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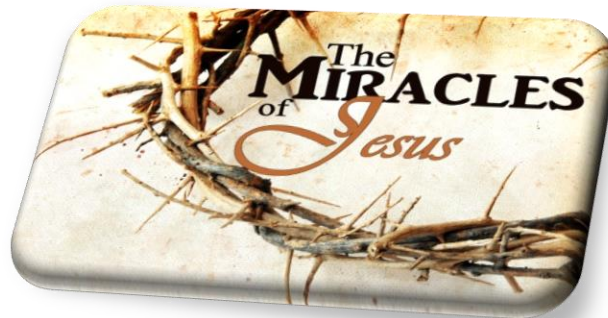
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The Miracles of Jesus

The stories of the miracles Jesus performed have fascinated billions of people since they were performed thousands of years ago. They have risen to the level of general knowledge in the Judeo-Christian world, known even to millions who have never read the Bible before. For example, “turning water into wine” has become part of the cultural lexicon and is widely understood to be the first miracle that Jesus performed, to the astonishment of everyone at the wedding he was attending in Cana.

To the first witnesses of these miracles, they were evidence that there was something special and divine about this humble teacher. To those who came to understand the power of the risen Jesus after his ascension, they were irrefutable evidence that Jesus himself was the one and only Son of God.

As you read about these different miracles, note that many of them appear in the three Gospels that start off the New Testament. You can gain a wider understanding of the miracles themselves by reading these different accounts. As you do, imagine yourself standing alongside the disciples and witnessing the divine power of Jesus, proving to the world that the one who was present at creation (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1) did walk the earth; and as he did, he demonstrated the truth of his identity for all to see.

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*“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”
Maya Angelou*

“If you don’t like the road you’re walking, start paving another one.” Dolly Parton

Reminders

October 6th

PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class – 6:00 p.m.
Communion Sunday

October 9th

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.

October 10th

T.O.P.S.
Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

**Worship Assistants are needed
for October

** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall



Miracles of Jesus - Continued from page 1.

These miracles compelled thousands of people to flock to him while he walked around the Judean countryside, teaching and feeding, and healing those who came to him for help. May those who read these miracle stories today feel a similar desire to learn more about who Jesus was, who he is now, and what he means for their own lives today.

Healing Miracles

Man with Leprosy

A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

– Matthew 8:2-4

Related passages: [Mark 1:40-42](#); [Luke 5:12-13](#)

Roman Centurion’s Servant

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

– Matthew 8:5-13

Related passage: [Luke 7:1-10](#)

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Volunteers Needed



LAST PERSON LEAVING
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church
**Please wear your
name tag on
Sunday mornings**



Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
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Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High
Sunday School –
PK-6 during service,
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday
**Choir –5:30 pm
Bell Choir –6:30 pm

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Tuesday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Wednesday
CLOSED
Thursday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00
Friday
9:00-11:00
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



What did the Lord do to the little the people brought home according to Haggai?

- a) blessed it
- b) blew it away
- c) gave it to the strangers
- d) gave it to the fatherless

Who did the leading men and men of insight sent by Ezra meet with Iddo?

- a) his parents
- b) his brothers
- c) his servants
- d) his friends

Who was King David's firstborn?

- a) Amnon
- b) Absalom
- c) Solomon
- d) Ithream

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



- 8th – Craig Perkins
- 11th – Al Moore, Sally Mueller
- 12th – Delores Fischer

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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channel only.

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, strength, and your mind.

People: And love your neighbor as yourself.

L: Do these things, and you will live.

P: But wanting to justify ourselves we ask, who is our neighbor?

L: Observe the Samaritan who was moved with compassion.

P: Let us not run from opportunities to love but be the neighbor to all we encounter.

