

Beautiful Bodies pt. 4

Submitted by: Pastor Randall Koehler

In my last article for the Connection, I ended with a note about the scars from our lives that will be carried with us beyond the last day into the time of resurrection when heaven and earth are merged as one, and we see things clearly. I wonder about what scars that I will carry with me into the resurrection because of what I have read about Jesus's scars in the gospels.

After the experiences at the empty tomb, Jesus visits the disciples on the hill in Galilee in Matthew, in the upper room and along the road to Emmaus in Luke, and along the Sea of Galilee in John. Jesus has been raised and appears as any other human being, eating and drinking and sharing life with the disciples. Yet in other moments, Jesus is able to move about without notice, seemingly entering locked rooms without detection and still in disguised appearance as the two on the way to Emmaus testify. One particular moment really sticks with me about the resurrected body of Jesus, which is that the scars from his suffering are still apparent as he shows to Thomas.

So maybe this is the kind of moment that Paul references in 1 Corinthians 15 when he talks about the transformation of resurrection, that we will all be changed, that the mortal body will put on immortality. Something of the present will carry forward into the great day of resurrection, and as we see in Jesus, some of our scars too, some of the signs of sin and evil's effects on all of us will still be noticeable in our resurrected/renewed bodies.

What we know for sure is that all of this is a mystery as Paul tells the church in Corinth. Using the witness and testimony of those who experienced the risen Christ, Paul is drawing his best vision for what the renewal of creation will be like. Just like the Corinthians and the churches that received Peter's first letter, I firmly hope in the promise and assurance of resurrection one day, while still caring for my heart, mind, spirit, and body today because just as I am a steward or caretaker of the universe, so I am a steward of my life, seeking to care for and maintain my whole self even in the midst of life's brokenness because I know that one day, my whole being (scars and hurts included) will be transformed by God.

Upcoming Events at HMC

June 15-18: CPMC Annual Meeting in York, NE.

July 3-8: MCUSA Biennial Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Birthdays

- 2) Marcella Glanzer
- 2) Rosella Glanzer
- 11) John Clem
- 15) Mary Rensink
- 19) Darnell Tschetter
- 24) Anabella Lima



Anniversaries

- 9) Gordon & Sharon Waltner
- 12) Chad & Rebecca Hofer
- 17) Vernon J. & Norma Hofer
- 22) Les & Mary Rensink
- 22) Darnell & Lori Tschetter
- 24) Brandon & Kylea Waltner
- 29) Larry & Edie Tschetter

Thank you so much for supporting the relief sale by donating \$1,428 at the pizza fundraiser. No expenses were incurred so the total amount will be sent to the relief sale.



Shalom Readers Club

Submitted by: Joline Thomas

I know that our young people will enjoy VBS over the next few days. A big thanks goes out to the leaders and volunteers who put in many hours of time and effort to share a great program with the kids. Following right after VBS is the Shalom Readers Club. Several new titles will soon be added to that section of our church library. Don't forget to pick up a sheet to record the books that you read. I know there will be many creative projects made to go with each participant's favorite book. Keep in mind that you will get to select a book to keep when you complete the requirements of the program. So....get ready, get set, READ!!!



June Congregational Ministries Project:

The Banquet

Please give cash donations to Joyce Hofer, treasurer, or put in the CM mailbox.

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Happy Birthday!

Submitted by: Barbie Hofer

On June 2, Marcella and Rosella will celebrate their 90th birthdays. In 1933 the Gross family grew by two little girls. Growing up as twins, they both said that they had to wear matching clothes made from sacks. Beautiful dress they were, but always matching. Marcella and Rosella both told me that all stopped when they graduated from school. When asked what they could remember about celebrating their birthdays, they said that was way too long ago to remember. They did remember that they always had homemade angel food cake, their favorite. Ninety years old is quite a milestone, deserving of a special cake and all the ice cream you can eat. Marcella told me that that was the plan, to have their favorite cake and celebrate with their families. We wish Marcella and Rosella many blessings on this very special day.

The Twins are Turning 90!

Let's help them celebrate!



Celebrating Together at 80

AND...



Still Best Friends at 90!

Graduate Presentation

Submitted by: Morgan Koehler



On May 21, high school graduates Jada Koerner and Autumn Rouse were each presented with a hymnal engraved with their names by Amy Hofer Vetch on behalf of the HMC Music Committee. Congratulations Jada & Autumn!

Marcella and Rosella Glanzer will be celebrating their 90th birthday on June 2, 2023. Their families are requesting a card shower to honor them on this special occasion.

Cards may be sent to them at the following addresses:

Marcella Glanzer Rosella Glanzer
P.O. Box 640 P.O. Box 370
Freeman, SD 57029 Freeman, SD 57029

-Submitted by Linda Schrag

Date	Attendance	Income
April 30	68	\$1,176.00
May 7	69	\$5,097.00
May 14	62	\$715.00
May 21	67	\$1,112.00
Online Giving		\$500.00

July submissions due by June 28!

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