

Dear Friends,

What a phenomenal week it has been! I am so grateful to have had The Katinas and Chaplain William Barefield with us on Monday and Wednesday and for the great word Professor Kari Brodin shared today! I hope you feel inspired, encouraged and blessed by how great our God is!

Next week in Chapel

On Monday, we have the privilege of hearing an unforgettable message from Darrell and Sherri Beebe. Darrell and Sherri have had quite the experience during their time as missionaries and now travel full-time sharing their incredible story of forgiveness, healing and hope. They are phenomenal individuals who live by the motto, **“Ordinary People + Extraordinary Circumstances = Amazing Opportunity.”** Below is a link to their website which includes portions of their experiences. I would highly encourage you to visit the page and read about them.

<http://www.2b4giving.com/?TargetPage=C0F61FA6-1D36-4B78-895E-361FA307C06E>

Wednesday, we are excited to hear a great word from Dr. Ron Herms who will share from Mark 13 and Friday I will speak on a “Hot Topic” you suggested at the beginning of the year. It is going to be another great week!

Pursuit

Monday night at Pursuit, The Generation Church worship band from City Church will be leading us in a powerful time of worship. I am excited for what God is going to do in this hour! We only have 3 Pursuits left after this so I hope you can make it!

Human Trafficking

Our social justice focus continues to be the fight against Human Trafficking. We’ve come a long way in raising funds to bring shelter and safety to those who have been/are victims of this unjust act. Last week, we raised a total of \$427.88! We have just under \$1,000 left to go and only 2 more opportunities to give. If we each commit to giving just \$2 in each of these 2 offerings, we are guaranteed to reach our goal! Thank you for your faithful giving to such a great need, even in our very own region.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat

The play will continue tonight and tomorrow at 7:30pm as well as next Thursday, Friday and Saturday also at 7:30pm. I’ve only heard great things about it so I’d encourage you to attend the great show! Tickets are \$10 (\$8 with NU student ID) and can be purchased at the door or in the bookstore. I will see you tonight if you go. I am excited to see it...

Scripture

Professor Dan Tomandl shared this great reflection with me that I also wanted to pass along to you:

I've been reading through Isaiah lately and was struck by these passages from Isaiah 33 -- how aptly they describe the condition of people without God: we are our own worst problem, and that the solution is our Lord.

“your breath is a fire that consumes you.” (v 11c) [Pause and let this sink in: we are the source of what consumes us!]

*“The sinners in Zion are terrified;
trembling grips the godless:*

“Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?

Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?”

“Those who walk righteously

and speak what is right,” (v 14-15a)

“they are the ones who will dwell on the heights,” (v 16a)

“the LORD is our king;

it is he who will save us.” (v 22b)

Thank you, Dan for reminding us that we would be a mess without God’s grace. I am so thankful!!

Prayer

Attached is our weekly prayer list. Thank you for so fervently praying for the needs of our community. Your faith-filled prayers are not in vain; every single one is heard by the Lord and I believe great things are to come!

-Our prayer team meets every Tuesday night in the chapel at 7:00PM. They meet to pray for the needs of our community. If you need prayer and would like this group of students to agree with you please feel free to stop by for a minute or as long as you would like.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Your friend,
Pastor Phil