

the Grape Vine



Love - Make It Special.

Well, it's February again, and that means flowers, candy and cards given to those we love. People enjoy receiving those kinds of gifts and they're fun to give, but they're so temporary. The flowers wilt and die, the candy gets eaten and the cards get lost.



Maybe this year you should approach Valentine's Day with just a bit of a different mind-set. Try celebrating it by making a brand new commitment to your spouse, your kids, your parents and to that special friend.



After you give them their traditional Valentine's Day gift, take a few minutes to let them know that your love for them is unconditional. Tell them how much they really mean to you, how important they are to you and how much of an impact they have on your life.

Doing this will take some thought, and you may even have to muster up the courage to do it, but it'll be worth it.

Let's all make the love of this Valentine's Day something special.



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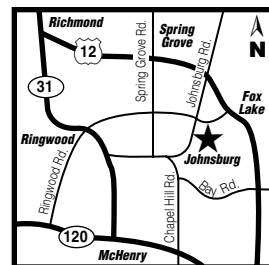
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Worship with Holy Communion

Saturdays.....6:00 pm

Sundays.....8:15 am

Sunday School

Sundays.....9:30 am



Our Core Values:

Family Worship

Relying on Prayer

Unity in Christ

Instruction in the Word

Telling Others

Service to God's Community



"Growing Together for Christ"

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Bulletins

To submit a bulletin announcement:

Email it to office@joyfulharvest.org
by Wednesday each week.

Message from Pastor Doug

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” (John 20:29) What does it mean to believe in God? Each of us could probably answer the “belief” question in a different and yet accurate way. That is because to each of us, God has made God’s self manifest in diverse ways.

What I mean is that God has come into our lives at different times and in different ways. Maybe we came to know God as a child, meeting God in Sunday School and learning about Jesus coming to earth during the Christmas pageant. Maybe we came to know God in a hospital emergency room through the prayers of a chaplain as you waited for news from the doctor. Maybe you met God in the action and love of a neighbor who came to you in your time of need, bringing a hot meal and a listening ear.

But belief is not faith. Belief is important to our faith life, of course. But more important is faith. Faith is the active part of belief. Let me illustrate. I can believe that this key that I hold in my hand will start my car – and certainly it is important to believe that. But the faith part comes when I put that belief into action – actually putting the key in the ignition, twisting it, and starting the car.

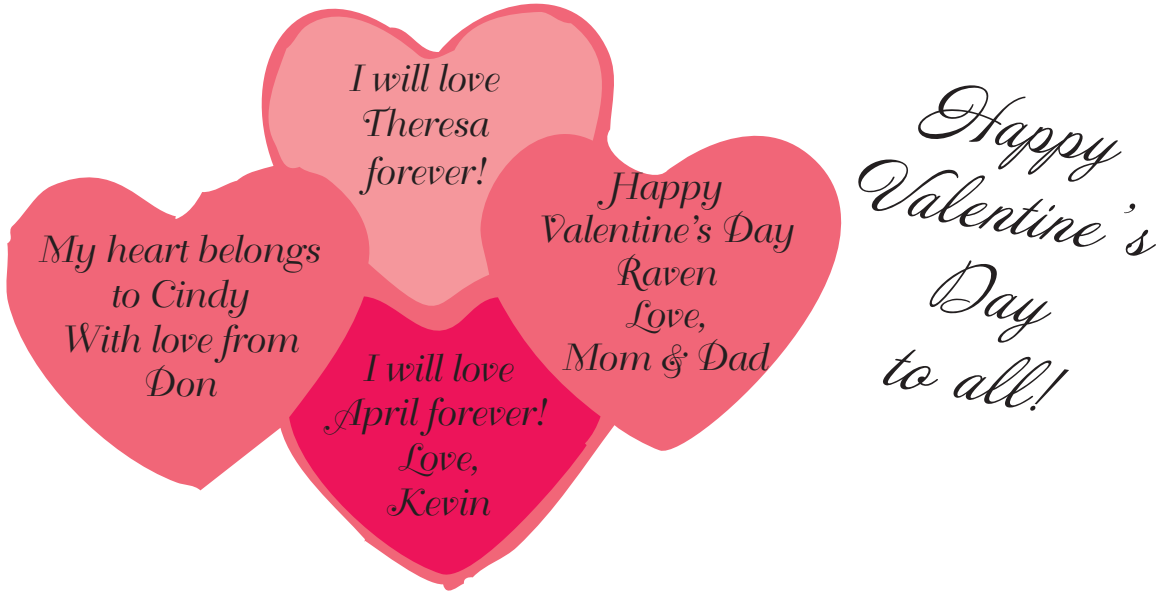
The same goes for our understanding of God. We can believe in God, but without our action there is no faith. James writes ¹⁴“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.”

