



**We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.**

**Today's Events:**

Elders/Deacons Meeting:  
After Worship

**Upcoming Events:**

**Oct 11** – Meal: Sub Sandwiches, Green Salad, Fruit Salad, Dessert

**Oct 18** – Meal: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Beef Veggie Soup, Dessert

**Oct. 21** – Ladies' Day

**Oct 22** – Garland Girls Service Project: Immediately after church until 2:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

**Oct 25** – Meal: Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Dessert

**Oct 28** – Young Adult Party @ the Johnsons'

**Oct 29** – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship and Potluck

**Nov 3-5** – Randy Willingham Weekend

**Nov 15** –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

**Nov 19** – Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

**\*\*\* Check the clips on the wall behind the welcome center for mail! \*\*\***

**Order of Worship**

<b>Pilgrim's Praise</b> .....	<b>Derek Tinius</b>
<b>Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader</b> .....	<b>Dee Plummer</b>
<b>Prayer</b> .....	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Communion Talk</b> .....	<b>Gordon Jantz</b>
<b>Sermon: Esther-For Such a Time as This</b> .....	<b>Erik Granberg</b>
<b>Shepherd's Prayer</b> .....	<b>Dan Kent</b>
<b>Nursery</b> .....	<b>Patrece Allen</b>
<b>Sound Booth/Slides</b> .....	<b>Ally Coker/Amarah Granberg</b>

**Sermon Scripture:** Esther 4

**Sermon Thought:**

When challenges come, seek God's will, then act. Have confidence that He will do His part even if you don't know ahead of time how He will accomplish His will. Trust God and prepare to be surprised by the ways he demonstrates his trustworthiness.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Today's passage contains the closest mention to a faith element in the book of Esther, fasting. And while there is no direct appeal to God, there is human planning and acting. What does a healthy balance look like between relying on our actions and relying on God's actions?
2. Why is it easier for us to hide or conceal our pain and grief than it is to share it with others?
3. Have you ever had to step into a situation in defense of another? How did it go?

## "He's Always There"

### Prayer Requests:

**Chase Puffinbarger Family** – classmate & friend of Nicole Johnson; took his own life last week. He has young children.

**Willie & Diana Russell** – both having knee pain & lower back pain.

**Gay Cocheras** – Jim & Patty Long's neighbor; having health issues.

**Cole Roberts and family** – his grandma (in Blanchard) passed away last week.

*Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and the waves to stop. He said, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind stopped, and the lake became calm." -Mark 4:39*

A boat Caught in a storm gets tossed around by the wind and waves. But think about this: underneath the water, there's no storm. Everything is perfectly still and peaceful.

That's a picture of the peace Jesus promises you. In this world, Jesus said you'll have troubles because you follow Him. There'll be times when you feel like a boat tossed around in a terrible storm. But Jesus also said He would never leave those who follow Him. And because He's with you, you can have His peace even in the most terrible circumstances.

How? Because you know His love for you will never end. He will give you His strength when you're too tired to keep going. And He'll comfort you because He understands everything you're going through. Yes, there will be storms in this world, but remember you're with the One who's already overcome this world (John 16:33).

-From *Every Day with Jesus* by Charles F. Stanley

### Birthdays:

11<sup>th</sup>.....Christy Cochran  
12<sup>th</sup>.....Libby Owen  
14<sup>th</sup>.....Robert Browning

### Thank You

North Garland,

Thank you for helping make the meal at Alva Bible chair a success on October 3rd. Ninety-nine students from Northwestern State University were served a delicious lunch. Thank you to each person who volunteered to go. All your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Jovita Lang

### Next Week's (10/15/23) Servants:

**Song Leader**  
**/Welcome:** Jim Coker

**Pilgrim's Praise:** Trey Johnson

**Communion**  
**Talk:** Robb Mills

**Shepherd's Prayer:** Pat Meek

**Sound Booth/ Slides:** Terry Sherrill

**Nursery:** Jamie Barr

**Greeters For Oct:** Sue Diel  
Kassidy Roberts

### Kleenex Drive

We are having a Kleenex drive for Glenwood Elementary! Please consider picking up a box or two when doing your monthly shopping. They can be placed on the east wall where the Glenwood table is located. All Kleenex will be delivered to Glenwood in January for the second semester of school. Thank you for your continued support of this program.

### Blessings Flow Both Ways

We will be providing a meal for the Glenwood staff on parent-teacher conference night, **TOMORROW**, Oct. 9. Please sign up to bring some food for the Taco Bar on the welcome center.

### Glenwood School Project Update

We are excited to remind you of the things that our congregation has been involved in at the school:

- \*Goodie bags for the teachers with teacher supplies and a gift card
- \*A welcome back breakfast for the entire staff
- \*Honoring the support staff with small gifts on their official recognition day
- \*Seven members (so far) have promised to be Book Buddies with reading students
- \*Fun survival kits for the entire staff
- \*Supper for the staff during parent/teacher conferences
- \*A few other projects throughout the school year

If you are interested in being hands-on with any of these projects, please contact Judy, Kendra, or Mandy.