

# CROSS




# WORDS

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All the time,  
GOD is good.



WARREN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
202 East Second Street

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 FOR  
**WORSHIP**

Refreshments served at 8:45  
Nursery available at 9:15

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."  
Psalm 150:6

November 1, 2021

## The Monthly Word

FROM  
PASTOR TROY

### At the End of the Day

*"He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning..." Daniel 2:21*

Have you ever noticed how many times the people say, "at the end of the day..."? They finish it off with what they think we as the American people want or need.

"At the end of the day all America wants is..."

"At the end of the day the working class people need..."

"At the end of the day the average American just wants..."

I think if the news programs put together a clip of all their guests and hosts saying, "at the end of the day..." and what we want as Americans, even from just a week's worth of shows, it would be hilarious.

Have you ever had a phrase that just grated on your nerves when you heard it? That "at the end of the day" is the one that does it for me. A sickening feeling comes over me whenever I hear it uttered.

I was thinking about that "at the end of the day" comment and it struck me that I already know what is going to happen "at the end of the day". God's Word already tells me certain things that I can know.

There are two things that I find cheers me up to know *at the end of the day*.

## **1. I have a place in Heaven waiting for me.**

That is so exciting to me. Heaven is there waiting no matter what happens here on this earth. It doesn't matter who is in office or who is not, I have Heaven in my future.

My dad and father-in-law are there. Our saints from the church are there. So yes, the thought of Heaven can cheer me up big time. Remember those that have gone before us, they talked about Heaven all the time. Pastors preach sermons on it. Hopefully our faces light up every time they talked about Heaven.

I want to know every fact that the Bible gives on Heaven. I want to sit around and talk about it like some people talk about going to Disneyland. It's going to be a trip I'm going to take someday. I hope and pray that I know without a doubt what I want *at the end of the day*. I want those at my memorial service to say that he is finally there. He's finally taken that trip he wanted to take so badly. He'll see the sites.

Sure things are wonderful, aren't they? And Heaven is a sure thing.

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:3*

## **2. God is in charge of the devil.**

Someday God's is going to take care of the devil. I don't have to worry about it. No matter how much havoc the devil can stir up here on earth, in the end God will take care of him.

*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire... Revelation 20:10*

So much is uncertain right now, but I can rest assured that *at the end of the day* that God is still in control. It doesn't matter what opinions we have politically, God is still there as Ruler over all. He knows what is going on.

I know it is hard to have peace in your heart at a time like this. Believe me, I realize that. All the facts, the non-facts, and all that information swirling around out there concerning our elected officials and the direction of our country can boggle the mind.

Lately I have to remind myself of the words that Daniel said.

*Daniel answered and said, "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." Daniel 2:20-21*

There are a lot of things going on in our country that we should be concerned with and we should work to better our world. I think on the whole we should all be more civically minded, especially as Christians.

If we want to make an impact, we are going to have to get more involved in our political system as a whole. When things arise, we need to contact our local representatives and voice our opinions. It's hard for us to complain too much if we have never taken any action to better things. And certainly we all need to band together in prayer that good strong leaders will come along, because we need them.



We should do our part and vote. We should do our part and pray. That all goes without saying, but there comes a point when we just have to give it all over to God. We have to trust that He is the ultimate Ruler.

Sometimes we don't understand the things that God allows and that He doesn't allow. Certain things don't make a lot of sense to us as mere humans.

The one thing we can do is rest assured that God knows what He is doing. He has a purpose and a plan for everything.

I'm so glad I have that same God of Daniel. He's the One that makes the seasons come and go. Nothing is going to happen that He is not aware of. God is the One Who is at the helm. I'm so glad that *at the end of the day* I can rest totally in Him. I can block out the uncertainty of the world and I can curl up into His peace.

I'm happy too that I can look forward to Heaven and a home with Christ. I can look forward to Christ's reign forever and ever. My *end of the day* has such an upside no matter what may be happening here on earth at this present time.

**So, at the end of the day, what do you want?**

**Blessings and peace to all!**

**Pastor Troy and Mindy**



# YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE  
WUCC Youth

We are heading into November and it got cold and wet in a hurry!

Heading into Thanksgiving and we have already spent significant time in the month of October talking about what we are thankful for. I personally spent a good portion of October feeling ill so we talked an awful lot about just being thankful for the little things in life and being thankful for being healthy. Often times we take for granted the little things and we can even take for granted the big things like Jesus and his unconditional love for us. We spoke during Homecoming about how great it is to be home and how uncomfortable it can feel being homesick. The great thing about Jesus is that He is with you always no matter where you are or how you are feeling.

Looking into next month we are excited to participate in the Festival of Tress and the Holiday Walk here in Warren. Our tree theme will be a theme that we have spoken about all year round, Be Kind. Those words have come out of my mouth just about every Wednesday evening so we thought it would be appropriate to theme our tree after kindness. Not only is it important to be kind to others but it's important to be kind to yourself as well and that is something that is so important for the youth to remember.

