May 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer					1 6:15am Men's Grp 6:00pm Wm movie night 7:30pm Club 180	2 9:00 am Joint Comm Mtg
3 7:30 Missions 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	4 6:30 Precepts	5 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Congr. Care Comm. 7:00 Property	6 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	7 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm 7:00 Women	8 6:15am Men's Grp	6:00am Men's Leaders 7:30 Next Man Up
10 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	11 6:30 Precepts 6:30 Outreach	12 4:30 Women's Ministries 6:30 Elder Board	13 6:00 AWANA Awards night 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	14 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm 7:00 Women	15 6:15am Men's Grp	16 9:00 Women's Breakfast & Bible
17 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer 7:00 Revive Conf	18 7:00 Revive Conf	19 7:00 Revive Conf	20 7:00 Revive Conf 7:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	21 12:00 Men's Lunch 1:30 Quilting 6:30 Worship Tm	22 6:15am Men's Grp	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 5:00 Prayer	25 Memorial Day- Office closed	26 7:00 Adult Discipleship	27 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	28 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	29 6:15am Men's Grp	30

### **Christ Community Church**

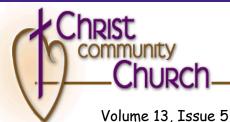
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# Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

the Pulse:
Thoughts from the Heart.

by: Pastor Zach Marino

Idols. The things or people in this world that receive more of our affection than God does. Humanity has forever failed at giving God the full affections of our lives. When Jesus commands that the people "Love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength," He is redefining the object of our lives: God and not the way to God. In particular, the people of Israel had been given "the way to God" which becomes the object of their lives and worship. We see this as the Pharisees raised themselves up over the people by holding the worship of the law over the worship of God.

We have the greatest commandment, but why do we struggle so much? I don't have "the answer," but maybe a little more insight on the fallenness of our souls. In Psalm 44, the Korahites (a tribe of Israel) struggled with God. They remembered the great acts he had done on behalf of their people yet when they found themselves struggling again, in hardship they turned around and pointed fingers at God. However, they did one thing right and it's found in vv20-21 which says, "If we had forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to some strange deity, wouldn't God have discovered it? After all, God knows every secret of the heart." In the midst of pointing fingers at God (earlier in text) they don't turn "spread their hands out to some strange

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## Summer Worship Schedule

#### Begins May 24th

Worship at 9:30 am

No Adult Sunday school College & Career Class 10:30 am Meeting in the Library

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deity." They take their fears, their doubts, their struggles to God, the only God. They could have allowed their hearts to turn in anger/bitterness from God to other deities, but they remained true to God. Why did they remain true to God? Why should we remain true to God?

My first response to this question in my journal was going to be "Because false idols do me harm." However, I stopped and thought if I miss-understand false idols as "bad" because of how they negatively influence me, the opposite can be true: if an idol seems to bring good to me, then they are "worthy" of my attention. All the sudden worth of worship is focused on me instead of God. God is God and that fact alone, regardless of my human experience is enough to be worthy of complete devotion and sacrifice.

When we struggle to give God our full affection, it's a reflection on the love we have for ourselves. If we are loving ourselves more than God, idols will constantly dictate our lives. However, it's my prayer that God so consumes the affections of my heart so that in my weakness, God can become God, taking his rightful place on the throne of my heart. In whatever happens, good or bad, God is God and He will have my full devotion, full affection.



## **AWANA Special Dates**

May 6th- Race To The Finish! May 13th - Awards Night

#### HAPPENINGS IN OUTREACH

Did you know??

KJLY's "A Day For Women" Conference

A Living Tapestry! Featuring... Kim Gravel Saturday, May 16th @8:45 am

Location: Crossview Covenant Church, North Mankato, MN Cost for the whole day is only \$30! (Includes Lunch)

Kim's speaking topics will be; <u>Purpose</u> - What are you here for? <u>Outlook</u> - our in-look determines your outlook. <u>Walk In</u> - What steps of faith do you need to take?

Amy Goins will join Kim to lead worship & Joni Neiman leads at time of storytelling called, "Bed Turning."

Find out more and register online at: www.KJLY.com. The links to the conference on the radio stations home page. If you are interested we would encourage you not to wait too long to register as last year it sold out quickly.

Contact for conference transportation is Liz Melcher at 507-835-2203. For Outreach Grant funds for a guest you'd like to invite but the ticket stretches your budget, contact Judy Vogelsang at 507-521-4710.



#### Current military – Active, Guard and Reserve

AIR FORCE \*\* ARMY \*\* COAST GUARD \*\* MARINES \*\* NAVY

To commemorate Armed Forces Day, May 16 we honor the following individuals from our congregational family who are currently serving in the military. **Freedom is not free**. We thank each one for his/ her service to our country.

Aaron Vought – (grandson of Earl & Barb Bosshardt) – Army (E-3)

Ethan Vought -- (grandson of Earl & Barb Bosshardt) – Army National Guard (E-5)

Kyle Davis -- (son of Pat & Peggy Davis) – Air Force Reserve (E-6)

Drew DeRaad -- (son-in-law of Al & Joy Gottschalk) – Army (E-4)

Tom Hagen – Army National Guard (Lt. Col.)

Ben Howe – (son of Larry & Charlene Howe) – Army National Guard (Maj.)

David Reinsbach -- (son-in-law of Jeff & Deb Krause) – Army National Guard (Maj.)

Seth Mickelson – Army (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.)

Scott Schreiber – (grandson of Bob Morris) – Air Force (Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class)

Nicholas Wyandt -- (brother of Kari Reed) – Navy (Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class – E-6)

Jeff Salsbury -- (son of Fred & Dottie Salsbury) – Air Force Reserves (Lt. Col.)

Tom Salsbury -- (son of Fred & Dottie Salsbury) – Air Force (Lt. Col.)

Chris Mann -- (son-in-law of Jeff & Merilee Watts) – Air National Guard (SSgt.)

Joshua Beckhart – (son-in-law of Dan & Julie Wobschall) – Army (E-4)

If we have made any errors, or if we have inadvertently omitted anyone, please contact Dottie Salsbury with the corrections/ updates. It is our desire that the list be accurate and complete.

## Sunday Service Announcement Guidelines

**Purpose:** To provide a personal avenue of communicating pertinent information impacting the church body. The announcement should give people the "Next step" to participate in whatever activity they are communicating about.

Format: Every Worship service will offer not more than, two, 60 second slots at the beginning of each service. This can be filled by a video, group skit or the assigned worship leader in charge of communicating verbal announcements.

Content: Each announcement should include this information:

- WHAT is the need?
- WHO is needed?
- WHERE is this taking place?
- WHEN is this happening?

Again, the purpose of this content is to move the people onto the next step. It's not designed to give a comprehensive explanation of the event or need you have.

Submission deadline: All announcements (verbal, bulletin, Wednesday Email, etc) will be <u>due every Wednesday by 8AM</u>. You can fill out a form in the church office or email the announcements to ccc@cccefca.com.

#### Thank you!