



# THE BEACON

May 2026 Newsletter

## A Life of Prayer

Dear Harvest Church Family,

As we journey together through our current sermon series, "A Life of Prayer," I want to take a moment to encourage and inspire you for the month ahead. Prayer is more than a spiritual discipline—it is an invitation into a living relationship with our Heavenly Father. This month, we are exploring what it means to bring our whole selves before God, not just in times of need, but as a way of life.

Sometimes, prayer can feel daunting or even distant. We might wonder if we're doing it "right," or we may struggle with distractions and doubts. Yet, the beauty of prayer is that God invites us to come just as we are—helpless, honest, and open. Prayer isn't about having the perfect words; it's about bringing our needs, joys, struggles, and gratitude to the One who loves us most.

Throughout this series, we've seen that a praying life is not about being strong or having it all together. In fact, it's in our weakness and need that we discover God's grace most profoundly. When we admit our helplessness, we open the door for God to work in ways we could never imagine. As Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

This month, I encourage you to:

- Set aside intentional moments each day to talk with God—no matter how simple or short.
- Invite God into your daily routines, your relationships, and your worries.
- Pray not just for solutions, but for God's presence and guidance.
- Reach out to someone in our church family and pray together, even if it's just a brief prayer over the phone or in person.

Let us remember: Prayer is a gift. It's not about doing more, but about being with God more. As we learn to live a praying life, may our hearts grow in dependence, trust, and hope.

Grace and peace to you all this month,

Pastor Josh



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Please make an appointment if you'd like to come in at any time outside of business hours

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HAPPY  
mother's  
DAY

MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

4-6 P.M.

MULTIGENERATIONAL

# Game Night



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 2026

HOPE FAMILY  
RESOURCE  
CENTER

Mother's Day  
May 10th



Father's Day  
June 14th

*Fill a bottle, save a life!*

It's that simple! Just take a bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or a check and return it to Harvest Church by Father's Day. Your gift will help **Hope Family Resource Center** serve women and families with needs related to pregnancy and raising children in Northeast Iowa.



Place bottles at  
the back of the  
sanctuary.  
Thank You!

# May Greeter Team

May 3rd - Trever and Caitlyn

May 10th - Tom and Barb

May 17th - Christine and Emily

May 24th - Emily and Rachel

May 31st - Dorothy and Shirlee

If you are unable to greet, please find someone else to take your place, talk to Christine Knoll

Remember: if you're in Sunday School to leave 10 minutes early to be at the entry on time.

## Happy Birthday!

**May 3rd - Gene Kleiss**

**May 29th - Amy Sabelka**

## Happy Anniversary!

**May 6th - Dean and Judy Knoll**

# ALL INCLUSIVE EGG HUNT 2026





# KID'S MINISTRY

## NURSERY

**MAY 3RD - KAIDANCE**

**MAY 10TH - CHRISTINE**

**MAY 17TH - JORDAN**

**MAY 24TH - LEANNA**

## KID'S CHURCH

**MAY 3RD - JENNIFER (LEADER), SHIRLEE (HELPER)**

**MAY 10TH - ERICA (LEADER), KRAY (HELPER)**

**MAY 17TH - JUDY (LEADER), DEAN (HELPER)**

**MAY 24TH - TERESA (LEADER), BARB (HELPER)**

**MAY 31ST - FAMILY SUNDAY**



We had a great First Quarter Congregational Meeting and Potluck on April 19th. Thank you to everyone who attended!

# grace marriage<sup>®</sup>

Join us May 13th at  
6:00 p.m. for Grace Marriage!  
(Supper at 5:00 p.m.)



## BOOK STUDY

WEDNESDAYS  
6:00 P.M.  
@ HARVEST CHURCH

WE WILL MEET WEEKLY EXCEPT FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF  
THE MONTH WHEN THE MARRIAGE GROUP MEETS.

## THE GRACE MESSAGE

*Is the Gospel really this good?*

Andrew Farley  
Foreword by Bart Millard of MercyMe

# MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 a.m. Harvest Cares Meeting
3 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 4-6 p.m. Multigenerational Game Night!	4 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting	5 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	6 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	7 5:30 p.m. VBS Meeting	8	9
10  8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	11	12 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	13 6:00 p.m. (5 p.m. supper) <b>grace marriage</b> -No book study -Childcare for marriage class participants	14 5:30 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting	15	16
17 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	18	19 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Klunder's 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	20 5:00 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. Book Study (children's classes offered!)	21	22	23
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