Of course we are saved by grace and not by works. Don’t let this writing by James confuse you into thinking that works earn us our salvation. But also remember that God is made known to others through our actions. You can be that Sunday School teacher, that chaplain, or that neighbor who will make God known to someone in need. All it takes is some faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

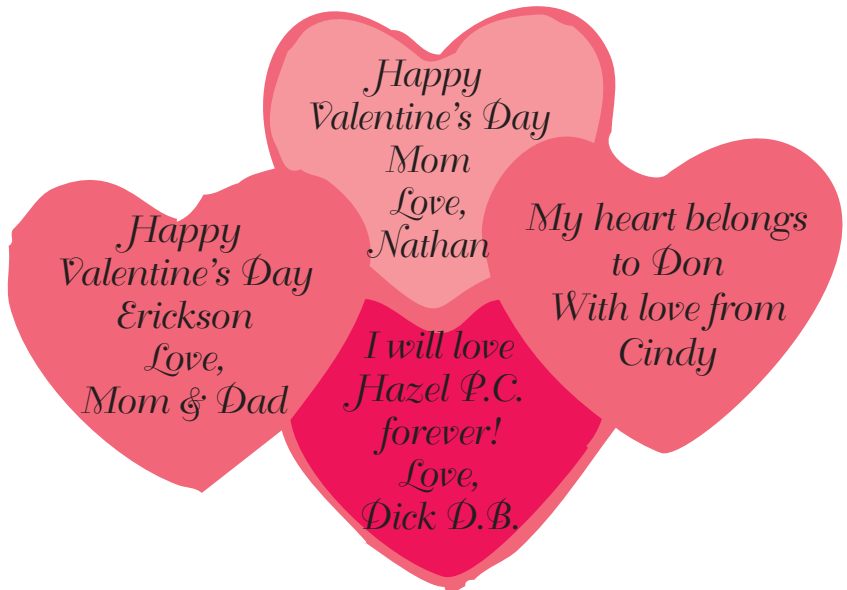
Valentine Messages



Thank you to all who submitted Valentine messages. You don't have to wait until next year to submit a message to that special someone in your life. We will take your submissions anytime. You can just leave them in the office, in the mailbox marked newsletter, and Cindy will be sure to pick them up or you can email her directly at classicprintery@mindspring.com.

We will take your Birthday Wishes, Easter messages, any ads you would want to put in to sell or promote something, etc.

*Happy
Valentine's Day
to
Michael/Dad,
Chris
& Morgan
Love,
Mom/Heidi*



Valentine Messages continued

*My heart
belongs to
no one
right now,
but I'm open
With love
from me
Happy
Valentine's Day*

*My heart belongs
to Sandy
With love from
Doug*

*I will love
my Rose
forever!*

*My heart belongs
to all my Sisters!
With love from
Roberta*

*My heart
belongs to God
With love from
Child*

*Happy Valentine's Day to
Eric, Raven, and Ericson
Love, Mother Theresa*

*Our hearts belong to Taylor & Matt
With love from Mom and Dad
Happy Valentine's Day!*

*My heart belongs
to Marty G.
With love
from
Cindy G.*

*My heart belongs
to God
With love from
Cindy G.*

*My heart belongs to
Joyful Harvest
With love from
Garstkiewicz's*

*Happy
Valentine's Day
Janet
Love Nelg*

*Happy
Valentine's Day
to
Matt K.
Love,
Roberta
Happy B.D.*

Valentine's Messages continued

My heart belongs
to Mark
With love
from
Mom

My heart belongs
to Bill
With love from
Rita



I will love
Rita Rudzena
forever!

Happy
Valentine's Day
Raven
Love,
Mom & Dad

My heart
belongs to
Tom, Jen,
Danielle,
Anthony,
Blaze, & Nathan
With love from
Mom (Heidi)

I will love
Deek Dudd
forever!

Happy Valentine's
Day
Love Cuddles

To my Valentine, Glen!
We both know that God brought us together.
You keep my feet on the ground, my head on my shoulders,
but you make my heart soar!
Our love isn't a fairy tale - it's better. It's real!
I Love You, Rose

I will love you
Matt forever!
Happy
Valentine's Day!
Happy
Birthday
Love you,
Mom

To my Valentine
D.B.
I ♥ U!
P.C.

Happy
Valentine's Day
Gavin
from Grandma
I ♥ you!

