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Our Interim Pastor

Camp Stewards

In 1940 the Little Grassy Creek in Southern Illinois was dammed and the result was the formation of what is now known as Little Grassy Lake. This project was one designed to provide work and relieve those suffering from the economic depression. While other similar lakes were created at the same time, this one was different. The land around Little Grassy Lake was to be set aside to establish organized camps for youth.

Organizations that were allowed to establish these camps included the Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church, Seventh Day Adventists, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Future Farmers of America, and Southern Illinois University. Each of these organizations was allowed to lease their particular parcel of land from the federal government at the grand sum of \$1 per year. Because processing, paperwork, and administration of collecting this "rent" would have cost much more than the income the government received, it is never actually collected.

I share this story for two reasons: First, sometimes the government does good things that make good sense and this is one of those stories. Second, this is an interesting way to look at stewardship. Property is owned by one party, leased for free by another party, and available for children, youth, and adults to recreate, learn, and grow in the out of doors.

Here are some questions: How could the church use what we have (buildings, grounds, bus) in a similar way? How can you re-imagine what stewardship means for you? Where do we have opportunities to offer value or use to others?

Blessings,
J.T.



As a part of our stewardship emphasis we are using the program "My Money Story". Included in this program is a devotional and study guide. We have copies of this devotional Guide available in the Gallery. It is an aid to help you explore how you want to respond to the biblical call to Stewardship—in the world, in our environment, and in our church.

For those of you not worshipping with us in the sanctuary who would like a copy of this study guide, please call the church office.

This past Sunday we looked into the theme of "release." Many of us need to release old concepts of what giving to the church might mean and open our hearts to what God is telling us. We ask you to prayerfully consider your stewardship of your time, talents and treasure in preparation for our Stewardship Commitment Sunday.

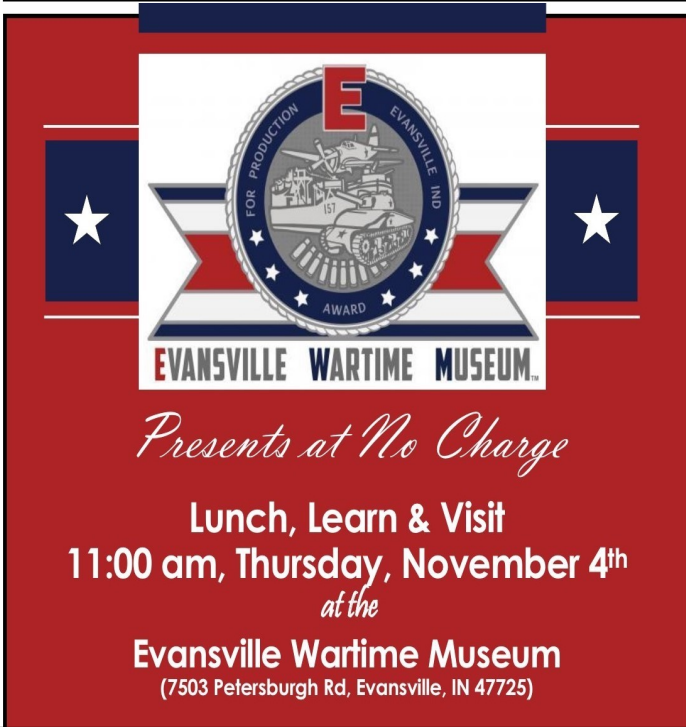
Commitment Sunday will be November 7.
Please bring your pledge card to dedicate on that day.



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

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.

