

# Greater things

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**Jesus said to his followers:**

**"... if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father."**

**(John 14:12)**

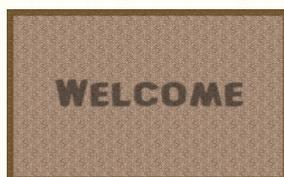
## The Welcome Mat

*From Glen Rhodes, Ministry Team Leader*

Many people have welcome mats at their front doors to warmly invite family and friends into their homes. Some even have four different versions they change with the seasons. Sometimes we even welcome strangers into our homes as a way to get to know them better. How does this work in the church? The church should be the most welcoming place in the community.

It should be a place where people can come and experience the love, grace, and salvation of Jesus no matter their past, their appearance, or anything else. If a total stranger walks through our church doors on Sunday how could you warmly welcome them without making them feel uncomfortable? Studies have shown that attending church is one of the scariest things for people to do. This is especially true for those who have never walked through the doors of a church or been to a church in a very long time. We need to remember this and try to make their experience as warm and inviting as possible. Romans 15:7 says, *"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

Along with welcoming people to church we also need to busy inviting them as well.



**LMC & EVANA**

**@ AMC**

**Sunday, November 3**

**Combined C.E.**

**Worship**

**Fellowship Meal**

This begins first and foremost by developing relationships with people and then gradually introducing them to Jesus and then bringing them to church to hear and learn more about the Christian faith.

It is often too easy to just go about life and work and not ever bring up God, Jesus, or your faith to other people. The Great Commission calls us to talk about it and bring it up. You never know how your simple mention of Jesus, Church, or faith might throw out the welcome

mat to some one who is searching for purpose, love, and hope in their life.

Speaking of welcome mats, we hope you will make it a special point to be at AMC on Sunday, November 3rd. Let's pack the place as our new affiliations with LMC: A Fellowship of Anabaptist Churches and Evana will be introduced and celebrated. They will both be sharing during a combined Christian Education time that morning and also during the morning worship service. We will also be having our first Sunday fellowship that day. We hope that you will be here that Sunday to meet our new friends and hear about our future affiliations with them in our serving and following of Jesus.

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Come out to the 4-H Fairgrounds on Oct 13th for our annual Fall Festival. Here's The Plan:  
 3pm - Campfire & Games Begin.  
 3pm - School Kit Assembly  
 4pm - Hayride  
 6pm - Eat  
 We hope to see our whole family there!

Article 18- Confession of Faith  
 In a Mennonite Perspective

# Spirituality

“We believe that to be a disciple of Jesus is to know life in the Spirit. As we experience relationship with God, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ take shape in us, and we grow in the image of Christ. In individual and communal worship, the Holy Spirit is present, leading us deeper into the wisdom of God.”

“We are convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, for God can use both joy and suffering to nurture our spiritual growth. In this age, Christ in us is our hope of glory. We look forward to that time when our partial knowledge of God will become complete, and we will see face to face.”

## First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

	Stewardship	Attendance		Stewardship	Attendance
9/1/19	\$5,500	131	9/15/19	\$2,914	113
9/8/19	\$2,910	110	9/22/19	\$3,353	122



## AMC Personal Profile: Luke Miller

**What is your job?** I build performance diesel engines for pulling tractors.

**What is your favorite verse?** “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 NIV

**Is there a time in your life when you have felt God’s presence stronger than at any other time?** During the time of my father’s passing.

**What is the happiest memory of your life?** The day Katie & I got married.

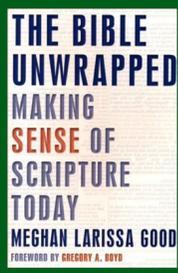
**What hobbies do you enjoy?** I very much enjoy time spent snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin.

**What would you say is your favorite meal?** My favorite meal is filet mignon with a baked potato, and crème brulee for dessert.

**What is your favorite song/hymn we sing at church?** “It is Well With My Soul” has always been a favorite of mine, but has taken on an even deeper meaning after recently learning of the immense amount of grief the author Horatio Spafford must have felt during the time he wrote the song.

**What was your very first job?** My first job was mowing lawns.

Resource of the Month:  
*The Bible Unwrapped:  
 Making Sense of  
 Scripture Today*  
 By Megan Larissa Good



“Many people have questions about scripture they are too afraid to ask. Are all the stories of the Bible true? What about the books that got left out? What do we make of all that violence? And what if we encounter situations the Bible doesn’t address?”

“Drawing from the best of contemporary biblical scholarship and ancient well of Christian tradition, scholar and preacher Meghan Larissa Good helps readers consider why the Bible matters. Good delves into issues like biblical authority, literary genre, and Christ-centered hermeneutics, and calls readers beyond knee-jerk biblicism, on the other hand, or skeptical disregard on the other. Instead, the Bible Unwrapped invites readers to faithful reading, communal discernment, and deep transformative wonder about Scripture.”

You can now find this in our foyer library.