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Come to know . . .

Come to love . . .

Come to serve . . .

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Nursery & Preschool Help Needed!!!

We are in need of more helpers in both of these classes. I try to make it so you only have one Sunday a month. Due to the fact that we are losing help in the winter it makes it difficult to stay with that schedule. If you are willing to help in this area please give Jan Hauenstein your name and she will be making up the schedules for the new year. Thank You in advance for your help.

*May You all have a very
Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year!*

*Our offices will be closed December
24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st for
the holidays.*

A big THANK YOU to all the Youth and Adults for the Dinner theater. You all did a fantastic job on the meal and program.

Building Project Fund

We are in the process of building more office space and fixing up the parsonage for the Jones' Family. If you would like to contribute money to the construction projects please place your check in the offering and mark the memo area construction projects.

New Church Directory

Jan Hauenstein is in the process of updating the church directory. If your information has changed from last year's directory, please see Jan Hauenstein to update it.

WCS Meeting

Meeting for the month of January will be on **10th**. Hostess for this meeting will be Sharlie Stomm and Jan Hauenstein. Devotions will be given by Jan Hauenstein. Project is the Heart Sunday Dinner. All women are invited and encouraged to join us.

Message from our Minister, Jeremy Jones:

Have you ever stopped and wondered how many times you have said “Yes” to things? I could not begin to tell you how many times the word yes is used in our home. We are constantly asking the kids questions or asking them to do something that requires them to say “Yes.” In fact, yes is a very important word and I’m not sure what life would be without it.

As we approach the Christmas Season, I would like you think about a time when saying “Yes” would change everything. Before we go forward, please stop and read **Luke 1:26 – 38**. Now that we have read Luke 1:26 – 38, let’s take a closer look at this Scripture. Here Mary is told by the angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of the Son of God. Mary was confronted with the BIGGEST decision that would not only change her life and the lives of everyone close to her, but would change everything for ALL time and for ALL people. How would she respond? How would you respond? If we go back a few verses we see that Mary’s cousin’s husband Zacharias was faced with a very similar situation. He, too, had a choice to make. Would he accept the angel’s words, could he believe that the unbelievable really would be possible? Sadly, we read he did not believe the angel and for 9 months he would have to pay for his unbelief in silence. Unlike, Zacharias, however Mary did not doubt the angel and excepted the things that the angel had told her. In other words, she said “Yes.”

As you know I like comic books and one thing they love to do in comics is ask the question “What if.....” So, here’s something to think about: What would have happened if Mary had said, “No”? Would God have chosen another person? Would God have told Mary she had no choice? Would Jesus have come in the flesh at all? Maybe God would have completed His plan another way. We will never know the answer to that question. We only know that Mary responded, “Behold, the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” Mary said, “yes” and the world would forever know that the Son of God came into the world, even if they don’t want to want to claim Him as their Savior. So, the next time you are asked a question that requires you to answer yes or no, think carefully how you will answer. You never know God could use your yes to change the world.