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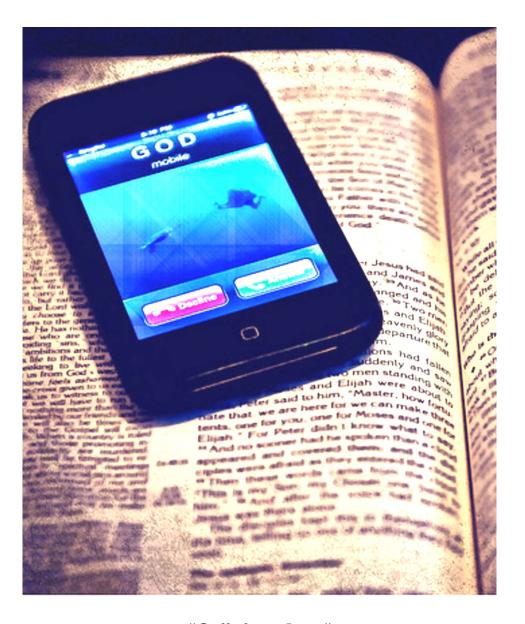
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"Called...to Love"
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28, 2018 5:30 PM & 9 AM

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Welcome to DeWitt Community Church Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28, 2018 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. "I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never - I promise - regret it.

-Luke 6:32-35 (The Message Paraphrase)

Church of God, Elect and Glorious (#541)

Prelude

"The Love of God" by F.H. Lehman

Announcements

Greeting & Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn

*Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Love never gives up.

People: Love cares more for others than for self. Leader: Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.

People: Love doesn't strut.

Leader: Love doesn't have a swelled head or force itself on others.

People: Love is never "me first."

Leader: Love doesn't fly off the handle.

People: Love doesn't keep score of the sins of others.

Leader: Love doesn't revel when others grovel.

People: Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.

Leader: Love trusts God always.

People: Love always looks for the best.

Leader: Love never looks back.

People: Love keeps going to the end.

*Unison Prayer

Lord God, we are reminded by Your word that loving others is often hard, not easy. Help as we grow in our love for You, and help us to grow in our ability to truly love others. Teach us the hard lessons of loving those we do not like, and grant us the willingness to go beyond self-interest to love and serve others when we'd rather not. Help us to plant seeds of faith though selfless love. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen .

Hymn of Prayer

The Gift of Love (#397)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Praver

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13(NIV) (p. 1161)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Message

"Called...to Love"

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers

*Closing Hymn

Renew Your Church (#462)

*Blessing

Postlude

"Somebody Loves Me"

Worship Assistant: Gloria Trode/Ben Hahn

*Congregation stands

Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.

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Church Membership

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New Study- "Religious Literacy: Understanding the 5 Major World Religions" January 21, 28, Feb 4, & 11 at 10 AM in MC Contrary to popular belief, the world is becoming more spiritual/religious. The 5 major world religions continue to grow but do you really know what each religion believes? Many think that all religions have the same basic message but this is not true! Each has its own claim to a divine truth. In this 5-week series, Pastor Alan Rudnick will lead participants through the importance of religious literacy, basic beliefs of world religions, and how each religion addresses living a life of faith. Come with an open and inquisitive mind.

Feb 9, 6:30 PM – 10:00PM Feb 10, 9:30 AM – 7:00PM

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Created by God, Built for a Purpose
February 19-23, 2018, 9AM-12PM

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Send your kids on an imaginative, impacting adventure! At Maker Fun Factory VBS kids discover not only that god made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Kids take a Bible learning adventure with Sciency-Fun Gizmos, games, cool songs, and tasty treats, just to name a few.