

# Beautiful Savior May 2019 Newsletter

## I Need More...CONFIDENCE

Meet Doug. As he toes the line for the final game of his senior year basketball season, he wonders if his scholarship dream is going to happen.

Meet Kristin. As she graduates from college, she wonders if she's adequate for her new job.

Meet Samantha. As she faces her second round of chemotherapy, she wonders if she's going to live.

Meet Scott. As he says his vows to his wife, he silently wonders if his second marriage is going to last.

Have you been there? Doug, Kristin, Samantha, Scott, you and I all have one thing in common: we need confidence. Let's face it; there are times in life that it's easy to be filled with doubt. Doug doubted his future. Kristin doubted her abilities. Samantha doubted her treatment. Scott doubted his love.

But there's One whose future, abilities, treatment, and love never fail. That's the true God revealed to us in the Bible. Our confidence to face whatever life throws our way comes from the promises God gives us in his Word. God kept his promise of sending a Savior for everyone. As our Savior, Jesus lived perfectly to give us confidence that his life counts for everyone. He died to make the payment necessary for our sins to be forgiven, no matter what we've done. He rose again to give us the confidence that one day we will be with him in heaven. And all this is God's free gift by faith in Jesus.

Because of Jesus, when we doubt our future, God reminds us, "I know the plans that I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11). When we doubt our abilities, he assures us, "I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you" (Isaiah 41:10). When we doubt our treatment plan, he promises, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). When we doubt love, his Word helps us "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18). That's the difference only Jesus makes.

Need more confidence? Jesus has what you need.

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*From the pen of the Pastor.* “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20). These words have often been referred to as “the Great Commission.” They are Jesus’ command to his disciples and to us to go and share the good news of the gospel. Everyone needs to know Jesus as their Savior because we are all sinful and we all need forgiveness. That forgiveness can only come through faith in Jesus. So how do you go about the great commission? One of the best ways is to talk about your Savior and what he has done for you. Or you can invite someone to church or let them know about our live stream on Facebook. You can pray for the ministry we have and support it with your offerings. You can come and help on the work days. We all have different gifts, let’s use them to get the Word out about our Savior!

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SERVICE TIME CHANGE** – On Sunday, May 5, worship will start at 10:00 am instead of 9:00 am. This is for this Sunday only. The congregation is then invited to lunch immediately after the service to help our confirmand, Makayla Hansen, celebrate her confirmation

**Recent Membership changes.** Sarah Ouimette transferred to Immanuel, Sault Sainte Marie, MI

**Finances and attendance.** In April we have received \$8674.80 in regular offerings against a need of \$9696 (4 weeks) with one week to go. The average attendance on Sundays in April, so far, has been 75 per Sunday compared to 75 per Sunday in April 2018. Weather certainly has had an impact on our attendance in general this year. Please encourage your fellow members and maybe even offer a ride if needed and may the Lord encourage us to be faithful in our church attendance and may he continue to bless us and give us a generous heart to share his blessings.

**Special Worship Service for Ascension Day....** Ascension Day is on May 30<sup>th</sup> this year. It is considered to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> greatest Christian holiday even though many questions don’t celebrate it any more. On that day we will have a special worship service to look at what our Savior has done for us and how we can respond as we seek to live our lives for our Lord. Please set aside this day and time to gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Women’s Society to Meet** – On May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to join us as we start with a Bible Study and then have a short business meeting and close with desert and refreshments. This is our last meeting before the summer break so please try and attend.

**Women’s Bible Study** – What a great opportunity to study God’s Word with your sisters in Christ! On Monday, 5/20/2019 at 9:00 AM there is a women’s Bible Study where we are looking at the Gospel of Matthew. Come and listen to the discussion or join in as much as you like. No prior knowledge is needed – just a desire to learn more about God’s Word. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend – everyone is welcome!