My
heart belongs
to Woofe
With love from
Cindy

My heart belongs
to Cuddles
With love from
Deek
Dudd

Valentine's Messages continued

Dear Friends,

Let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. I John 4:7

"I Love You!"

Happy Valentine's Day,

Theresa



Woofe, my forever Valentine.

In sharing everything together through the years,

I've found that I've grown more in love with you.

the smile I fell in love with . . .

your kind and thoughtful ways . . .

your loving, warm embrace . . .

these have become more beautiful

and more meaningful to me each year.

I love you more than you could ever know.

Happy Valentine's Day

Cindy

February 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:00 am - Breakfast Club at Dino's in Fox Lake	2 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kiddy Keys	3	4	5 7:00 am - Men's Group 6:00 pm - Worship First Saturday Soup Sales For each soup sale a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest. Factory located at the corner of Bay and Chapel Hill Roads in Johnsbury. 9am-3pm
6 8:15 am - Worship (Scout Sunday) Cub Scout Pack #455 will be helping with worship 5:00-7:00 pm - Confirmation Class	7 9:00 am - Weight Watchers 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Tiger Cub 455 Den Meeting	8 8:00 am - Breakfast Club at Dino's in Fox Lake	9 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kiddy Keys 7:30 pm - Last Committee Meeting	10	11	12 7:00 am - Men's Group 6:00 pm - Worship
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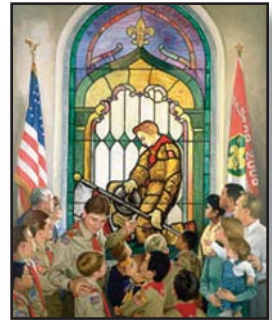
Turtle Island Soup Company:



On the first Saturday of every month, Turtle Island Soup Company opens their factory from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sell the delicious soups that they create. They are a powder mix (*all you do is add water to most of them*). Each box serves approximately 4 to 6. They sell for \$4.75 and a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest out of this amount. The factory is located at the corner of Bay Road and Chapel Hill in Johnsburg. The soups make excellent anytime gifts. Stop by and taste their samples and purchase a few to help Joyful Harvest.

Scout Sunday:

Sunday, February 6th, Scout Pack #455 will be helping Pastor Doug with morning service. They will be helping with the offering, communion, etc. The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting.



Food Pantry:

March is our month to staff the Food Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To schedule times to help please contact Bill Rudzena at 815-347-4746. Our Pantry Pranksters below are still at it ... please join our Helping Hands Food Pantry volunteers for the month of March. It's not just rewarding, but fun, too.





HAPPENINGS



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Adult Bible Study Class:

I would like to invite anyone interested to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Bible Study from 9:30-10:30am after worship. February will continue our study on Acts. Come learn about this book on the Bible in a very friendly and fun environment. You don't have to know the Bible to participate and best of all there are no tests. We discuss verses and in turn we learn about each other as well. Sometimes we get on a different subject and discuss that. You won't fall behind if you can't make every class, either.



Please think about it. Stop in sometime, we would love to see you.

Debbie Kelly



Simply Giving Program:

We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for our congregation. To set up an electronic giving schedule, you can complete a paper authorization form. You have your choice of different schedules. See someone in the church office for more information or the form you need.



Tuesday Breakfast Club:

Please come join us at Dino's in Fox Lake at 8:00 am every Tuesday. It's open to anyone who wants to have breakfast and share fellowship with Joyful Harvest members. This club has been meeting for over 5 years.



Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE):

Saturday, March, 19, 2011. There are plenty of workshops for everyone with lots of different subjects. It's a great way to learn more about church and your faith. See Pastor Doug for more details.

Celebrations

February Celebrations –

Birthdays:

3	Teddy Ladouceur	14	Stacey Connor
4	Sylvia Dunn	14	Caitlyn Hansen
5	Amy Nikolai	14	Matthew Korus
9	Eric Hoffman	14	Roger Liston
9	Dana Magness	15	Karen Anderson
10	Cathy Ritter	21	Sue Bettis
11	Kylie Luszc	24	Mitchell Dunn
13	Ian Murphy	24	Kai Hansen
14	Hayley Bettis	28	Larry Konieczski



Anniversaries:

- 2/1 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hansen
- 2/8 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kandray
- 2/19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Hagen

Valentine's Prom 2011

Joyful Harvest Church

G.R.O.W. Event

Valentine's Day Prom 2011

Saturday, February 19, 2011

7:30 pm (after 6:00 pm Worship)

You're invited!

Hors d'oeuvres, Games, Music, Prizes, Joyful Birdbath Players

Dust off those leisure suits and tux's guys and ladies

get out your best dress and dancing shoes!

