly airy high soprano singing voice. She has silently "followed along" with a hymnal open (usually upside down) many times. Singing joyfully this week was new and surprised her G'ma. We're pleased she's so comfortable and happy in her church home (many thanks to all who so cheerfully greet her each time she visits). We don't know what exactly inspired all Cora's vocal participation but, as I mentioned above, she certainly enjoyed contributing her joyful noise!

This Week at Grace Jonathan's message, "Following Jesus: Going Home" is inspired by Luke 8:26-39. Riker Warwick and Owen Hubert, fresh off a week of adventures at Bible Camp, will share special music with us. Vivian Whitmore and Caleb Michel will serve as greeters on Sunday with Steph and Tori Fournier and Gini Michel acting as ushers and Nate Warwick as liturgist. Following the service, please come down to Fellowship Hall for birthday cookies with Caleb Michel! Our worship service begins at 9:15 – please join us!

Articles and Reports for the July VISITOR newsletter are due in the office by TODAY, please!

Can you help? We are in need of a Sunday school superintendent/Education Chair, a Middle School Sunday school teacher, and a facilitator for the Adult Sunday school class this fall! Please let Jonathan know if you are interested in learning more about any of these important positions!

You're invited to come to church a bit early on summer Sunday mornings for 'Java with Jesus' and your Grace Church family. Beginning at 8:45 each Sunday, plan to bring a thermal cup of your preferred morning beverage and meet in the narthex for a little fellowship before the service begins. On the fourth Sunday of June (June 23), and the third Sundays of July and August, the serving G.R.A.C.E. team will host Coffee Fellowship with home-baked goodies following the morning service.

The Leadership Development (Nominations) Committee will meet on Sunday, June 23rd after the worship service.

The Story City American Legion is celebrating 100 years! You're invited to a Chicken & Sweet Corn Feed on Sunday, June 30 from 11:00 to 2:00. Find them in the North Park – everyone is invited and carry-outs are available. Other special things going on in conjunction with this celebration are carousel rides 2 for the price of 1 and a special concert at the band shell from 1:00-3:00. Kenny Frette and Karen White will be performing. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and come celebrate with the Story City American Legion!

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:
Rich Peterson (Erma's brother); Adam Kimball (Barclay nephew); Judy Skaare (Jonathan's sister); George Sellers; Emmerson Kahl; Emily Meier; Lois Johnson; Garry Gerjets; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family

News You Can Use

Sunday, June 23

9:15 AM Worship – Owen & Riker, special music
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:30 AM Leadership Development meeting

Monday, June 24

5:30 PM Finance
6:30 PM Council

Sunday, June 30

8:45 AM *Java with Jesus* – BYOB fellowship in narthex
9:15 AM Worship – Josiah Soderstrum has special music

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**Faithfully,
Cathy**