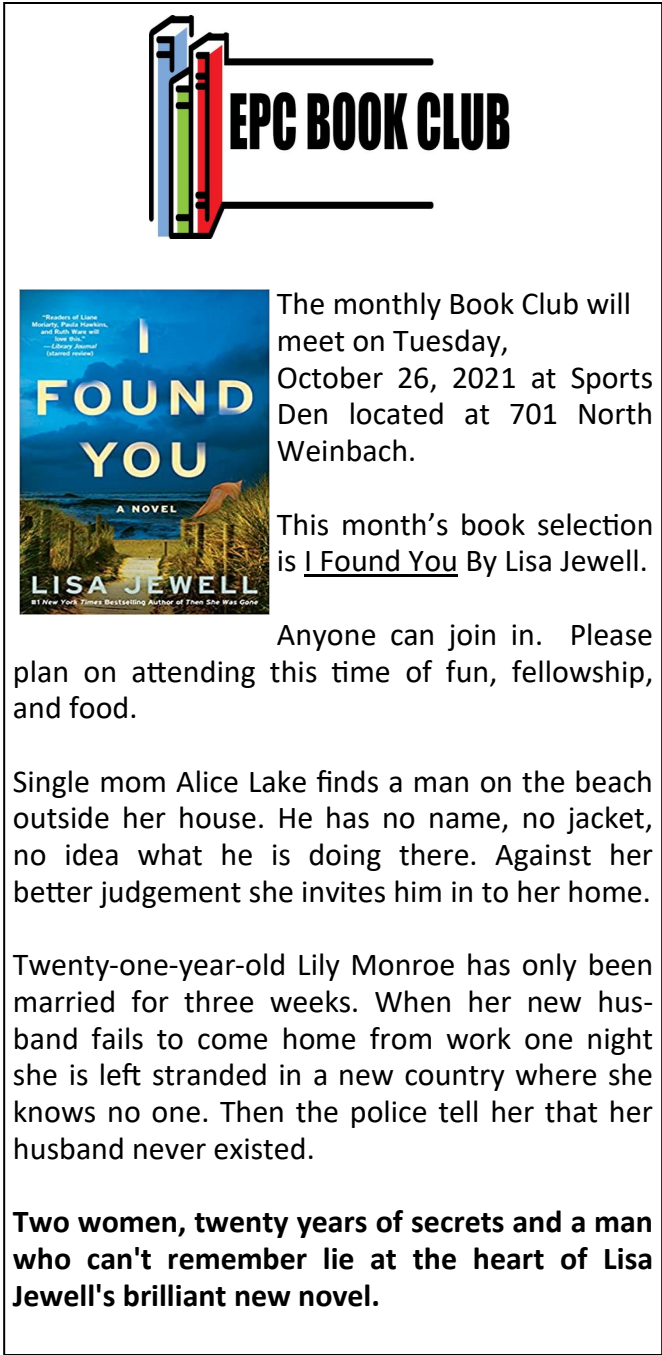
A **Lunch, Learn, and Visit** program featuring Allen Sanderson will be hosted at the Evansville Wartime Museum on November 4 beginning at 11:00 am. The deadline for reservations is Friday, October 29, please call the church office if you would like to reserve a spot.



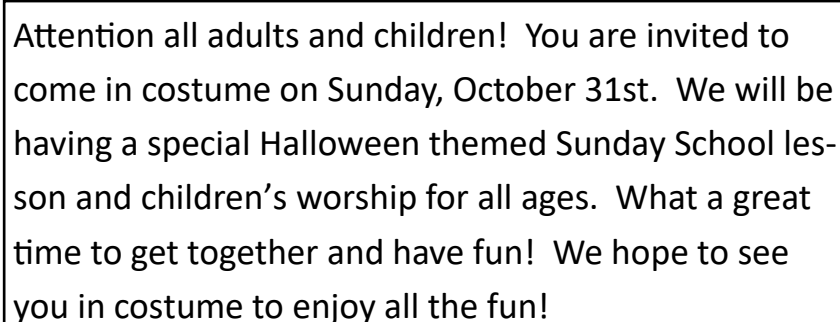
Program by
John Bender M.D., Irv Levine, Allen Sanderson

Guest panel presents their personal experiences
during the wartime.

Question and answer session after program
Experience the joy of flight with the new
flight simulators.



Two women, twenty years of secrets and a man who can't remember lie at the heart of Lisa Jewell's brilliant new novel.



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