

NORTONVILLE NEWS

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

The followers of Jesus noticed that He had a very strong prayer life. They saw that He would wake up early in the morning so that He could spend some time alone with His Father in heaven. They watched Him as He lifted His eyes towards heaven and honored His Father. The disciples were so impressed with Jesus' prayer life that they asked Him to teach them how they should pray. So, He gave to them a prayer that is recorded for us in Luke 11:1-4 and Matthew 6:9-13.

We call this prayer the "Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer. The prayer isn't very long, but it is very deep. Christ shows us in this prayer how we are to pray about important themes. And so when we pray this prayer, it is proper to slow down and consider how "full" each prayer theme is. This is not a prayer to be hurried through, but is rather a prayer that allows us to concentrate on our dependence upon the living God. Slowly praying the Lord's prayer can bring depths of understanding from the Lord Himself. There is a treasure of truth and love in this short prayer.

One important issue that Jesus told us to communicate with our Father about is the issue of daily bread. As we pray at the beginning of the day, we are to ask God to give us the food that we need for the day that is before us. Though it is such a simple request, let us consider how this petition for food reminds us of the truth about God.

First, we are reminded that God is the One whom we are fully dependent on. He is the One who makes sure we have something to eat. Our daily bread comes from His good hand. Whether we eat cereal or steak, avocados or ice cream, every mouthful is provided for us by Him. Whether we bought the food at Meijers or grew it in our backyard, He supplied the water for the strawberries, the sunshine for the tomatoes, the grass for the cow, and the knowledge how to keep the ice cream frozen until consumption. Ultimately, we are totally dependent upon His goodness for our sustenance. God is the One who gives us food, clothing, and somewhere to sleep. We are fully dependent upon Him.

Stay Connected

Sunday

We are back to our regular scheduled services. Please join with us!

10:45 am Sunday morning

6:00 pm Sunday night.

Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm

Youth Group meets at 6:30pm

If you have internet and would like to watch our Sunday morning service, search for Nortonville Gospel Chapel on **Facebook** or **YouTube**. You can also see the video and discover more resources on our website: www.nortonvillechapel.info

No Internet? Simply call **616-846-7309** at 10:45 am on Sunday and you can listen to the whole morning service.

“Give Us Day our Daily Bread” (continued)

Secondly, this supplication for daily bread reminds us that God is in control of all of the factors that make up this day. He is not only the One who gives us food for this day, but He is also the One who has given to us our responsibilities and our opportunities in the day that awaits us. He is the One who has set before us our duties. So praying for daily bread can include praying for all the necessities of our lives. And if we pray and truly trust in Him, we can be people who have His peace inside us no matter what happens during the day.

Carolina Sandell Berg wrote the hymn “Day by Day”. It reminds us that we can trust God for not only our daily food, but our daily allotment in life.

“Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment, I’ve no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure, gives unto each day what He deems best - lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.”

Let’s ask God for our daily bread, our daily necessities, and trust Him for what He gives to us. He has already given us His only Son to be the satisfaction for our sins, so giving us our daily bread is part of His being our Father. He provides us with every good gift. Glory be to God!



Sunday, July 11 10:45 am.

Missionary Dr. John Cook
from Indigenous Ministries

**“What Is Happening in the
Middle East?”**



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LINDA VINK

A Life of Continued Service and Commitment to the Lord.

Linda is native to Grand Haven. She was born Linda Johnson and had 3 brothers, but was the first daughter in the Johnson family lineage. Linda had been raised as a Christian but didn't practice her faith early on. In 1954 she met Dale Vink and while dating, started going to church at Nortonville Gospel Chapel with him. Linda said she always believed in Christ but she acknowledged her faith when she and Dale were married. They were married in 1958. Together they raised three children, Jeff, Susan and Merri, in the church, and are blessed with grandchildren and great grandchildren. She said her and Dale would often walk through the Grand Haven cemetery and visit their family connections, as there were so many from both their sides. Family past and present was important to them both.

In her early years while raising her children, Linda worked at Jeffers school as a teachers aid. When the children got older, she followed them to high school as an aid as well. Linda said "she has always loved teaching and working with children". Later she worked at Superior Metal Products, then Sintel Inc. as a production manager, where after many years, she retired.

