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Nail Your Colors

Imagine a time of tall ships and tricorne hats; of high seas and headsails. Picture famous naval heroes like Admiral Horatio Nelson or John Paul Jones, and infamous villains like Henry Avery or Anne Bonny. Can you hear the waves?

Maritime travel prior to the invention of radio required a means of communication that was highly visible over distance. A ship's "colors", or flag, was a way to identify themselves to other ships, announce their intentions, and signal warnings (like disease on board) or other messages. To "hoist the colors" was to make your allegiance clear. Pirates, being pirates, would fly a "false flag" to lure other ships, then "show their true colors" at the last moment so that they always fought under the flag that held their loyalty. The "Jolly Roger" gets its name from a combination of the French word for "red" (the original color of the pirate flag), and "Old Roger", a nickname for the Devil, because of the evil crimes committed under such a flag. In battle, striking or lowering the colors was an indication of surrender. Conversely, a captain could command that the colors be nailed to the mast, an unmistakable signal to both crew and enemy that surrender was not an option, regardless of the cost.

We still sail treacherous seas, even if the ocean surf is far removed from where we live and "Salt Life" is just a bumper sticker. Satan still holds sway¹ in this world. He is still intent on destroying the Kingdom of his enemy, Jesus Christ, and all who are loyal to the King of Kings. Christianity increasingly finds itself under attack, both blatant and deviously disguised. It is time for us to "lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss."² Fly Christ's colors boldly, so that even from a distance, our allegiance is visible. To yield means nothing short of death and hell. Nail His colors to the mast. Surrender is not an option.

Deuteronomy 6:4-8; Joshua 24:14-28

¹ To "hold sway" means to wield power or strong influence over a region or group but originally comes from an old Norse word that meant the swing or sweeping motion of a sword. Pirates again. You can't make this stuff up.

² Duffield, George. "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus, Ye Soldiers of the Cross", 1858.

Mrs. Chad Christian

Upcoming Events

October 9th: Autumn Worship Night

5:30pm with games and prizes for the kids.

6:30pm Chili Cook-off with prizes for “best overall”, and “most kid-friendly” chilies.

You’re going to love the prizes!

7pm worship around the bonfire.

This event is for *Everyone*, not just the kids. A special note: Our Worship Night will be taking place at the same time as the Food Pantry. This was not an oversight. We want the community to see us worshipping and “being the church”.

October 11th, a representative will be here to share about the mission of Jews for Jesus during the worship service. There will be a door offering to follow.

October 23rd: CCWM is hosting an “**Open Mic Night**” at The Lodge in Sheridan. There is a \$10 cover charge that will go toward frontier missions. See the church website, monitors or the bulletin board for details.

October 25th, Stacy will be sharing about her mission trip to South Africa during the Adult Sunday School class.

November 7th, we plan to host our 4th annual Operation Christmas Child packing party in the FLC. More details to come!

Job Opening

After the January Congregational Meeting, I will be stepping down from the position of church secretary. There is nothing wrong, and we aren’t going anywhere. I am simply following God’s leading in a different direction. This does mean that the church is looking for someone to take on that role. If you are interested, please talk with one of the trustees (Dan Hanback, Glen Nelson, Stan Osmond, or Roger Peterson). Stacy

October 2026

Pickleball M-F 7-10am, Open Volleyball M 7-9pm, Open Basketball Th 7-9pm

1	Th	9:30am Ladies Bible Study; 6:30pm Gengler Life Group
2	F	7:30pm Pilon Life Group; 9am Ladies Prayer Hour
3	Sa	
4	Su	8:30am Fellowship; 9am SS; 10am Worship
5	M	9:30-1 Firm Foundations Co-op; 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning; 7pm Mathre Life Group
6	Tu	
7	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST/JAM/HS; 6:30 Christian Life Group
8	Th	9:30am Ladies Bible Study; 6:30pm Gengler Life Group
9	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour; 5-7pm Food Pantry; 5:30-8pm Autumn Worship Night ; 7:30pm Pilon Life Group
10	Sa	
11	Su	8:30am Fellowship; 9am SS; 10am Worship—Jews for Jesus
12	M	9:30-1 Firm Foundations Co-op; 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning; 7pm Mathre Life Group
13	Tu	6:30pm Deacon's/Trustees Mtg; 7:30pm Council Meeting
14	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 9am-2pm Quilting; 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST/JAM/HS; 6:30 Christian Life Group
15	Th	9:30am Ladies Bible Study; 6:30pm Gengler Life Group
16	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour; 7:30pm Pilon Life Group
17	Sa	
18	Su	8:30am Fellowship; 9am SS; 10am Worship—Operation Christmas Child
19	M	9:30-1 Firm Foundations Co-op; 2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning; 7pm Mathre Life Group
20	Tu	
21	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST/JAM/HS; 6:30 Christian Life Group
22	Th	9:30am Ladies Bible Study; 6:30pm Gengler Life Group
23	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour; 7:30pm Pilon Life Group
24	Sa	
25	Su	8:30am Fellowship; 9am SS (Family mission); 10am Worship; 5pm Young Mom's Fellowship
26	M	2-6pm FLC closed for cleaning; 3-5pm Food Pantry; 7pm Mathre Life Group
27	Tu	
28	W	6:30am Men's Bible Study, 9am-2pm Quilting; 2pm Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm BLAST/JAM/HS; 6:30 Christian Life Group
29	Th	9:30am Ladies Bible Study; 6:30pm Gengler Life Group
30	F	9am Ladies Prayer Hour; 7:30pm Pilon Life Group
31	Sa	