



The Herald

**IN THEIR HEARTS
HUMANS PLAN
THEIR COURSE,
BUT THE LORD
ESTABLISHES
THEIR STEPS.**

PROVERBS 16:9

From the Pastor's Desk

What's God Up to?

That's a question we may ask when we don't understand some of the things going on in our lives. Particularly when we are facing a unique or difficult struggle and wonder why God isn't helping us have an easier life. Well, there are a couple of things that God has told us he is "up to" in our lives as believers or followers of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 says "It is God's will that you should be sanctified:"

and a chapter later

1 Thess. 5:18 "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." And,

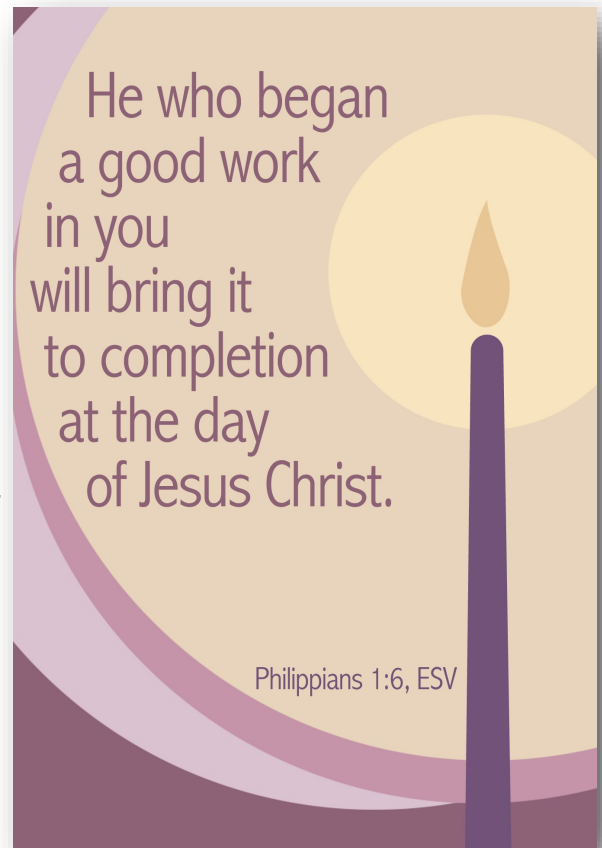
Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

My conclusion is that God's will is to "set us apart" (sanctify) us so that we look more and more like His son, Jesus in everything we say and do. This also puts us in a place where he can bring more joy and peace and hope etc. into our lives. This last part sounds like something we would all put into our New Year's resolutions if we thought we could gain this. So, I sometimes use the phrase that we have the opportunity to "cooperate with God" in his sanctifying work, which will allow us to enjoy the blessings he promises.

What will it look like for us to "cooperate with God" in this New Year? I am sure it will involve trusting in his goodness when we can't see the purpose. Waiting patiently when the results don't come quickly. Being faithful in prayer and Bible reading when other things clamor for our time. And in Paul's words: "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless". 1 Corinthians 15:58

This year of 2023 looks to have much joy and blessing as we press to know Christ more.

Pastor Dennis



The Family Tree

It's a new year and we are excited to welcome Nathan Kveene to the pastoral team. He has been hired to be the Family Life Pastor here at the Little White Church. He will focus mainly on the youth ministry, but has experience and passions to serve in other capacities that will build up our church body. We hope to have the Kveene family here in February, but that is dependent on the sale of their home in Minnesota and their ability to find a home in the Hill City Area. Below Nathan gives a look into their family.

A Kveene Snapshot:

"If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you choose and why?" This is a get-to-know-you question I've asked students many times over the years. My answer? The Black Hills. The Black Hills is my "Promised Land." I've shared countless times that of all the beautiful places in the world people dream of visiting or living, the Black Hills wins my top spot, and it is a dream come true and a prayer answered to be returning to the place I feel most drawn (not counting heaven). The reasons are manifold, but chief among them is mountain biking, a passion I've had since the summer of 1996, when I got my first "real" mountain bike (which I still own). If you're a mountain biker, please, ask me to go for a ride with you. If not, don't be surprised if/when I ask you to come along.