Dale was a talented writer and wood carver. He wrote special poems for people and made carvings he gave as special gifts also. How many of you remember the wooden poster for the church which hosted the holiday events at Nortonville? Another was the carving of the church which Dorothy Walker proudly has. Many probably still have poems and carvings of their own from Dale who went to our Lord in 2016.

Both Dale and Linda were very active in Nortonville Gospel Chapel. They both served in the church as Sunday school teachers for many years and also the Thursday night VBS carnival. Linda is very involved in The Ladies Circle, quilting and Sisters of Sarah.



She said she made many friends in her groups who all just wanted to help others. Her hope is that all the ladies groups will get together again soon.

Did you know Linda was a roller skater? Well she was and still smiles today thinking about it. She also, not too long ago, went roller blading. Her love for sports and her love for kids is still present and so is her energy. Another talent is making her own pronto pups. Who knew?? Linda loves to cook and still prepares a dinner on Sunday and her door is always open for extras.

Linda says she is independent and very content with life, except she would like more energy when mowing the lawn. She is looking forward to traveling with friends and getting back to doing the ladies activities at church.

She would like to see more young families within our church and that all people would be enthusiastic about God's word and involve the church in their everyday life.

JULY BIRTHDAYS 2021



Pastor Joe, O'Neill
July 1



Eleanor Ambrose
July 3



David Rose
JULY 3



Vince Blake
JULY 3



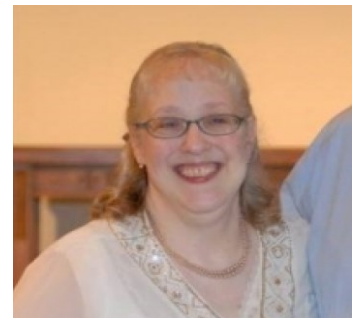
Nancy Marshall
July 5



Karen Huggins
July 6



Randy Arnson
July 10



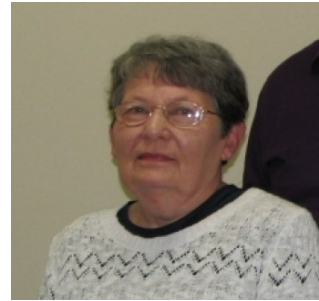
Maureen Czinder-Sherman
July 10



Israel Hildebrandt
July 10



Dorothy Walker
July 10



Ann Vink
July 13



Susan Rose
July 14



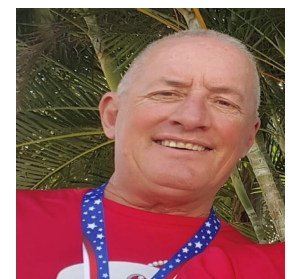
John Ambrose
July 18



Pat Blake
July 18

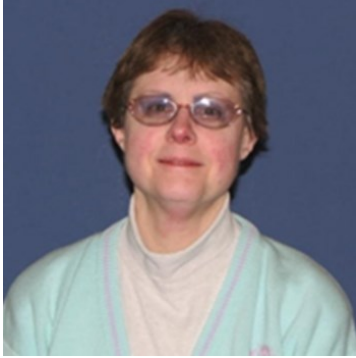


Joe Sherman
July 21



Rick(Dale) Chittenden
July 23

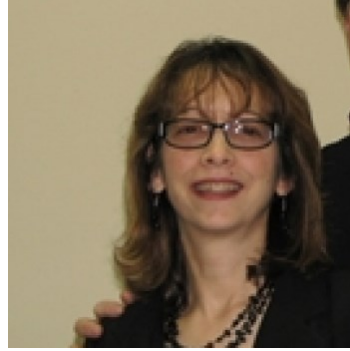
July Birthday's 2021 (Continued)



Beth Epplett
July 24



Moriah Reynolds
July 25



Dianne Lunt
July 30

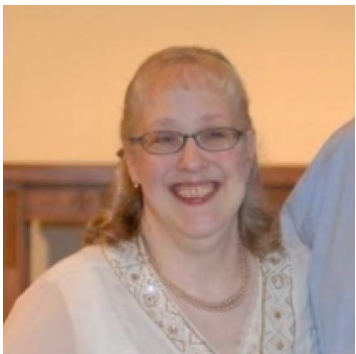


Lydia Reynolds
July 30

July Anniversary's 2021



Barb and John Bar
July 17



Maureen (Czinder) and Joe Sherman
July 18



Emily and John Ambrose
July 25