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In last week's Messenger I reflected on advice to the churches in Ephesus to be kind to one another. This week I have read the popular text about "The Armor of God" in Ephesians 6:10-20. As a much younger believer, I would read and re-read that passage with great imagination; in college I had one of those posters on my wall with the text of verses 14-17 at the bottom and large images of helmet, shield and sword. It was my attempt to say, "I love God, but I am also tough and cool."

As a kid I was enthralled with stories of King Arthur, Knights of the Round Table, and other books and tales of armored heroes who held themselves to high standards and pledged to stand for the downtrodden and champion the cause of justice. Back then, there were hardly any TV stories or movies depicting characters like that. Now, it is hard to log onto a streaming service or power on a television and *not* see some story featuring those elements. There are now copious prop swords, axes, maces, and other weapons commonly used in medieval times available for viewing on screen.

What many have noticed about the Ephesians reading, however is that the gear is almost exclusively *defensive* gear: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, and helmet. There is mention of a sword. The sword mentioned, however, is "of the spirit, which is the Word of God." How violent is that? The truth is it is not, and that is by God's intention. While there are stories of conquest and violence in scripture, God's prevailing message to us is of Love, Justice, Truth, Righteousness, and Peace. The Jesus we follow is elsewhere described as the Prince of Peace.

The "Armor of God" passage concludes with an urgent plea for prayer. All of the preparation and imagery of armor leads to the conclusion of the need for and importance of prayer. Perhaps this is part of why those who call to God are often described as prayer warriors. May you persevere in your prayer time this week. As you utter your prayers to God, bear in mind that you are remembered in prayer by myself and others.

Blessings,
JT



ministry.

Calling all singers! Eastminster choir will begin rehearsals on September 2nd at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Please join us for fellowship and music making as we look to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. No prior experience is needed, just a desire to be part of this important

With covid cases on the rise in Evansville, please be assured that measures will be in place to ensure safety and minimize exposure risks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call Alanna (ak215@evansville.edu or 225.772.0072).

Our organist is now going by the name Ryan, and both he and Alanna are excited for choir to start



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Anne Richardson who passed away on August 14.

Memory Awards

Congratulations to the following for completing their memory work for 2021:

Addison Fritz
Elizabeth Lee
Ian Garcia
Jack Garcia



Reminder: Everyone is invited to attend the wedding reception for Trey & Annie after worship this Sunday, August 22.





Loaves and Fishes to begin in the Fall!

What it is:

Loaves and Fishes is a dinner group that meets once a month for four months. The purpose is to share a meal and spend an evening getting to know other members or friends of our church family. There is no agenda just an evening of fellowship and food.

How it works:

Those interested will sign up. Usually there are 8-10 individuals in a group. Most members will host the group at home once during the 4 months. However, some may choose to have the group meet for dinner at a local restaurant. It's completely up to you. We have also had individuals sign up for a group that only meets in restaurants. Anything is possible as it is all about the fellowship. If you are unfamiliar with Loaves and Fishes don't worry a more "seasoned" group member will be asked to host the first meal. Once groups have been formed, information will be provided to all group members such as names, phone numbers/emails. The first "hosts" will be asked to call/email members in their group to set a date for the first meal along with requests for allergies (food or pet).

How to join:

If you would like to be part of a group please contact Karla Horrell by email kczhorrell@aol.com or by phone (812) 476-5641. Please specify if you would prefer an eating out group vs home settings.



An abundant supply of school supplies was collected by the EPC Congregation for the Teacher's Locker.

The CE Committee thanks everyone who participated.



The Outreach and Missions Committee will be sponsoring a Halloween Carnival for the community from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30th.

There will be games, contests, face painting, and a small number of Trunk or Treat cars.

We will need a large number of volunteers from the congregation and most won't need to do any preparation. You will just need to show up and be in costume.



Please pray for the following: Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Gene Tying; Mike Crecelius; Walt Lowe; Mae Chin; Pat Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.

Assembly Night

If you are a committee chair or a member of a committee, please be sure to sign up for the September assembly night meeting that will take place on Wednesday, September 8 at 6p.m. We will serve pizza and drinks as well.

The sign-up sheet is on welcome table in the Gallery.



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