

Galva Congregational Church

Newsletter

February 2012



“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God....God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:7&16



Upcoming Events

Feb. 6 Council Meeting 7PM

Feb. 9 Spiritual Committee Meeting 7PM

Mar. 1 Lenten Service here 6PM

Mondays Praise Team practice 6:15PM

Prayer Meeting 7:00 - 7:30PM

Wednesdays Small Group Bible Study at the Manning's 7PM

Prayer Meeting

Prayer meetings are being held each Monday evening from 7:00 - 7:30 PM in the sanctuary.

We encourage you to come and join together with the church family to pray for our church as we seek to grow in the Lord. This time has been such a blessing to each one who attends...please join us!



3 Chairs Sermon Series

Starting February 5th, Pastor will be beginning a 3 sermon series entitled “The 3 Chairs”. During these 3 weeks sermons will be based on how well we as Christians are passing the baton of faith on. Each chair illustrates the level of commitment that we have in our faith.



Help!!!!

The Music Committee is seeking an organist or pianist to play for our worship services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We appreciate LouAnn Johnston playing 2 Sundays a month, and would like to find someone to play the other Sundays.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please let Teri Panhan or Marlene Manning know.

Pastor Bob and Rodger Manning are planning to go to a men's leadership conference in Lincoln on February 18th. If any other men are interested in going, let Bob know.

Also, Bob is going to a conference in Des Moines Feb.24-25. He will be staying in Des Moines to visit with his family, so Rodger Manning will be the guest speaker on February 26th.



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love you neighbor as yourself",
Matthew 22:37-39



A HUGE thank you to each person who helps with our Children's Church ministry. Linda Curry, Maggie Goodman, Brenda Hulstrom, Conner King, Olivia King, and Pam King take their turns in leading Children's Church, and we really appreciate their work!

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please let Pam King know. The more people we have involved the less often each one will need to lead!



Mark Your Calendars!
Upcoming events in March

- March 1st Lenten Service at our church at 6PM followed by a soup supper
- March 11th All Church Sing at Grace Methodist Church at 6PM preceded by a soup supper. Our Praise Team will be singing!

Ministries in February

Communion: Pam & Steve King

Ushers:

Feb. 5: Brian Goodman, Roger Ingels, Rick Mack

Feb. 12: Conner King, Steve King, Travis Spivey

Feb. 19: Bruce Robinson, Rodger & Marlene Manning

Feb. 26 : Lynda Guinnee, Teri & Ron Pankau

Children's Church:

Feb. 5: Pam King

Feb. 12: Linda Curry

Feb. 19: Maggie Goodman

Feb. 26: Brenda Hulstrom

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

New Food Ministry to begin at our church!

Beginning in March, our church will be a host site, along with the Kewanee Congregational Church, for a program called "Smart Choice Food Source". This is a ministry based in Columbus Ohio whose mission is to partner with church and civic organization host sites to provide families and individuals with affordable food and to make a difference in our community, one food box at a time.

Regardless of our income level, most of us are searching for value and money saving ideas to stretch our food dollars at home. The food budget is one of the largest costs in a household. Through bulk purchasing and central distribution points, Smart Choice is able to provide substantial savings to families and individuals with "Smart" boxes to nutritiously feed a family of four for nearly a week or a senior citizen for nearly a month. The box contains over 20 lbs. of top quality food, and may include beef, chicken, seafood, sometimes pork, vegetables, fruit, snack items, juices, and other items. This food could cost \$60-\$80 in a grocery store, but is only \$35 through Smart Choice. There is also a Senior convenience meal box that provides 7 complete meals for \$25, as well as several other boxes. There are no income requirements, no membership fees, and no pre-qualifications. If you eat, you qualify! Jamie Theesfeld is heading up this ministry for our church. Order forms will be available in February for the March delivery. If you have any questions, talk to Jamie or check out the Smart Choice Food website at www.smartchoicefood.com.



God's Valentine Gift

***You are invited!!!
 H. Ray Young will be
 celebrating his 90th
 birthday with an open
 house at Courtyard
 Estates on Feb. 4th
 from 2-4 PM.
 Come and help him
 celebrate this
 milestone in his life!
 No gifts please; your
 presence is present
 enough!!***

*God's Valentine gift of love to us
 was not a bunch of flowers;
 it wasn't candy, or a book
 to while away the hours*

*His gift was to become a man,
 so He could feely give
 His sacrificial love for us
 So you and I could live.*

*He gave us sweet salvation,
 and instructions good and true,
 to love our friends and enemies
 and love our Savior too.*

*So as we give our Valentines,
 let's thank our Lord and King.
 The reason we have love to give
 Is that He gave everything!*

By Joanna Fuchs

Congratulations!!

Our students received the following
 awards recently:

Conner King: Perfect Attendance
 Olivia King: Extra Curricular Award
 Devon Peterson: Citizenship/
 Character Award
 Dalton Spivey: Academic Award
 Matt Pankau: Dean's List at
 Illinois Wesleyan University

Way to go!!!!!!



Keep up your daily
 Bible reading! God
 always blesses the
 time we spend in His
 Word!

Remember too, that
 other ways you can
 spend time in His
 Word is at the small
 group Bible study at
 the Manning's and at
 Sunday School!