**TERRY LEE**





Please mark your calendars to attend church on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The nominating committee has been working hard to fill the available positions within the church. We will be voting for these nominations during the business meeting following service. We would like to thank all who volunteer for our church as well as Deb Baker and the nominating committee for all you have done.

## HOMEcoming 2021

Thank you to everyone who joined us last month for our Homecoming Celebration. We had a great service with special music from Claudia Boxell, Emma Dahlquist, Mindy Drayer, and Barry Jamison. Service was followed a delicious meal in the Fellowship Hall prepared by our Deacons.



**Thanks for coming!**



### Warren United Church of Christ Angel Tree

stop in and pick out a toy for their children for Christmas. Our church will be helping by collecting gifts for both boys and girls ranging in age groups of 6-12 and 13-18. Any toy or gift you would like to donate for these kids can be dropped off at the church by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to call the church office for gift ideas! Last year they invited 34 families to come in and were able to help provide a gift for 97 children! Hope you have fun this year with toy shopping!! Thanks for always supporting our Angel Tree.

The gifts for this year's Angel Tree will be delivered to The Bread of Life Food Pantry. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the "Christmas Room". Toys are collected throughout the year and the first of December they begin making appointments for local families to

## Our Bench Project is Complete!

We now have three beautiful benches in front of our church. Our youth collected 1,600 lbs of bottle caps over the last two years to recycle into benches in front of the church and also a bench and 2 trash receptacles at Riverside Park. The trash receptacles were sponsored by Gebharts Floral Barn & Greenhouse, Salamonie Active Men, and Warren Area Chamber of Commerce. The Bench at the Park is in Memory of Kenneth and Linda Cloud from the sons and families. The benches at the church are sponsored by Terry and Carrie Miller family, the Brook's family in memory of John Brooks III, and Chod and Claudia Boxell in memory of Marvin and Rosemary Zeller. Thank you to all who helped with this project and a special thanks to Becky Souder for all her time and work sorting caps and keeping things organized and to Colsen & Ceaten Brubaker for always being available to help sort and weigh the many many many bags of caps!!



Historic Warren's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Holiday Walk & Festival of Trees  
Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>  
5-8pm

Mark your calendars to come downtown on Friday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> to join in on the fun. Visit all the local business, vote on your favorite tree or maybe enter the gingerbread house contest. Be sure to stop in at the church. We will have 2 tree's entered in the contest. Pick up a treat in the fellowship hall while you wait to go on the horse and buggy ride.



VETERAN'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7TH, 5PM  
KNIGHT BERGMAN CIVIC CENTER  
MORE INFORMATION ON CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD.

## THANK YOU!

We want to extend a big thank you to all who helped with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Smoked Pork Chop drive thru dinner. We had 83 vehicles come thru the line and served 258 dinners. We were able to sell all the remaining chops after the dinner and the remaining potatoes and green beans were donated to the soup kitchen in Huntington.

An extra thank you to Kevin Deakyne for delivering them in time for their Sunday supper! We were hoping to serve more dinners, however, it turned out to be a very cold and rainy day! Everyone must have stayed in and had a bowl of soup!!

We ended up with a profit of \$1400 that will be divided between the Joy Class, Missions Committee and WAMA. Again, thanks to all who helped with all aspects of the day. As the saying goes, it takes a village, and we have one of the best villages around!! God's Blessings to all!

Julie Korporal & Cammy Ackley, Entertainment Committee





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This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made;  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



# NOVEMBER

Join us for our:  
**FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**  
Let's fill the pulpit!!!



November Challenge  
is Toilet Paper!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 CONTEMPORARY YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM	4 TREVA SCHMIDT	5	6
7 SUNDAY SERVICE COMMUNION 9:30AM	8 KATHY PUGH	9	10 CONTEMPORARY YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 JOE MARTIN MARY CLARK
14 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM	15 LONDON GREEN	16 JESSIE FOWLER DON WILLIAMS	17 CHASE WRIGHT	18	19 HOLIDAY WALK	20
21 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM NICOLE ROOKS	22 NANCY SMYTH	23 SANDY HEATHCOTE KADYN BOLINGER	24 CONTEMPORARY YOUTH GROUP 6:30PM	25 GIVE thanks	26	27
28 SUNDAY SERVICE 9:30AM MIRANDA BOLINGER	29 DANIELLE SHAPE	30 BRYON MARTIN COLLEEN ODEN	ANNIVERSARIES: 6 - DEWAYNE & KELLY JONES 11 - JERRY & PEGGY WILSON 27 - WENDELL & SHARI SUE BROWN			

Join us for a  
**COMMUNITY MEETING**

Taking our  
Community back...



Heroin, Fentanyl, Overdoses- WHY

November 17th 6:00pm  
Harrington North High School  
Main Auditorium

100 McCabert St. Harrington, ND 58740

WUCC Administrative Board  
would like to invite you to join us  
at the Community Meeting on  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the HNHS  
Auditorium. We will be cancelling  
our Contemporary Service and  
Youth Group that evening and  
encourage you to join Pastor  
Troy, Missions Committee and AB  
Board at the meeting.