

"Speak My Word!"

by Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life

"Speak My Word!" is the title of an article in the latest issue of Guideposts magazine. Jeannie Jacobson of Bellevue, Nebraska, writes of the time when she and her grandson are in their basement as a tornado is howling outside. She is imagining horrible scenarios of what could happen to them. In the midst of her panic she hears these words, "Praise me and speak my word." As she tries to make sense of what she is hearing, the command comes again, "Praise me and speak my word." She then begins to do as she was commanded, raising her hands and shouting praise to the Lord. Suddenly, her fear was gone! She continued to call out every biblical promise of protection she knew and called for God to save them as He had saved Noah, Daniel, and the disciples caught in the storm on the Sea of Galilee. When the storm ended, her house was still standing and she and her grandson were safe.

What a great command for us to follow as we face fear and anxiety in our lives, "Praise me and speak my word!" By focusing on God and our knowledge of His almighty power and His love for us, our fears can be overcome by the reassurance that our God is able. Able to protect, able to save, able to heal, able to do more than we can even imagine!! Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." So the next time you are fearful or anxiety is overwhelming you, speak God's word aloud, pray out loud, quote scripture, sing hymns or songs of praise telling of His power, love, and faithfulness. God loves to hear His word spoken back to Him! Call on the name of the Lord and He will help you overcome your fear. The popular expression "Faith over Fear" comes to mind. Have faith in the power of the God who created the world, who sent Jesus to die for us and raised Him from the dead. Remember the words from Luke I:37 - Nothing is impossible with God. God can handle anything Satan or the world puts in our path. He's got this!! Just praise Him and speak His word.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Denton Marner 5th

Micah Guenther 5th

Everlynn Yoder 6th

DuWayner & Karen Miller 12th

Darrel Gingerich 15th

Wyatt Herschberger 17th

Drew Cotton 18th

Larry Beachy 19th

Jeff & Michelle Snyder 21st

Andy & Nancy Plank 24th

Jeff Marner 24th

Tiffany Grimsley 25th

Kody Burdick 27th

Nolan Schrock 27th

Seth Gingerich 27th









CORNHOLE COMPETITION



JUNE WAS FULL OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

First Sunday
Fellowship Meals are BACK!
We look forward to enjoying
this time together!

First Fruits - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

05/30/2021 \$4,135

06/06/2021 \$3,988

06/13/2021 \$1,834

06/20/2021 \$5,956

If you would like to give tithes & offerings during this time, please place it in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or mail your envelope/check to the church at:
710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911.
Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.

AMC Personal Profile ALEX WALKER

What is your job and what does it consist of? I work at Kenrose Kitchen Cabinets where I make drawer boxes, spice racks, and other misc. items.

What is your favorite verse/book of the Bible? **The Gospel of John**

Is there a time in your life when you have felt God's presence stronger than at any other time? In 2013, God really stepped into my life and started coaxing me out of the lifestyle I was living and into a more fulfilling and satisfying lifestyle.

Do you have a favorite book or author? **My favorite author is C.S. Lewis**

What hobbies do you enjoy? **Songwriting and recording music, fishing from my kayak, and grilling/smoking meat.**

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment? **Completing a half marathon and sprint triathlon.**

What would you say is your favorite meal? I love Mexican food. I could eat it three meals a day - 7 days a week.

Do you have a favorite historical figure and why? **Teddy Roosevelt.** He never let physical limitations as a child prevent him from becoming successful. *The River of Doubt* is a great book that shed a lot of light on his character.