I've many other interests, the list growing longer each year. I enjoy hunting (chiefly deer and pheasant), camping, hiking, and backpacking (I would love to hike the Centennial Trail), skiing, gardening (Hot Chilis!), plants (I started a cacti collection this past year), reading (34 books in 2022), Risk and Settlers of Catan, the MCU, music (favorite bands include "Wolves at the Gate" and "My Epic"), woodworking (a problem considering our upcoming move), riding my motorcycle (a BMW), and home projects.

I love being a dad, having dreamed of twelve children when I was young should I marry the "right woman". That said, I married the absolute right woman, and though our house is full with four, our hearts remain open to more.

The Family Tree—Continued

Theodore (Nov. 2014), our oldest, loves riding his bike, playing with friends, and shooting guns or his bow-and-arrow or nerf guns. Elin (April 2016), is a great big sister, especially to the two-year old, loves crafts, competing with her brother (he'll do it only if Elin goes first), and reading. Quinn (April 2018), who I lovingly call "Pinky" for her fair skin, is tender-hearted, great at imaginative play, and loves baking with mommy. Piper (our "quarantiny", Nov. 2020), loves snuggling, hide-and-seek, saying "no" ("doh"), and being included.

Ana, for me the girl with "the best smile I've ever seen", grew up in Iron River, Michigan (in the U.P.; her family moved there when she was in the 2nd grade). Of course, with a house full of rowdy children clamoring for her attention,

she has little personal time, but whenever she can, she drinks coffee, plays lots of worship music, plans and schedules with the best of them, opens our home to the masses, runs a small business (Paper & Grain on Etsy), and enjoys piano and guitar. Her happy place is sitting on the sunny patio, drinking [more] coffee while watching the kids play together (without fighting).



The Family Tree—Continued

My calling to ministry came in high school, when, while standing behind the pulpit at church during a youth worship team practice, I asked my youth pastor if he could “see me doing this”, meaning being a pastor. Without pause, he answered, “Yes, absolutely.” Those words were a seed planted that grew over the next two years, with me coming to realize that the passion I’d always had for those younger than me, which I thought would lead me into the teaching profession, was better served in loving students who were seeking out the answers to the tough questions about God, the Bible, eternity, and where they fit in it all.

My desire in ministry is to know and make Christ known. Be assured that you will hear me say “The Gospel isn’t just for unbelievers, but for believers too”, for the Gospel is our life. The Christian never graduates from the Gospel, we simply go deeper into it, or as C.S. Lewis wrote in “The Last Battle”, “further up and further in”. In the Gospel we find our deepest and truest identity as God’s accepted, secure, and significant children. In Christ, you are loved, you are safe, and you matter.

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I know our church will welcome them in and make them feel a part of the community. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of your pastoral team Dennis, Chuck or Ben and we would be happy to answer them. I am looking forward to what God is going to do in 2023 even in all the uncertainty of our times. Meditate on Romans 8:16-17

“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”

In Christ, Pastor Ben

Between the BookENDS

Article Submitted by: Bonnie McCaskell

Sanctity of Human Life Month

On January 22, 2022, we will recognize Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. SoHLS is a day for Americans to focus on the value of each and every human life. It is celebrated every year on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, which legalized abortion in every state for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy.

Come check out what the LWC library has to offer about God's precious life.

DVDs

Unplanned

October Baby

180

Bella

The Drop Box

Pro-Life Promo Pack from American Family Assoc.

BOOKS

52 Simple Things you can do to be Pro-Life by Anne Pierson

Tillie by Frank Peretti

Why Pro-Life by Randy Alcorn

ProLife Answers to ProLife Questions by Randy Alcorn

"Sunrise Series" by Karen Kingsbury

January Librarians: Cindy Dusing & Georgie Neff

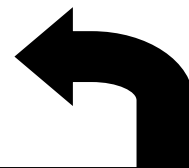


The Extreme Abortion Constitutional Amendment

A proposed South Dakota abortion Constitutional Amendment would be one of the most extreme abortion laws in the nation.

Abortion from conception to birth, even the most horrific late term abortions, would be legalized in South Dakota.

Everything we've fought for to protect life is on the line. We need you. Together, we must defeat this abortion constitutional amendment.



Go to lifedefensefund.com
for more info or to give!

Focus on Missions—Black Hills Pregnancy Center

Our Center

Black Hills Pregnancy Center is a Nonprofit 501 c3 agency who is governed by a local Board of Directors.

Our Mission

Because all life is sacred, Black Hills Pregnancy Center exists to explore choices by providing appropriate resources and support for all impacted by an unplanned pregnancy.

