

NEW BEGINNINGS

April 2023

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING:

THE JESUS FILM

When: Friday, April 14th
7:00 PM

Where: Grandview

Price: Free Movie and Popcorn

Bring your own movie drink!

ADMIT ONE

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Easter Egg Hunt

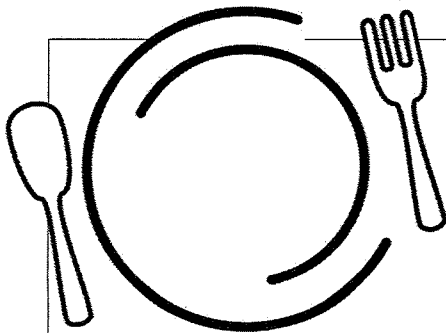
Hosted by the Stratton Chamber

Date: Saturday, April 8th

Time: 1:00 PM, CT

Place: Pitner Park, Stratton

We will gladly accept your "non-chocolate" candy donations. You can donate to the Village Office or MNB Bank. We will stuff the eggs during our regularly scheduled Chamber meeting on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm. Come join us!



FREE COMMUNITY SUPPER

Wednesday, April 19th

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Community Methodist Church – Stratton

All are Welcome!

Stratton Public Library

Reading is good for the mind and soul!

Hours: Monday 12-7pm Thursdays 12-5pm

Highlighted Books of the Month: So many new books come check them out!

Adult: Rimmer: A Mother's Confession, The Secret Daughter Picoult: The Pact
Sewell: Ice Trap Mayhew: The Dry Grass of August Hannah: Between Sisters
Box: Storm Watch Frankel: One Two Three Crichton: Micro

Juvenile: Rylant: Octopus Keene: The Secret of the Wooden Lady

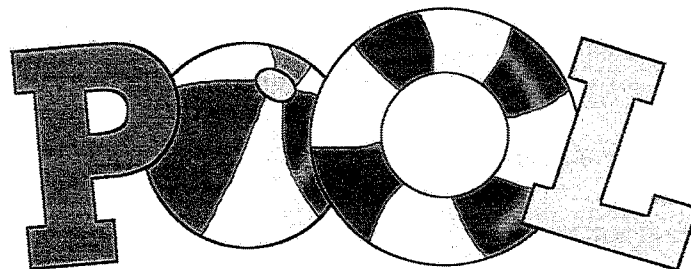
Book Quilt Challenge starts in April...come on into the Library and pick a book...books read = prizes!

Light up your Imagination...READ (*theme by Kenley Evans*)

Coffee and Conversation is held each Thursday from 2-4 at the Library.

The Village of Stratton is Ready for Warmer Weather and Dreaming of Swimming at the Pool!

We are currently accepting applications for Swimming Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguards for the 2023 season. Managers must obtain Nebraska Pool Operator's Certificate. Lifeguards and managers must be current on lifeguard certification and CPR/First Aid. Training is reimbursable to successful candidates. Contact the Village Clerk at 308-276-2184 or 308-830-2878 or stratton@gpcom.net or submit resume to PO Box 332 Stratton, NE 69043. Position open until filled. EOE



THE STRATTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO BE A PART OF THE

EASTER CELEBRATION

AT OUR CHURCH

412 BAILEY ST.

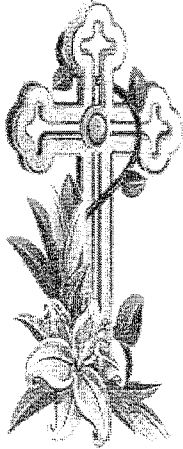
STRATTON, NE.

Good Friday, April 7, 2023, 7pm CT

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, 9am CT

ALL ARE WELCOME,

COME JOIN US



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, **MAY 6th**

8:00 a.m.

Methodist Church

ALL MEN WELCOME!



KIDS!!!

