



The Leavenworth Christian

Sowers' Seeds

January 13, 2021

Dear Friends,

I must confess that I am excited about making my runs this week. That is not to say that I do not enjoy my runs on a regular basis, but because of my training method my third week is my longest week. I increase my mileage three weeks in a row and then I taper on my fourth week. There is something fulfilling about that third week, because you know in the midst of your being that this is the farthest you have run since you began running again. This will be my first week hitting the forty-mile mark for my weekly total. My not so immodest goal was to build back my running to forty to fifty miles a week. Why did I target this range? I know when I hit this range that I have a strong base of mileage in, and that I really can do most races providing I get in a few more long runs before the chosen event and taper a bit. I want to be in good enough shape that I can be competitive should I choose to run a race. I also know that I can be a little less circumspect about what I eat and stay trim given this mileage. The joke I like to make is; if I am short and round, I look even shorter!

When I began running on March 2nd of 2020 my goal for the week was to cover eight miles total. Forty miles in a week is a long way from eight miles and it has taken me twenty-two months to get there. Yet, I knew if I tried to increase my mileage too quickly, I would injure myself and not be able to achieve my goal. Bit by bit I have built my physical condition and strength and sought to create a firm foundation for health, well-being, and stress relief. Sometimes it is easy to lack the patience to build a structure one brick at a time or one mile at a time as the case may be, but those are the most durable and enduring structures. There have been many days when I didn't want to run, but I knew it was in the day-to-day loyalty to the task that I could accomplish the goals I set out.

If we imagine our vision for the future of our congregation, what are the daily goals that we are invited to make our own that will help us realize that vision? What is more, if we think of ourselves wanting to strengthen our faith foundation for calendar year 2022, what are the daily exercises and goals that we need to commit ourselves to so that we can build that foundation that will give us deepened relationship with the Infinite, and that will empower us to live this life well? Having a strong spiritual life, or one that will allow us to race that is life well doesn't just happen by itself, but it takes work, devotion, and constant effort. Should we be willing to do those things that will allow us to be spiritually healthy? Often, we take the medicine our doctor prescribes or we take our vitamins in the morning, but do we always do the spiritual work we must do to live life abundantly? A vibrant spiritual life takes every bit as much effort and self-discipline as a physical regimen or a diet plan. So often when the new year starts, we may resolve to get back in shape, which is never a bad thing, but are we willing to put as much effort into being spiritually strong? Begin your spiritual journey with attention to the small things, and as the months and the years roll by, you will have developed the foundation that will carry you through a lifetime in peak condition.

All the Best and God's Blessings,

Pastor John



Prayer Ministry

Sunday was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Let us take a moment and pray for **all forms of law enforcement**. *John Groves*

Please pray for **my nephew** who is dealing with mental health issues. *Ruth Kenton*

Prayers for **Vanessa Wagner**, meds are changing again. *Lois Steineker*

Seth Kincaid asked that prayers be lifted for his daughters **Elizabeth & Meredith**.

Gary Phillip's brother, **Larry**, had a sudden stroke while he was at physical therapy this week, and passed away. **Gary** has also been feeling a bit under the weather.

Prayers for **Joe Kowalewski** still needed. He went to the ER at St John's Saturday. John's, significant other, **Mary** has tested positive for Covid. **Clarence Michael** is not feeling well, **Bill** has a UTI. *Melissa Wilson*

Eva Voss had a stroke, she needs lots of rehabilitation and her family will need to take on more caretaking roles. Prayers are needed for all.

Linda Kesinger is home from the hospital. She had a staff infection and they believe that is now under control.

Pray that we find night nursing support for **Luke Euler. Danielle Euler**

Our Nation: pray for our country and its people.

Covid

Residential Communities- dealing with Covid.

Prayers for **School Systems & Colleges, Teachers, Support Staff & students**.

Pray for **Those with the Covid-19 virus, First Responders, those offering Care & a Cure**.

Ongoing Cares & Concerns

Steve Martin, Sandy & Alice Bushman, Marilyn Vance, Noah Kincaid, Bill Wilson, Kathy Ramirez, Rose Marie Theel, Ruby Corbet, Don Bohnsack, Winnie Henderson, Brian Onasch, Danielle & Doug Euler & Family, Ann Crum, Bill Cass, Linda Kesinger, Jim Snell, Brooke Gilfert, Barb Kessler, Marji Dickson, Larry Phillips, Ruth Kenton

Pray for our out-of-town Active Duty Personnel

Melissa Van Valkenburgh, Hannah Bond, Rob Widmyer, Jim & Rachel Sullivan, Nelson Hanson, Cameron Brown, Christin Collins, Nickalas Derringer, Rose Uy, Edison & Faviola Urquiza, Jeremy Bower, Tyler Kowalewski, Brandon Williams



Children's Moment

The new year means a new start for a lot of people. Many adults make resolutions. A resolution is a goal that they want to achieve. Some want to work out more or pray more or learn a new skill. Goals are wonderful but also hard work. You have to make a plan and stick to it. That can be really difficult. I have great news... God walks with us through all of life's difficulties. Our creator loves us and wants us to be successful. So if you decide to set a goal this year like getting better grades, or eating fruit every day or making that sports team. Make sure to bring God along with you. Pray about your goals, praise Him when you reach them and always look for guidance from Him. Have a blessed week.