We are financially supported by individuals, businesses and churches in the Black Hills Region. Our great team of medical professionals and trained volunteers donate several thousand hours each year to serve the needs of our clients.

Free Services

Pregnancy Tests
Limited Ultrasounds
Pregnancy Counseling
Educational Classes
Referrals
Post Abortion Support



Reach Out

Call us 24/7 | (605) 341-4477

Text Us | (605) 415-6217

Or Text | "Helpline" to 313131

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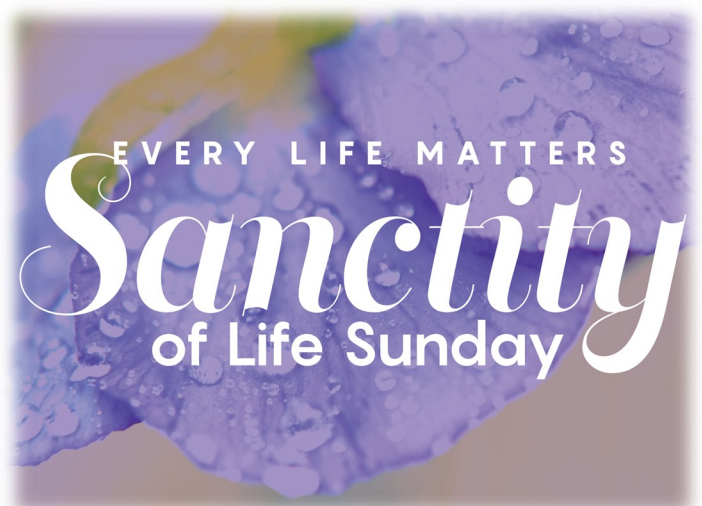
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On October 1, 2022 at the 51st SD Right to Life Convention Andy Griffeth, founder and president of Pro Life Man, had a special announcement! Pro Life Man's first partnership would be with our very own **Black Hills Pregnancy Center!**

Fathers who have lost their sons and daughters through abortion experience much of the same things post-abortive mothers do – shame, guilt, depression, anger, alcoholism, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation. Many of these men suffer in silence because they've been told by society to keep their mouths shut and have nothing to do with a “woman’s right” to abortion. *Now, men will have the ability to receive the healing they need at Black Hills Pregnancy Center through Fort Hope Chapters.*

Fort Hope Chapters is a Gospel-centered post-abortive healing program built by men, for men!

If you or someone you know is struggling with grief over abortion, contact **Liam Slavin**, the Fort Hope Chapter Leader, at **(720) 534-5302** or liam@prolifeman.org to get started at Fort Hope and find post-abortive healing.

Have You Met?

Adult Name(s): Colton and Lauren Mill

Children Name(s) and Ages: Henry and Luke (3) Baby Boy (Due in Feb)

How did you come to be at The Little White Church and how long have you been attending?

We were invited to attend by Mark and Laura Barnes when we moved to Hill City.



How long have you lived in the Black Hills?

Since April 2022

List some jobs or careers you have had over the years?

Colton: U.S. Army, Industrial Maintenance, and currently service technician at Accurpress America in Rapid City.

Lauren: I've been with Hallmark Cards for 10 years in supply chain and logistics.

Where did you grow up or places you have lived for a longer duration?

Colton grew up in El Dorado KS and Billings MT eventually moving to Independence, MO (Kansas City) in high school. Lauren grew up in Independence, MO and lived there until moving to the Black Hills. We met and became friends in high school.

In what ways have you been involved in ministry or serving over the years?

Lauren: Grew up in church and spent time in various activities ranging from Awanas, choir, to an annual Christmas pageant. Currently volunteering in the nursery.

Colton: On the safety team at church and volunteers in the nursery.

Do you have any special talents or gifts?

Colton: Can fix just about anything and never met a stranger

Lauren: Remembering birthdays and anniversaries, writing letters and letting people know we are thinking of them

If you could only use one word to describe God, it would be...

Lauren: Peace

Colton: Merciful

Using Biblical Prayers in Worship: Daniel

Daniel's prayer of worship demonstrates that he was familiar with God's name given to Moses and echoed throughout Scripture: "O Lord, You are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill Your promises of unfailing love to those who love You and keep Your commands." (Daniel chapter 9 and Exodus 34) Daniel continues and addresses God as faithful, merciful, righteous and just.

Daniel's humble prayer of confession recognizes that it is God's own people who have scorned His commands and regulations and have refused to listen to His messages or to seek His mercy.