“The Compassionate Way”

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Songs

All Things Bright and Beautiful #147

Breathe #3112

Make Us One #2224

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 57

On-Line Worship – 12

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ’s Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for September 22nd are c) Absalom a) Sons of Levi b) Timothy
Quiz hints – Q1) Haggai Q2) Ezra Q3) 2 Samuel**

October 2024



Pancake Mix & Syrup, Pasta (including Spaghetti Noodles), Spaghetti Sauce, Green Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, & Pineapple, Chunky Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili, Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger, Tuna, & Chicken Helpers, Cake, Brownie, & Muffin Mixes, Ketchup, Mustard, Salt, Pepper, Spices.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Bring Your Change to Make a Change

*Collected each Sunday after
the children's message*



"Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children's Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in September will go to the **Shenandoah Community Schools – School Nurses**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday

to Deliver Meals

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the
Welcome Center Counter**

Miracles of Jesus - Continued from page 2.***Peter's Mother-in-Law***

When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

– Matthew 8:14-15

Related passages: Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39

Two Men from Gadara

When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"

Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town, and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

– Matthew 8:28-34

Related passages: Mark 5:1-15; Luke 8:27-35

Paralyzed Man

Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat, and go home." Then the man got up and went home.

– Matthew 9:2-7

Related Passages: Mark 2:3-12; Luke 5:18-25

Woman with Bleeding

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

– Matthew 9:20-22

Related passages: [Mark 5:25-29](#); [Luke 8:43-48](#)

Two Blind Men

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

– Matthew 9:27-31

Mute, Demon-Possessed Man

While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

– Matthew 9:32-33

Man with a Shriveled Hand

Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

He said to them, "If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a person than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other.

– Matthew 12:9-13

Related passages: [Mark 3:1-5](#); [Luke 6:6-10](#)

Blind, Mute, Demon-Possessed Man

Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him so that he could both talk and see.

– Matthew 12:22

Related passage: [Luke 11:14](#)

Canaanite Woman's Daughter

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

– Matthew 15:21-28

Related passages: [Mark 7:24-30](#)

Boy with a Demon

When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

– Matthew 17:14-18

Related passages: [Mark 9:17-29](#); [Luke 9:38-43](#)

Two Blind Men (including Bartimaeus)

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

“Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.”

Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

– Matthew 20:29-34

Related passages: [Mark 10:46-52](#); [Luke 18:35-43](#)

Deaf-Mute

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee, and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

– Mark 7:31-37

Possessed Man in Synagogue

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

– Mark 1:23-26

Related passage: [Luke 4:33-35](#)

Blind Man at Bethsaida

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

– Mark 8:22-26

Crippled Woman

On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

– Luke 13:10-13

Man with Dropsy

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?" But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

– Luke 14:1-4

Ten Men with Leprosy

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Judea. As he went, he called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."
– Luke 17:11-19*

The High Priest's Servant

And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

*But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.
– Luke 22:50-51*

Official's Son at Capernaum

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

*This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.
– John 4:46-54*

Sick Man at Pool of Bethesda

Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the

paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

– John 5:1-9

Man Born Blind

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. The night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

– John 9:1-7

Miracles Showing Power over Nature

Calming the Storm

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"
– Matthew 8:23-27

Related passages: [Mark 4:37-41](#); [Luke 8:22-25](#)

Walking on Water

He saw the disciples straining at the oars because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn, he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed,
– Mark 6:48-51

Related passages: [Matthew 14:25](#); [John 6:19-21](#)

Feeding of the 5,000

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

– Matthew 14:15-21

Related passages: [Mark 6:35-44](#); [Luke 9:12-17](#); [John 6:6-13](#)

Feeding of the 4,000

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"

"How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."

He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.

– Matthew 15:32-38

Related passages: [Mark 8:1-9](#)

Coin in Fish

After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?”

“Yes, he does,” he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their children or others?”

“From others,” Peter answered.

“Then the children are exempt,” Jesus said to him. “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

– Matthew 17:24-27

Fig Tree Withered

Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered.

When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” they asked.

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

– Matthew 21:18-22

Related passages: [Mark 11:12-14](#), [20-25](#)

Large Catch of Fish

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him.

