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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Pastor Jason Owens to Candidate for Senior Pastor Position



Our Pastoral Search Committee has worked tirelessly to seek out the shepherd that God has called to be our next senior pastor. It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that the Committee has announced that Pastor Jason Owens has been invited to join us for a pastoral candidate weekend August 9-11. You are encouraged to get to know Pastor Jason by attending several gatherings intended to help the church family get to know the candidate. The first is the potluck church picnic on Friday evening, August 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Maskenthine Lake at the shelter near the boat dock. The second information session will be Saturday morning, August 10 at 9:00 a.m. at the church building Family Life Center.

Please join the committee and Pastor Jason for a continental breakfast, some words from Pastor Jason and a time of questions and answers so you can really get to know Pastor's story, his beliefs, and philosophy of ministry. On Sunday, August 11, Pastor Jason will be visiting the morning Sunday School classes and also participate in the fellowship time between Sunday School and worship. A highlight of the weekend will be getting to hear Pastor Jason share what God has laid on his heart to share with us during our morning worship. Following the worship hour, we will call a special business meeting with the only agenda item being to vote to call Pastor Jason Owens as our senior pastor. The vote is open to all members on record that are 16 years of age or older.

God has been so good to our church family during this transition period. His people have been patient and have come together to do His work in our community and world. May God bless this candidate weekend and all his people.

### Opportunities to Serve This Month

|                                    |                      |
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| Ministry Team Meetings             |                      |
| Building and Grounds Ministry Team | TBD                  |
| Discipleship Ministry Team         | August , 19, 6:00 pm |
| Mission & Outreach Ministry Team   | August 12, 6:00 pm   |
| Worship Ministry Team              | August 12, 6:00 pm   |
| Shepherding Ministry Team          | TBD                  |
| Leadership Council                 | August 21, 6:30 pm   |

### Building Blocks Foster Care Need



Building Blocks Foster Care serves 55 counties in Nebraska and are working to make sure every foster child they serve has a Christmas gift this year. A letter is posted on the Information Board informing of their need and how you can help them in this effort.

### Rescue Mission Meal

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team will be serving a meal at the Norfolk Rescue Mission on Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed to provide necessary food ingredients and to serve the meal. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to be a part of this ministry outreach or visit with Alice Pracht.

### Happy Birthday

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|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| Frank Tucker  | 7th  | Byron Long     | 11th |
| Ken Burris    | 12th | Tony Remmich   | 14th |
| Susan Fox     | 15th | Jacob Montalvo | 19th |
| Jill Blaylock | 23rd | Heather Borer  | 30th |

## All Church Picnic

Mark your calendars to join our church family for an all-church potluck picnic at Maskenthine Lake at 5:30 p.m. on August 9th. We will gather at the shelter near the boat ramp reserved for us to enjoy fellowship and food and we will introduce you to our senior pastor candidate, Pastor Jason Owens. Table service and water will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Wolff Farms will provide the traditional picnic staple of Norfolk Melons. You won't want to miss this time to be a family.



## God's Beauty

God's creation is so amazingly beautiful. These roses were simple sticks with a few leaves in May. In June they were in full bloom. Today they are back to sticks and leaves as they refresh and regrow to bloom once again. In a way, these roses are like many of us as we go through times of growth through our trials and the beauty of how God intervenes to help us bloom as we walk with Him.



## Women's Fall Event

Women of the church, how does an evening where the cooking is done for you sound? Well, you are in luck! Please join the Discipleship Ministry Team for a Fall Women's Event on Thursday, September 26, from 5:45 -8:30 pm. The evening will be filled with time to connect, enjoy a meal together prepared and served by some of the men of our church, an update on how Zo-eCare Pregnancy Center is helping women, music, and an uplifting keynote speaker, Dana Lang from Sioux Falls. It will be a fun evening building relationships with other women. Please RSVP your attendance at the Welcome Center sign-up sheet, call the church office and leave a message or contact a member of the Discipleship Ministry Team. RSVPs need to be received by September 20<sup>th</sup> for an accurate meal count. If you have questions please contact Jill Blaylock.

## National Night Out

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team invites you to join them on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. for the Norfolk National Night Out event at Central Park. The Team will be hosting a table and some Minute to Win It games to support our local law enforcement and first responders. Contact a member of the ministry team to learn how you can help.



## Youth Group

Join us August 7 at 6:30 p.m. for activities, lessons and a snack.

## Wedding

The church building will be used for a wedding August 1-3. Please respect the wedding parties use for setup, the wedding and clean-up

Keynote Speaker Dana Lang is a pastor's daughter and the wife of a pastor. Dana describes herself as a scripture studier, talker, Yahtzee player, videographer for her husband, Jesus sharer, dream manager (yes this is her paying job), connector, hot air balloon rider, grandchild lover and a re-deemed sinner. Dana speaks to groups of all types and sizes and is looking forward to encouraging and connecting with us. We hope that by reading a few words that describe Dana you are excited to join us to hear her inspiring and uplifting message at our Fall Women's Event.



If you have items you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please contact John Blaylock at least one week prior to the last Sunday of the month.