

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

A country preacher tells a story that illustrates the conflict that arises between God's ownership and man's stewardship. In the story, a farmer tells his wife the good news that one of their cows has had twin calves. In his exuberance he announced that they will dedicate one of the calves to the Lord. They will raise the two together, and when the time comes to sell them, the proceeds from one of the calves will be given to the Lord's work. A few months later, the farmer entered the kitchen looking miserable. When his wife asked what was troubling him he responded, "I have bad news to tell you. The Lord's calf is dead." Trying to comfort her husband the wife said, "It's not your fault, dear, it must have been the Lord's will!" When we worry about finances, the first thing we economize on is God's portion of our money. Why is it that it's always the *Lord's* calf that dies?

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

ED & PENNIE LOCHMOELLER

I am an Ambassador at Large with Pastor-in-Residence Ministries (PIR). In my position, I have the opportunity to promote and represent PIR in various capacities. September 19 through the 22, I had the chance to attend the annual staff gathering for PIR and celebrate 25 years of serving exited and hurting pastors. I help new staff develop a deputation program, and I consult with a couple of staff members from time to time on juggling work and ministry. This past year PIR oversaw five Pastor in Residence programs in Wisconsin, Michigan, and California, plus one that dropped out. Presently they have four programs going. They've added four new staff members in the last two years (including a regional director in Zimbabwe), which allows them to coach around 20 pastors and produce podcasts dealing with issues pastors face in ministry. They have expanded the use of their pastor assessment tool in seminaries to help first-year students identify their best role in ministry. This tool can help a pastor determine the best ministries to apply for and perhaps avoid a hurtful exit in the future. In 2023 they hope to develop guidelines/procedures for churches and pastors in setting up and providing effective Sabbatical programs. Seeing and hearing what God is doing with PIR was a joy. Several denominations are now either partnering with PIR or recommending PIR to their staff for spiritual and professional help. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement to Pennie and me.

To learn more about the 50+ missionaries we support, check out our Missionary Wall located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Gym.



OCTOBER SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Deuteronomy 11:1 "You shall therefore love the Lord your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always."

OCTOBER IS PASTOR & MINISTRY STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

We are blessed with Pastors and Ministry Staff whose priorities are to serve the Lord and to serve us. The Elders and Deacons encourage you to express your appreciation to all of our Pastors and Ministry Staff.

FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 4-6

Please visit www.auc.org/fallbibleconference for information about our guest speaker, schedule, meals, kids' activities, and don't forget to register!

FAMILY SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30

Children 3 years and up will join their families for the entire worship service. We want our children to learn to worship the Lord by observing their families and being a part of the church body. Children will be able to see what their parents do in a normal service which will hopefully start a discussion about worship within families. So please come alongside us as we strive towards family worship!

MISSIONARY NEED

Jim and Joan Farr are retired missionaries with Wycliffe in Florida whose apartment was flooded with several feet of water during the recent hurricane. They are currently looking for short-term accommodations until their apartment can be restored. Jim is on a 2-month trip to Papua New Guinea, related to Bible translation work, while Joan stays in Florida. Please pray for them. If you would like to financially contribute to this need, you can send your contribution to AUC with a designation of "Farr Hurricane Relief" by the end of October.

BAPTISM

If you would like to be baptized during the Sunday morning worship service on October 30, please contact Pastor Joe or call the church office.

Please take a moment to 'Check In' to the morning worship service and Bible School either through the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. You can also submit donations to the church through the Church Center App. If you need help visit the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

It's not too late to join the Christmas choir! We meet Thursdays at 7:30PM in the choir room. Contact Pastor Michael with any questions.

XTREME XPLOERS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We started our program year short staffed. Because of the smaller size of our group, we had just enough leaders to get by. In the four weeks since our first meeting this year our attendance has nearly doubled! We've gone from twelve boys opening night to over twenty in our last meeting. This is an amazing point of Praise to our God, but it also means the leaders are stretched beyond thin. We need your help and soon! Please continue to pray for Xtreme Xplorers and please ask the Lord if He can use you to mentor the men of the future. If you're interested, please contact Bruce McCollum or the church office.

ALDANCARES FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of several food items such as: cake mix, icing, boxed stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, canned potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna fish and cereal. Some new items needed are full sized bar soap, full size toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning supplies such as Comet, dish soap, sponges, and laundry detergent. There are 3 locations in the church to drop off items: outside the office, outside the gym, and in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 | 10AM

We are now collecting items! Visit the Operation Christmas Child info tables in the gym and main hallway for information on what to bring. You can bring items to the church anytime between now and the packing party. Then on November 12, come to the family packing party to pack the shoeboxes. It will be a good time of serving the Lord with your family and with the body of Christ!

MEN'S MINISTRY

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY | 6:30-7:30AM | CHAPEL

Our teacher for this week is Rick Butler. Coffee is provided.

MAN UP | SATURDAYS | 9-11AM | CHAPEL

Man Up is a group of men that meet each Saturday morning to discuss various subjects relating to sermons, book studies, videos, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MOMS IN PRAYER | 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30PM

This prayer group is designed anyone who wants to pray for our children and what they are dealing with today. Contact Lisa Burton (see above for contact information) with any questions.

SIDE BY SIDE, our Women's Mentoring Ministry, is kicking off on November 20, so if interested, be sure to either fill out a profile sheet (and place it in the box provided) at the Women's Ministry table across from the nursery, or sign up online using our Church Center app, throughout the month of October. You may request to be matched or choose someone you already know. This ministry is for all women (college age and up) who regularly attend AUC. **Mentors need to be church members.** If you have any questions, contact Dawn Kiker at dawnk55@verizon.net.

MINNESOTA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Warren and Barbara Day serve at a food shelf where it is very cold and many of the people who come need warm gloves and hats. If you would like to donate, please place warm hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens in the bin by the Women's Ministry table across from the Nursery.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG SICK/SHUT IN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Items will be collected now through October 30. A collection bin will be located at the Women's Ministry table. These items will be wrapped November 11 at the *Just Us Girls* gathering. Visit the Women's Ministry table for a list of items needed.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Martha Bentley, Mother and Grandmother
REMEMBERED BY :: Ann Larkin

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF :: Walter Reading, Dear Husband, Ed & Ethel Frame and Ray & Elsie Reading, Beloved Parents
REMEMBERED BY :: Carolyn Reading
