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**APRIL 2024**

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## What God Looks Like

Here's a cute story by Em Griffin, author of *The Mind Changers*:

A Kindergarten teacher told her students to draw a picture of what was important to them. So, they all immediately and very enthusiastically started in on their new fun project. Way in the back of the room little Johnny began to labor very intensely over his drawing. Before too long everybody else had finished and handed in their picture but he didn't. He was still working very diligently on his drawing.

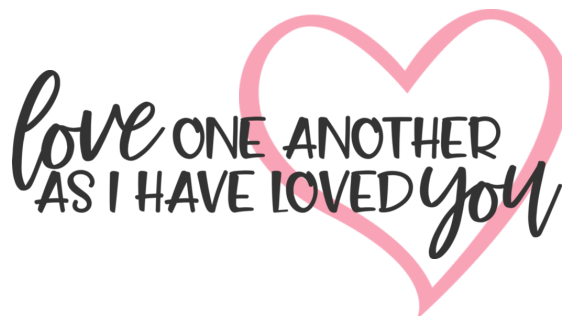
Having her curiosity tweaked, the teacher graciously walked back and put her arm around Johnny's shoulder and said, "Johnny, what is taking you so long? What could you possibly be drawing?" He didn't take even a moment to look up at her; he just kept on working feverishly at his picture. Again, she said, "Johnny, what are you drawing?" This time he heard her and replied, "God." The teacher said, "But Johnny, no one knows what God looks like." He answered, "They will when I'm through."

That little story reminds me of the song that's in our Faith We Sing Songbook on page 2223. It says... We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that our unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love; by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Fortunately, we do not have to rely on the obscure drawings that don't accurately or appropriately depict for us and others what God might actually look like. Having love for one another is sufficient to communicate what God is like. God is like love because God is love. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

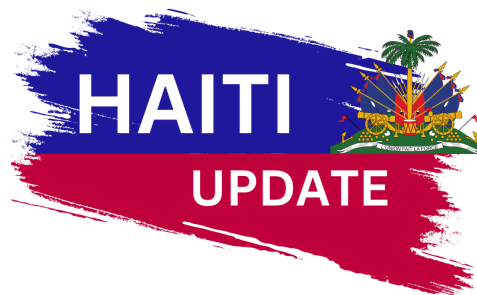
*In Christ our Lord,*

*Pastor Dan*



love ONE ANOTHER  
AS I HAVE LOVED you

You have probably heard Haiti is experiencing much unrest due to gang violence. Approximately 200 armed gangs are operating in Haiti. Most of the gang violence is in Port-au-Prince and its suburbs. However, the effects are felt throughout the island. Contacting our Haitian friends in Port de Paix, we were told supplies are stopped in Port-au-Prince and not making it to the northwest portion of Haiti. Jean Fresnel, the son of one of the cooks we used on our trips to Augustin, states all of his products have been blocked since February 20th. Pastor Franck states they are safe and doing well, but they have not been able to check on Augustin. Augustin residents are taking care of themselves. They are asking for your prayers.



# OWLS

fun!

March 21



Jean Hahn gave an excellent presentation on the history of women's basketball. Through her personal experience, and her mother's time as high school basketball players, Jean related the fun times and the character developing that the game of basketball has brought to Iowa and beyond.



Each month at our OWLS Luncheon, Margaret, with a smile, carries coffee to our guests.



Ready Set  
**EAT**<sup>TM</sup>



# Charcuterie CROSSING





**Pastor Dan Seibert**  
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318 N Center Street  
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**Sunday School:  
Adult Classes at 8:00am**

**Worship Sunday at 9:00am  
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)  
Sunday at 9:00am**

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Geneseo Grace



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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ashley                             | Peggy Betcher        |
| Tari DuBois                        | Joey Eaker           |
| Jon Espenses                       | Family Member        |
| Cathy Gaudet                       | Nikki Haars          |
| Cameron Hodgson                    | Brenna Betcher Holke |
| Kevin Ketterman                    | Jeanette Klavine     |
| Andrew Lord                        | Austin McDonald      |
| Bev Radue                          | Ellen Rubino         |
| Tony & Ginny Simon                 | Sally Swanson        |
| Steve & Charlotte Powell's Brother |                      |

**Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:**

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Betty Bowman | Joyce Criddle | Mary Lou Deane |
| Phyllis Keag | John Riggs    | Connie Ryner   |
| Sarah Stees  | Rita Webb     |                |

**Please contact Julie Dahlquist with prayer updates.**



**2024 Offering Needed to  
meet Monthly Budget**

**\$31,000.00**

**Received in MARCH thru 24**

**\$34,029.40**

**General Fund**



Hosanna in the Highest! The children waved their palm leaves high during our Palm Sunday celebration.



**Food needs:**  
cereal, pasta, condiments

**Non-food needs:**  
shampoo, conditioner, body wash, dish soap, other cleaning supplies





**OWLS Lunch**  
**Thursday,**  
**April 18**  
**11:30am**



Joel Vanderbush, Curator of Conservation and Education at Niabi Zoo, will be our program presenter at our April 18 luncheon. He will share his experience from his recent trip to Zimbabwe and interesting facts about our local Niabi Zoo. Come, enjoy our fun group! Sign up in the lobby or call the office.



- 01 - Jamie Cucci, Dana Dwyer
- 02 - Trace Johnson
- 03 - Ron Vroman
- 07 - Chuck Boardman
- 08 - Lacy Burris, Marian Shelton
- 09 - Mark Curcuru, Logan Fletcher
- 10 - Olivia Orton
- 11 - Carlye Akers, Janey Neumann
- 12 - Robin Dwyer, Lucas Nicke
- 13 - Chelsea West
- 16 - Tom Hudson
- 17 - Lyn Gradert
- 22 - Doug Emerick
- 24 - Larry Goodwin
- 24 - Carly Verbeck
- 25 - Seth Burris
- 29 - Deb Wyffels
- 30 - Brenna Callhan



**Backpack Blessings**

The Mission Committee voted to have Easter Giving go to Backpack Blessings. Every week Geneseo Backpack Blessings provides nutritious kid friendly food to children who do not have consistent access to food to get them through the weekend (when school breakfast & lunch are not available). There are approximately 100 children involved in this program. Your donation, whether it be financial, voluntary, or through prayer makes a difference in the lives of these children.



- 02 - Donovan & Shawna Lodge (8)
- 12 - Tony & Melissa Fletcher (27)
- 15 - Brad & Tammy Dunker (29)
- 16 - Larry & Linda Goodwin (52)
- Grant & Taylor DeSplinter (8)
- Matt & Christina Wentz (13)
- 20 - Todd & Marlene Ashpole (39)
- Steve & Suzy Coleman (22)
- Landon & Sharon Neumann (22)
- 22 - Wayne & Suzanne Carter (57)
- John & Sally Swanson (46)





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regular Sunday Events</b> 8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship	<b>1</b> 8:00am - Prayer Group, LIBRARY 6:00pm - Trustees Meeting	<b>2</b> 1:00pm - Book Club, Library	<b>3</b> 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Regular Sunday Events</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00am - Prayer Group, LIBRARY	<b>9</b> 9:00am - Pearl Circle 12:30pm - Violet Circle	<b>10</b> 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Regular Sunday Events</b> <b>Native Americans Ministries Sunday</b> Breakfast following Worship, Otterbein	<b>15</b> 8:00am - Prayer Group, LIBRARY 6:00pm - Opal Circle	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:15am - GUMDROPS 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 11:30am - OWLS Lunch, Otterbein 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Regular Sunday Events</b>	<b>22</b> 8:00am - Prayer Group, LIBRARY	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:15am - GUMDROPS 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Regular Sunday Events</b>	<b>29</b> 8:00am - Prayer Group, LIBRARY 6:00pm - Missions Committee Meeting, Library	<b>30</b>				