R.S.V.P. by Feb. 16 to office@joyfulharvest.org

or call 847-497-4569

Education News

Sunday School:

We are back in session and ready to explore more of the Bible with stories about Jesus and his disciples. We are considering a program at Easter involving the Sunday School, more details to come later. Mr. Glen has some great ideas for the artistic side of the program, so please encourage your children to come and join us.



Thank you to everyone for a wonderful children's Christmas program. A special thank you to everyone who helped with costuming, those extra bobby pins and safety pins were appreciated. Mr. Glen did a great job of creating the stable, its amazing what can be done with imagination, wood trellis and greenery!

We have had an offer of material to create some new costumes, such as for our sheep who have lost their fleece. If you would be interested in sewing or otherwise creating new costumes, please speak with Heidi Aavang on Sunday, by email at heidi.aavang@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (847) 497-4705. Also, if anyone would like to help with the Sunday School program or with Vacation Bible School, please contact Glen Stevens or Heidi Aavang.

Men's Group:



Men's group is continuing to meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at the church. They are currently studying "Outlive Your Life". All men are invited to attend. Please join us for this wonderful Bible study and fellowship opportunity. Next meeting will be February 5th.

Confirmation Class:

Confirmation classes are continuing roughly every other Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm - dinner is served. Next classes will be February 13th & 27th. ***If interested, it's not too late to join.*** Students in 7th and 8th grades are invited to attend and we welcome adults who are interested also. We are holding the class in conjunction with Nativity Lutheran in Wonder Lake, but meet at Joyful Harvest.

Confirmation LOCK IN



First off, Pastor would like to say that all survived. Thank you to all who participated and helped out - Dan Luszcz, Heidi Peterson, Theresa & Eric Hoffman. And thanks to Heidi Aavang and Rose Stevens for breakfast the next morning.

New Member

We would like to welcome our newest member to Joyful Harvest.

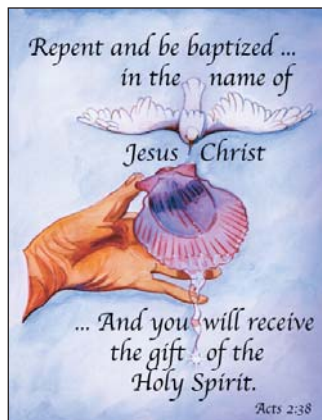
At Sunday service, on January 16th, we celebrated the baptism of

McKenna Delaney Zandrowicz

daughter of Kevin & Kristina Zandrowicz.

Sponsors were Michelle Delaney & Zachary Richardson.

May God bless this family on this special day.



February Recipes



Valentine's Creamy JIGGLERS®

what you need

2-1/2 cups boiling water
2 pkg. (8-serving size each) JELL-O Gelatin,
any red flavor
1 cup cold milk
1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant
Pudding

make it

STIR boiling water into dry gelatin mix in large bowl at least 3 min. until completely dissolved. Cool 30 min. at room temperature.

POUR milk into medium bowl. Add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 1 min. Add to gelatin; stir until well blended. Pour into 13x9-inch pan.

REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until firm. Dip bottom of pan in warm water 15 sec. Cut into 24 decorative shapes using 2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutters, being careful to cut all the way through gelatin to bottom of pan. Lift JIGGLERS® from pan. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator

SERVE



VELVEETA Mexican Dip

what you need

1/2 lb. (8 oz.) VELVEETA Mexican Pasteurized Prepared
Cheese Product, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 cup BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream

make it

MICROWAVE VELVEETA in 1-1/2-qt. microwaveable bowl on HIGH 2 min.; stir until completely melted.

STIR in sour cream. Microwave 30 sec.; stir.

SERVE with assorted cut-up fresh vegetables, WHEAT THINS Original Crackers or baked tortilla chips.

SERVE

Friendships

Friendship really begins with me - and with you. If we all adopt the following attitude, our friendships will not only be great in number, but great in depth as well as duration.

Let's regard every person as a unique and special individual.

In our conversations with others, we need to be an understanding listener as well as a willing talker.

While we all enjoy the times we make "our point" in a discussion, maybe it's time to adopt the philosophy that we won't argue with the intent to force a point of view upon another.

When we can't approve of another person's method, technique or procedure, let's not accuse that person of wrong motives.

Being alert for every opportunity to be of assistance, while not intruding or imposing, should be our mind set.

If I'm slighted or insulted, I'll choose not to recognize it, and I'll move on.

At all times I'll just be myself, acting without pretense. I'll be sincere.

Let's all take the time to nurture the friendships we have. If we do, it'll help us live fulfilling and joyful lives.