



e-News

November 2nd, 2022

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Dear FP friends - Perhaps you sent a text, a card, an email, shared a hug, or made the trip to Indiana for visitation or the services for Todd's dad, Zern. We noticed and have felt the love of so many. We are so grateful for all of the love, compassion and support of our church family. Thank you from all of the Illinois and Indiana Hayden family.

- Kris Hayden

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers of continued recovery for Rich Pool

Prayers of healing for Keith Farr

Prayers of healing for John Savage

Prayers of healing for Judy Turner's brother Marlan

Halloween Masquerade Bingo Night *OASIS: Women's Ministry Event*

***HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 11/3
ALL OTHER DETAILS ARE THE SAME***

November 3rd 6-8pm at Jameson's Pub

Costumes and/or masks are highly welcomed!

\$5 per person at the door

pizza, pop, dessert, a cash bar, and Halloween Bingo!

RSVP is appreciated, link is on our website

**A big THANK YOU to everyone
who made Trunk N Treat such a
success this year!**



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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$314,110
Year to Date Expenses	\$383,283

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Thank you for your generosity.

Did you ever have one of those days that didn't go anything like you thought it would? Today was one of those days for Ann and I. May, our 16+ year old miniature Fox Terrier has been a major part of the Backus family for the last 10 years. She was a rescue dog and had a lot of interesting behaviors which seemed to show past animal abuse. I picked her when I first saw her, because she reminded me of my folk's dog Fred. He was a Fox Terrier, who was full of himself.

May lived up to her breed's reputation, full of energy, super loyal, fast, quirky, a great cuddler and alert. I really believe she thought she was a Doberman when it came to a protective nature which tried to keep everyone away from Ann. May truly became Ann's dog.

It's difficult to watch an animal struggle, and through the last month or so, May struggled with her front right leg. She walked around on three legs. It was amazing how she could adapt. The veterinarian figured it was a soft tissue problem which would slowly heal. On Sunday we noticed that her right back leg become immobile too. Ann lovingly cared for May. May began to deteriorate. So today we took her to the veterinarian again. He was very kind to the three of us. There was no possibility for her recovery. We held May while she fell asleep. We wept. We truly miss her. It was difficult.

Grief is a real part of life, and every new sorrow channels our past losses. I compare grief to a freight train as it stops. The engine and front cars come to a halt, and then there's a repetitive, metallic, crushing sound as the remaining boxcars and other train containers slam into the train car in front of it. It becomes a chain reaction of loud bam, bam, bam, bam, etc., until the last car strikes its predecessor. Grief continues to strike us with all the other past losses, and we feel the continual pain and additional past sorrows in our souls.

What Ann and I experienced in the loss of our little family member may not seem that great to everyone, but grief, loss, sorrow strikes all of us. It happens in families, friendships, institutions, churches, and anywhere people gather together or alone. How we handle grief is another issue, and as we enter this Holiday (Holy Day?) Season, all of us will experience past joys and losses. It is all part of human experience. The Lord uses joys and losses to recreate us into the people of hope.

Grace and peace be with you.
Pastor Roy

Midweek

each Wednesday Night!

5:30—Kid's Music Class and Adult Fellowship

6:00—Fellowship Dinner

6:30—Bible Study Classes (Kids and Adults)

See you tonight!

A Note from Pastor Bo

This Sunday I am preaching on Luke 20:27-38. This is an interesting passage because Jesus is arguing with the Sadducees for once, and not the Pharisees. The Sadducees were of the belief that there is no afterlife, so the idea of a kingdom to come, that Jesus was speaking about, was out of common understanding. Jesus redirects the conversation to something so much more important. The dire fence between knowing and being known, but also the balance of understanding that somethings are not going to be known until the time of resurrection. The message of the Gospel is life, life as children of God, life as people of hope, life as people of the resurrection. I would invite you to meditate on this scripture in the context of your walk with God. What gives you the power and the energy each day to pursue God? Is it the idea of eternal reward vs. judgment or is the motivation to live each day unto the Lord? Looking forward to worshipping with you on Sunday and celebrating the Lord's supper as one.

Happenings at 805 Western:

- This past week we had some great ministry time between **Trunk and Treat and Bible Sunday**. I can say that indeed the Lord was at work. 808 hotdogs were served, 6 pans of chili and I do not have a number for how many pounds of candy were shared with the kids that stopped by. It is indeed good to see the church out and doing the things we always do.
- Also on Sunday as we **celebrated Reformation Sunday/Bible Sunday**, the front of the church was filled with kids that got their first (or second) Bible. But even more so we were able to continue the tradition of this church, so many years of sharing God's word with the next generation.
- This Thursday Oasis Women's Ministry is hosting a **Bingo Fellowship Night** at Jameson's Pub at 6 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to be there and celebrate life and friendship.
- This coming Sunday is **Communion Sunday**, I hope to see you all in church.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo

Sunday School Class

9:15-9:45 each Sunday morning

Join Pastor Roy for a class where you will take a deeper look at the scripture selected for each Sunday's worship.