Please join me for

Church and Sunday School

At the Methodist Church

Time: 9:00 Central

When: Sunday mornings

There will be snacks at

10:00 Central after the church service,

And

Sunday School at 10:20 Central!



Grace Stahly, age 10

Stratton

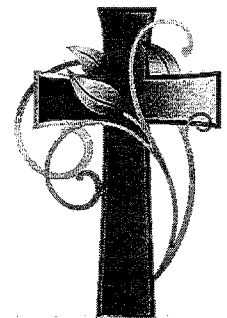
Christian Union Church

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday, 04/07/23, 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday, 04/09/23, 10:45
AM

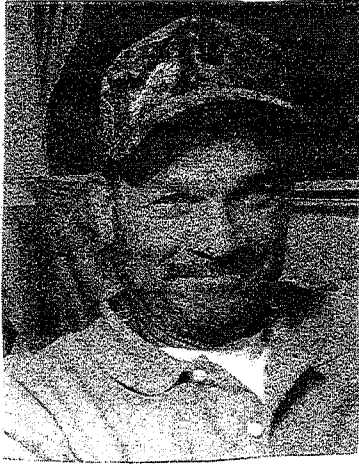
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GIVING BACK TO GREG WILLHITE

My name is Jeff Willhite. Greg is my older brother, the best older brother anyone could ever have. He'd never let anyone pick on his siblings -- that was his job! Greg is an awesome man with the most tender heart; anyone who knows him would tell you that. He is firm in his commitments and is devoted to his wife Denise, his family and his community. During these hard (COVID) times, to make ends meet, Greg & Denise decided to sell/lease their restaurant business, but this didn't suffice. After battling prostate cancer, enduring months of follow-on radiation therapy, and currently dealing with severe pain from having to delay very-needed back surgery, Greg was informed cancer has progressed to the colon. Greg & Denise are now emotionally and financially depleted. As God has blessed you, please consider being a blessing to Greg by donating what you can.

GoFundMe link is:

<http://gofund.me/412d7447>

Chaplain's Corner

I don't believe that I have ever written about the Armor of God that God gave us to do battle in this world. In the book of Ephesians in the New Testament of the Bible Paul wrote about the Armor of God. Paul was in prison in Rome, nearing the time of his execution, as he wrote this letter to the church in Ephesus. There are six chapters in the book; the first three chapters are about God's position, what God has done for us, the last three chapters are about practice; what we must do to serve Him. In the last part of chapter 6, Paul speaks about the armor. He compares the spiritual tools that God gives us to the armor that a Roman soldier wore. The armor is given to us that we might be able to stand against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. We do not fight against flesh and blood, (people), but against Satan and his demons. Take up the full, (not just part) of the armor of God starting with the belt of TRUTH, then the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS, then shod your feet with the preparation of the GOSPEL OF PEACE. Take up the SHIELD OF FAITH to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Put on the helmet of SALVATION, take up the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the word of God.

All of these tools except the last are defensive tools. The last is offensive. In the 4th chapter of the book of Luke, Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and Satan tempted Him several times. Each time Jesus quoted scripture back to Satan and Satan could not stand up to the word. That's how God wants us to do battle. Paul concludes this telling us to pray always in the Spirit and to pray for each other. If you are going to be an effective Christian, get out of your pew and be a witness for Christ. Ask God what He wants you to do to serve Him. You won't have to wait long—He will tell you. There is plenty to be done in the Lord's army.

Richard Stahly

Church Worship Service Schedule

Comm. United Methodist Church

- 9:00 a.m.** **Church Services**
10:15 a.m. **Sunday School**

Christian Union Church

- 9:30 a.m.** **Sunday School**
10:45 a.m. **Church Services**

St. Joseph Catholic Church

- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass**

Church of Christ

- 10:30 a.m.** **Sunday School**
11:00 a.m. **Church Services**

Southwest Nebraska Holiness Church

- 10:30 a.m.** **Sunday School**
11:30 a.m. **Church Services**
7:00 p.m. **Church Services**

