

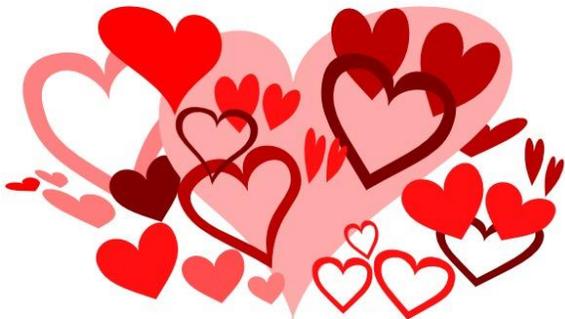
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My Cattle Chores Call

During the past two weeks I've been working on my brother's farm, doing the cattle chores while he and his family are celebrating my nephew, Andrew's marriage to Carolena. Carolena is from Brazil which means that the wedding is in Brazil, which is a great wedding destination in January. But it also means that someone has to do the farm chores, so I volunteered or rather, as I see it, I was "called" to help!

Over the last few days, when the temperatures were hovering around the -20 degree mark, I've wondered, how did I get myself into the farm caretaker role? What was I thinking when I said that I'd be the one to take care of my nephew's livestock in the January cold? And as I thought about it over the last few frigidly cold days, I placed the blame for my decision on "call."

This past week the Old Testament lectionary text was Jeremiah 1:4-10 which is a short summary of Jeremiah's prophetic call. Jeremiah wrote:

"⁵Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you

For Jeremiah, his call was a God thing, a godly plan laid out for him, that he wasn't always all that keen to be a part of. Numerous times in the Book of Jeremiah, the author allows us to hear his call to faithful action that came by way of a godly nudge, a nudge that Jeremiah often let us know that wasn't his idea. And yet his godly actions were accomplished because of his reverence to the Almighty.

In our call from God, (and I believe that we, at various times in our lives are called to faithful action) we are asked to put ourselves into a variety of activities, situations, circumstances, because we feel a nudge, a prod, a push to faithfully do something, and we do it, even at times when we would rather not. But we do it because it seems to be the right thing, the just thing, the godly thing that brings happiness, wholeness, and abundant joy for others or for the situation at hand. Our call could be something as important as standing up against injustice or as simple as doing the chores for a family that needs to be together to celebrate a special occasion.

What I ask you to do over the next few weeks, is take time in your daily living to ask God for that faithful nudge, that prophetic prod, that call that takes you to places where you might not feel all that comfortable, and yet you know that it needs to be done to lift another's life to a new and better place.

In Christ,
Pastor Carl

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Bethany's Church Council would like to remind people of the electronic giving option. Just as many of us already use direct deposit and online automatic payments for our household bills, this service allows our intended weekly and monthly offerings to get where they need to be to allow our church to continue to operate. Best of all, once your automatic deduction is made, the financial secretary and treasurer record it for you – you don't have to do anything else! If an online option just isn't right for you, that's okay too. You can mail in your regular offering to PO Box 37, Cushing, MN 56443. Thank you for supporting Bethany and the community we've all worked so hard to nurture. Vanco is the provider behind our church's eGiving app and they recently changed to Vanco Mobile. This easy-to-use app replaces the GivePlus Mobile app we were currently using to make our donations. Download the free Vanco Mobile app in the Google Play store or the Apple App store. Find our organization by searching Bethany Lutheran Church or by its invite code, GVDK73. If you have any problems or questions, please call Wendy Richmond at 320-360-1981.

Do you know of someone who is lonely, isolated or sick and would enjoy receiving a prayer shawl, afghan or lap robe? Talk with Jan Bueckers, Roxie Flicek or Irene Oldenburg.

There will be an Evangelism Meeting, Sunday, February 6th, following the worship service. All are invited to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Saturday, Feb. 19, 3-5 pm. At Bethany Lutheran Church in Cushing we will have some fun with Pierogies, Peroha, Vereniky, or whatever you want to call them. They are a filled dumpling of Eastern European origin. We will be assembling them in the kitchen with a variety of fillings. You only need to show up. The dough and fillings will be provided. Following assembly, we will cook and consume some of what we created! You can probably take some home for later. Please give Mike a call at 651-249-9540, or 218-575-2954 if you have questions. If you have a favorite filling or dough recipe, please feel free to bring it along.

There will be a Family Movie Night on Friday, February 25, beginning at 6:00 pm. Watch the announcements for more details as the date gets closer.