– Luke 5:4-11

Water Turned into Wine

On the third day, a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory and his disciples believed in him.

– John 2:1-11

Another Large Catch of Fish

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

– John 21:1-11

Miracles of Raising the Dead

Jairus's Daughter

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up.

– Matthew 9:18-19, 23-25

Related passages: [Mark 5:22-24, 38-42](#); [Luke 8:41-42, 49-56](#)

Widow's Son at Nain

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

– Luke 7:11-15

Lazarus

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

“But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?”

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

– John 11:1-44

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A series of interesting presentations will take this Fall Semester at Iowa Western Community College, Shenandoah. Call 712-246-1499 to reserve your spot. Detailed flyer is posted on the bulletin board inside the glass walk-in doors. The fee for each presentation is \$5.00.

- ✓ Iowans Always Enjoy Talking about the Weather – October 10th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Candice Lilejahl of Essex
- ✓ Winter Holiday Décor First Impressions – October 24th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Stacy Burgoin-Burge of Sidney
- ✓ Fashions of Days Gone By – October 31st, 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Teresa Minard of Clarinda

This week is photo number 10 in a series of unique pictures from all over the world. For some pictures, you may need to squint and then you will see what the picture represents, others you will see it right away. I have found these amazing and wanted to share them.

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A colorful poster for a Family BINGO Night event. The word "Family" is in a white speech bubble at the top. Below it, "BINGO" is written in large, multi-colored letters (red, orange, yellow, green). "Night" is in a white speech bubble below "BINGO". The background is dark blue with scattered bingo balls (yellow, green, red) with numbers like 12, 15, 30, 42, and 15. Text in the center reads: "GATHER YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BINGO, FELLOWSHIP, SNACKS, AND PRIZES! BRING A SNACK TO SHARE OR ANY WHITE ELEPHANT PRIZES YOU MAY HAVE IF YOU WISH, OR JUST BRING YOURSELF!!". At the bottom, a yellow banner says "3:00 SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH" and a white banner says "Shenandoah United Methodist Church".

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AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers in our area to provide support to their terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can visit, read to the patient, participate in a favorite activity, or simply sit alongside the patient in their journey.

Volunteers are a vital part of our hospice care mission. We will provide you with extensive training and continued support throughout your tenure.

To sign up or find out more about this or other opportunities please contact:
Jen Vogt, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, jen.vogt@amedisys.com
402-943-687 Apply online at <https://bittr.im/1ld4o>



Transforming the World Through Compassion."

Whether in the church, business, school, sports, politics, and sometimes even leisure, we primarily relate to each other through competition. We are driven by the idea that transforming ourselves and the world around us requires doing more and doing it faster. But this way of life can harm us and others. It creates loneliness, hostility, and illusions. Jesus calls us to a different way of being: "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate." In the vision of God's Kingdom, the world and our very selves are transformed through compassion.

This Sunday, join us for a new sermon series, "Reading Out:

During the month of October as we enter the height of the election season, let us prioritize compassion over competition and control. In the Church calendar, October 4 is set aside as the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis was one that changed the world, not through politics, not through institutional programs, not through demonizing enemies in order to conquer them. Francis instead chose a radically different way of life. He chose to live poorly among the outcasts of society and to truly embody the compassion of Jesus. This is a prayer that is attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

I would encourage you to use this prayer throughout October. May we be a church in which peace and compassion flow.

Grace and peace,
 Pastor David B. Clark

IMPORTANT DATES



Sunday, October 6th – Missional Workgroup – 10:30 a.m., Confirmation Class, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8th - Charge Conference – Sidney United Faith Church – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 20th – Congregational Care Workgroup – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 20th – Family BINGO (at the church) – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22nd – Ad Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 27th – Growing Young Workgroup – 10:30 a.m.



I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, and gifts while I have been recovering from having a pacemaker put in. My church family means a lot to me and your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Lois Anderson