Daniel's prayer of trusting God's promises asks God "for Your own sake" to act on behalf of the people. He's asking because he knows God's name, that He is merciful.

We can trust God's promises to forgive us when we confess our sins because we know that He is faithful and just. Faithful to keep His promises and just in that Christ took our judgment so we don't have to.



Now we are free to live a life walking in His light.

Love INC—Linen Ministry



Love INC Ministries provide much needed products to families in our community.

If you would like to donate to Love INC's Linen Ministry, drop-off's are accepted at:

The Lighthouse Assembly of God
256 Pine Ave Hill City, SD
Sunday's 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Thursday's 1:00-3:00 pm
(605) 574-2070

Current Needs:

Towels (bath, hand, & wash cloth's)
Sheets (full & queen most requested)
Pillows, pillow cases, mattress pads (all sizes)
comforters, blankets, throws, shower curtains,
small rugs, bed sheets (all sizes)

Thank you so much for your support and generous giving! We appreciate the opportunity to continue serving local churches as we all join together to make a difference in families here in the Black Hills!

Announcements

Life Defense Fund Volunteer Training is happening!

This is training to help stop one of the most extreme abortion laws from being written into the SD constitution. Training will be held at the **Black Hills Pregnancy Center** during these dates and times:

Thursday, January 12th from 5-6 pm
Saturday, January 14th from 10-11 am
Friday, January 27th from 3-4 pm

Each training requires you to sign up! If you would like to attend one of the trainings, email blackhillspregnancycenter@rushmore.com with your name and date you would like to attend. For more information about Life Defense Fund, go to lifedefensefund.com

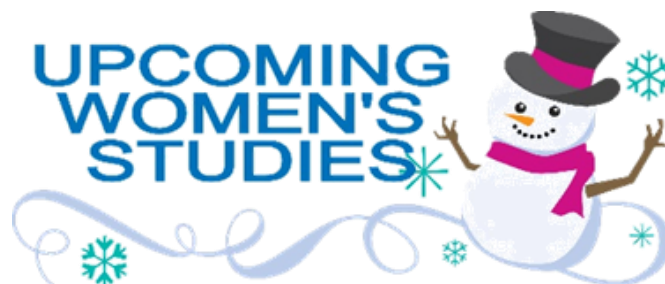
SHE-Brews—Women’s Conversational Coffee will be held on Saturday, January 14th at 10 am. All women welcome!

Make Valentine Cards for KSLT’s “My Golden Valentine”.

January 16th anytime between 1-8 pm at the Hill City Community Center. For \$14, you will get 4 card kits to make. These cards are given to many people who may not otherwise receive a Valentine. There will also be a kids table for the littles(\$5). Please RSVP to Lori Comer by texting/calling (605) 430-7009.

Women’s Prayer Gathering—All Women Welcome to come!

Saturday, January 21st at 9 am.



Courageous Faith: A Study of Joshua

Monday Nights from January 23rd-April 3rd from 6:30-8 pm.
Contact Robin Martinez if you have questions, 505-321-5372

A Life Beyond Amazing by Dr. David Jeremiah – Helps Christians focus more on *who they are* rather than *what they do* and incorporates the fruits of the Spirit. Study will be held on **Wednesdays, starting February 1st, at 10 am.** This study will be led by Denise Nay. Please sign up by the bulletin board if you are interested and would like a book!

Upcoming LWC Events

5TH SUNDAY HYMN SING

Sunday, January 29th

Potluck at Noon and
Hymn Sing to Follow!



Join us for our old-fashioned Hymn Sing!
Potluck at Noon (bring something to share) and Hymn Sing to follow!
Shout out your favorite hymn number and we will sing together.



Flannels & Flapjacks

MORE INFO
COMING SOON!!

Family Heritage Alliance—Day at the Capital

Are you ready to learn more about how the Legislative process works?

Interested in meeting your legislators?

Ready to make new friends?

Are you passionate about protecting family values?

Then join us on January 17! We're providing bus transportation from Rapid City and Sioux Falls, or you can carpool with friends!

The morning will include a light breakfast, a briefing on legislation that is currently being considered, optional guided tours, and a chance to meet your legislators or watch a committee hearing.

The afternoon will include lunch in the rotunda with legislators and a presentation on how we as Christians can have an impact on public policy in our state.

Register at fhaaction.org/events





A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'



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