Mrs. Danielle

Sunday, January 16th

Teacher: Danielle Euler

Helper: Barb Collins

A Note from Outreach

I would like to share with all of you something good that we, all of us, have done as a congregation.

Recently Richard and I made the acquaintance of a woman who is not a member of our congregation but is in need. She has triplets who are about 8 months old, having been born very prematurely. They are doing well but need much in the way of medical supervision. She also has a 2 year old and two teenagers in the household. I hear you wondering, "How does she do it?" She does it with fortitude and strength. But she cannot do everything. We discovered that she needed help. First we took up a "free will" offering in the Seekers class and took her about \$170 in cash. Then the Outreach ministry gave her a \$500 gift to help pay her bills. These things were both because you, as a congregation, are very giving people. She is very grateful for our help. Very grateful. With the help of Santa we were also able to get her van repaired. The van that she must have in order to transport 3 infants and a 2 year old all at the same time. She sends her thanks to every one of you because we all did this together.

I send thanks to every one of you,
Erin Sack, World Outreach & Action

Worship Schedule

Watch last Sunday's Service now

www.LeavenworthChristian.com



click on "Sermons" on the upper Right of the Homepage

Here are 3 ways you can connect to Sunday Worship at 9:30am

***On your Computer - Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/6823543423?pwd=cWRSTVQ3TGhGK2JIQTR5N1JTdG9GZz09>

Meeting ID: 682 354 3423

Password: 838807

*You can also reach Zoom through a link
on our Website: www.leavenworthchristian.com

*Home phone (no video)

Dial any of the following numbers:

833 548 0282 US Toll-free

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

833 548 0276 US Toll-free



Book Study

Our Book Group is reading

“Anxious To Talk About it”

(Helping White people Talk Faithfully About Racism)

Mondays 4pm in the Kitterman/Zoom

The author of the book is Carolyn B. Helsel. This is the second edition of the book.



Thank You!

The FCC GriefShare group really appreciated the cookies! They added a homey touch to a very emotional experience. Thanks to; Evalyn Hubert, Sue Hubert, Sandy and Dave Lowery, Anna Clark, Laney Mellott, Pat Barnhardt, and Deedie Thrasher. The cookies were a sweet manifestation of love from the people of First Christian Church.

2022 Officers

Terms begin January 2022

Moderator

Lois Steineker

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3 yr term ending 2024

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3 yr term ending 2024

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Four Members at Large

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Late Service Barb Collins & Jim Bliss

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(Vice Chair) Sandy Bushman

Worship Chelsea Moore

(Vice Chair)

Youth Diaconate Representative

Mason Mattingly

First Christian Info

Your Giving January 9th

General	\$4,285.00
Building	250.00
Christmas	25.00
Pastor's Fund	75.00
Backpack Buddies	107.00
DWF	25.00
Total	\$4,767.00

Attendance January 9th

In Person: 33
On-Line: 21

*Blankets Special Offering
next 2 Sundays*



January 13th

*Rebecca Matousek
Cheryl Matto*

January 14th

*Sherry Baird
Bill Corbet*

January 16th

Deena Ekstrom

January 18th

*Dick Hall
Ken Harmon
Jack Nicodemus*

January 19th

*Lloyd Vinyard
Amelia Kleinhagen*

When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Through the generosity of CWS partner organizations, congregations and individual supporters, our most vulnerable neighbors around the world can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. Please make out checks to DWF and mark the memo field "Blankets", put in the offering plate or give to Fran Gast or Ruth Kenton.

Please remember your commitment to the church by mail or through eGive:

www.leavenworthchristian.com



First Christian Calendar



January 12-26, 2022

Wednesday January 12th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Lois Steineker *Kitterman* 1:00pm
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Thursday, January 13th

Carillons 6:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Sunday, January 16th

CWS Blankets Offering
Worship *In-Person & Zoom* 9:30am
Seekers Sunday School *In-Person* 10:45am

Monday, January 17th

Martin Luther King Day (office closed)
Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am
Book Study *Kitterman/Zoom* 4:00pm



Wednesday January 19th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
CMF Meeting *Kitterman* 6:30pm

Thursday, January 20th

Carillons 6:30pm
Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Sunday, January 23rd

CWS Blankets Offering
Worship *In-Person & Zoom* 9:30am
Seekers Sunday School *In-Person* 10:45am

Monday, January 24th

Prayer Breakfast *Pullman's* 6:30am
Book Study *Kitterman/Zoom* 4:00pm

Wednesday, January 26th

Prayer Group *Kitterman* 8:30am
Elders Meeting *Zoom* 7:00pm



Servers January 16th

Elder: John Groves
Diaconate: TBD

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