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"Fight Club"

Last summer we had fun in looking at books, films and songs that speak to the soul. At the conclusion of that series, I thought it might be a good idea to continue doing that – on occasion. I really considered a monthly or bi-monthly (if that means every other month instead of twice a month) return to that series.

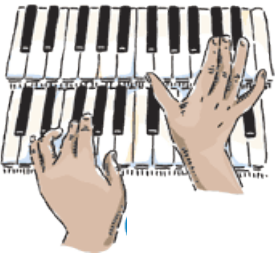
Well, it's been nearly five months since the end of that series and I've yet to return to it. And now...no matter what you may have concluded by reading the above paragraph along with this week's sermon title, I'm still not returning to that series. I had some of you worried, though, didn't I? And perhaps I had some of you excited about the prospect. After all, that could fit into two of the three categories since "Fight Club" is both a book and a movie. I must add, though, that it is one of the weirdest books and movies I've ever read or seen! I'm sure there's a sermon in both – but I'm afraid I'm not ready to figure out what that sermon is!

No, this Sunday's sermon will have absolutely nothing to do with the "Fight Club" that some of you know. It's a different kind of Fight Club but I think the title is quite appropriate. The origins of this Fight Club are found in the very first chapter of Mark's gospel and they continue to the very end of it. In fact, the Fight Club to which we refer continues to this very day!

Read Mark 1:21-28 where the writer of the first gospel introduces us to "Fight Club."

Blessings,
Dennis

WELCOME TO RACHEL LUTTRULL!



This Sunday will be the first Sunday for our new organist, Rachel Luttrull! This is an exciting time for all of us. Rachel studied Horn Performance at Indiana University and graduated from the University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Computer Science. He works as an Associate Developer at Atlas Van Lines (yes, the same place that Bret Rauscher works!).

Rachel studied organ with Doug Reed, Robert Nicholls and our own Helen Skuggedal Reed which tells us a great deal about her training and skill! We look forward to Rachel serving on our staff and we invite you to join us in The Gallery following the 10:30 service for a reception to welcome her to Eastminster.



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A REPORT AND HAVE NOT TURNED ONE INTO THE OFFICE, PLEASE DO SO.



CHURCH DIRECTORIES
It's time to print new church directories! But before we do that we want to make sure we have all the latest info. If you have changed your address, your telephone number, or your email address in the last 12 months, please contact the church office with the new information. Please contact us by January 29. We always appreciate being updated anytime during the year when you make these changes. Thank you!

Eastminster Staff

Anna Cantrell - Housekeeper
Dennis R. Davenport - Pastor
Mary Fulkerson - Office Manager
Trey Fulkerson - Youth/Pastoral Assistant
Marian LaChance - Housekeeper
Rachel Luttrull - Organist
Dennis Malfatti - Director of Music
Erin Tipton - Christian Ed Director

Church Office Hours

M - Th: 8:30 –4:00 P.M.
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Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**
Shannon Irmscher Matt Fiedler

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**
Shannon Irmscher Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS

Mark Nicholson & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE

Garrett Ferguson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER

Annie Engelbrecht





Office Hours will be held at our normally scheduled time: 4:30-7:00 p.m.

This Saturday our youth will battle in a nerf war!



We will meet at the church on Saturday the 27th at 12:00 p.m. and will finish at 5:00 p.m. Plenty of food and drinks will be provided during this time.



"Antz" and the Bible

Due to how fun "SpongeBob" and the Bible was, we have decided that we will be taking a look at the Dreamworks movie Antz in an attempt to learn a little bit more about how sin works in our lives. Following the lesson we will have time for a game and fellowship. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

See you in The Place, Trey

FLOWER CALENDAR

The new Flower Calendar is up and ready for 2018. The cost is now \$45 for two vases. Please reserve your special date as soon as possible as the dates fill up quickly.



Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following: Roland Small & family, Janet, Bob Gudgel, Austin Smith, Marian Bruggenschmidt, Tracey Manis, Connie Nichols, Pam, Marilois Barker, Donna Davis, Chris Hoefling's friends & family, Carol Palmer & Marilyn Ellsperman. If you have a prayer request, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or contact the Church Office.

Movie Night Fundraiser Friday, February 2, 2018

Fundraiser to benefit the youth who will be attending the SYI mission trip this summer. Be watching for more information!



TAKE NOTE

Annual Reports to the Congregation will be available on Sunday, February 4 to be reviewed for our Annual

Congregational meeting that will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018.



Gemini Camp will be June 10 - 15 this year. It is open to kids entering 4th grade thru 12th grade. Camp packets should go in February. If you are interested in attending or volunteering, please see Sabrina Holden for info. Thank you!



The Parlor Book Club

Due to the weather the Parlor Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at noon to discuss The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie



Sympathy is extended to Roland Small in the death of his sister Sheila.



Christian Education

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Summer in Psalms Reading Schedule

Psalm 1:2 Instead, his delight is in the LORD's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.

January 22-Psalm 19

January 23-Psalm 20

January 24-Psalm 21

January 25-Psalm 22

January 26-Psalm 23

January 27-Psalm 24

January 28-Psalm 25

Are you behind? Don't worry!! Just keep on keeping on. We will get there together!

ADAM HAMILTON
Christianity
AND
World Religions
Wrestling With Questions People Ask



Reverend Davenport's Class Room 203

For the next 6 weeks, Reverend Davenport's class will use Adam Hamilton's book to take a look at Christianity and World Religions. It is sure to be a fascinating look at Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Give this class a try!!

*Faith is taking the first step,
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.
~Martin Luther King, Jr.*



I was in a car accident on Monday, January 8th. I don't tell you this to make you feel bad for me or to get sympathy, but it really shook me up. In fact, writing about my experiences seems cathartic for me, so I am hoping this will help me to have closure, too. And, I don't mind sharing that I am only human and make many mistakes.



I had just picked Owen up from preschool and we were headed home to meet the other boys. The roads were wet. A woman slammed on her brakes in front of me. I couldn't stop and rear-ended her. Then I was rear-ended and pushed back into the front car. It was a mess. Thankfully, no one was injured. But, I was left feeling like an idiot. I have never had an accident in Indiana. I didn't know what questions to ask the police officer. I didn't take pictures like I should have. I was so startled that I didn't do anything. More than anything I was angry. Angry at myself. Angry at the woman who slammed on her brakes in front of me and angry at the woman behind me who hit me.

After I got home from the car accident ordeal, I was outside looking at the damage to my car. I saw a bluebird on some Dogwood trees in our yard and it stopped me in my tracks. I know that means nothing to you. But, for me, in the past few months, when I am down and out about life, I walk outside and immediately see a bird I haven't noticed in months. It is usually a bird I am waiting and hoping to see like my favorite Pileated Woodpecker or this sweet little Eastern Bluebird that chirps at me when I sit on my porch. I can almost become anxiety-ridden over not seeing these certain birds. What have I done? Am I not putting out the right food? Maybe it is hurt? Maybe I am not looking at the right time of day? Maybe it has moved on? This particular bluebird, I haven't seen since summer and, yet, it appeared after my accident. Is that a coincidence? I don't have many moments where I clearly sense the presence of God, but in that moment I sensed a gentle reminder that God was with me. God was there all along. In my anger, in my frustration, in my feeling like an idiot, God was there. Now that I am reflecting on the experience I wonder if the bluebird had been in my yard all along? Just like God is there through it all. Maybe I just didn't see my bluebird or God until my struggles were too heavy for me. I am reminded of a line in a song called "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" that they played at my paternal grandmother's funeral, "But, I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand." We just have to stop long enough to remember who holds tomorrow and who holds our hand.

~Erin