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# The All-Encompassing Love of God

Psalm 36: 5-9 (NIV) <sup>5</sup> Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, Lord, preserve both people and animals. <sup>7</sup> How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. <sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

We serve an awesome God whose love cannot be measured or contained. God is perfect love. He is our standard of love. He is the reason we are able to love one another, because He first loved us. There are no boundaries or limits to God's love for us, His children.

God will never love you more because of how you perform in life. God will also never love you any less because of how you perform in life. There is nothing you can do to change His love for you. He loves you right now and for all eternity with a perfect love that is not based on who you are or what you do, but is solely based on who He is! He is love that is pure, faithful, selfless, enduring, refreshing, redeeming, gracious, kind, hopeful and eternal. His perfect love will never fade away. His perfect love can penetrate the deepest places in our heart and bring healing and renewal like no other love can ever do. His love can calm the storms raging in our lives and assure us sunny days are ahead for us. God's love will turn a heart of stone into a heart of flesh

In our hard days and our best days let us always remember God's all encompassing love that is an ever present force to carry and guide us. You are loved completely by the King of Kings! Speak the truth of God's love over every situation and take refuge in the shadow of His wings that cover you.



**Psalm 36:5** 

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#### **Dear Daughter of Mine Conference 2019**

Romans 12: 9-10 (NLT) <sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Please join us Saturday, March 16th!

Our fourth annual Dear Daughter of Mine Conference is quickly approaching! We are so excited to host this event once again.

We have a very special day planned including two speakers for adults, more small group discussion and connections, an incredible youth speaker, and having the great joy in listening to Rachael Hayes lead us in worship once again! If you were able to hear her sing this past July, you know what a special treat this is!

Please help spread the word to all ladies you know who might enjoy this event. Make sure they understand this is open to all God's daughters. If you have not attended one of these events yet we strongly encourage and invite you to please join us. It's an amazing day of fellowship, refreshing in our spirits and hearing God's Word spoken specifically to His daughters. Remember there is no charge for our members to attend, just let Michelle Wilson know so we include you in registration.

Men of Living Gospel, we invite you to be part of this day as well in helping serve our lunch to all our guests. It is a special ministry and one our men have found quite rewarding. We appreciate you so very much and your willingness to bless God's daughters on this day.

Thank you to all who are working hard to bring together this very special event! Please be in prayer in the weeks leading up for God's favor, blessing and anointing over this day for all involved.

Let us do all we can to really love one another as we plan, prep and enjoy this day together.

## Celebrating-February Birthdays

Sandy Ebert February 7
Erna Manweiler February 10
Aubrey Benisch February 13
Helen Buckley February 15
Don Hessler February 15
Jonathan Landsverk February 17

## Wedding Anniversaries

We don't know of any

If we missed anyone's birthday's or anniversaries throughout this year, please let us know so we can update our records for the new year!



### Love by Serving

Each of us has been blessed with unique gifts given to us by our Heavenly Father to be used in fulfilling His purposes.

The two greatest commands given to us are: to love God with our all our heart, mind, and soul; and to love one another as we love ourselves.

The greatest way we can show love to our Father, is to humbly and willingly obey all His commands.

The greatest way we can show love to others is to joyfully serve them.

God has given you special gifts to use for His purposes-to be love in action.

Where can you put your gifts to use to honor God and love others?

There is much work to be done to continue to build God's Kingdom. Your gifts matter, and are needed. Let's find a way to use them to His glory in the church and in our community!

In Christ We Serve, Pastor Karrie



A Call to Worship

Psalm 98: 4-6 (NIV) <sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; <sup>5</sup> make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

We have an exciting opportunity to expand our praise ministry!

**Do you love music?** Does it move you in a special way? Do you feel more closely connected with God as you sing or play an instrument? Do you feel a great peace or joy as you worship? This may be a ministry God is positioning you for

Did you play an instrument years ago and maybe you haven't had an outlet to play for a while so you have let that passion sit on the sidelines?

Have you had a desire to play an instrument like guitar, piano or percussion but never had anyone to teach you?

Now is the time to combine your passion for music, your desire to play an instrument and/or sing, and to serve for the glory of God!

We have an incredible opportunity to hold a couple praise ministry workshops and teach some of the key skills needed to play guitar, piano or percussion. This is FREE for you and you will be learning from our local music director for Rio schools and his wife-Jesus and Dulcie Valencia. They have successfully grown praise ministry teams that are deep in talent and sound both here in Rio and previously in Arizona. They are graciously donating their time to help build on our existing ministry. God is so good to make a way for us to continue to grow and find ways for all to serve in their gifted areas!

If you feel a twinge of excitement about this, pray and see if God might be calling you. Talk with Pastor Karrie about your interest. To all, please join in prayer with thanksgiving for this opportunity and God's continued favor and guiding hand upon our praise ministry. Shout for joy to the Lord for He is good!

#### **Coming Events-**

Saturday February 16– Italian Night Dinner and Fundraiser 4:30-7pm at church. Raising funds for the 2019 Constanza Service Team. Join us any time that night for a great meal, silent auction items, and a live pie auction (around 6 pm)!

Monday February 18th-Ladies prayer group 9 am at church.

Saturday, February 23rd- One Heart Seminar for ladies in WI Dells

Living Like Jesus - Connect in a Small Group and Discover how we live more like Christ, together.

Wednesday's: Youth 6:00 pm, Adult 7:00 pm at church

Need a different day or time-form a new small group with 2-3 others! It's simple and so powerful as you form deeper connections and study His Word together!

**1 John 4:17** (NLT) And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

## Coffee With Pastor Karrie

When is the last time we sat down over coffee or tea?
What happens in your week in between Sundays matters to me. Let's connect, encourage one another and pray together.

We can meet wherever is most comfortable for you.

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May God Bless You and Make His Face Shine Upon You.

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