



# The Dunes News

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## The Pastor's Pen

### "Facing Life's Curveballs"

Has life thrown you a curve ball? Has life thrown you down and there is no one there to help you? You are not alone!

There was a woman who was caught in adultery. The religious people brought her to Jesus. The Religious Law stated that she should be stoned to death. They asked Jesus what should be her punishment. Jesus was in a dilemma. If He said: "Don't stone her," He would be guilty of violating the Law. If He said: "Stone her," then that would contradict why He came to earth ("to seek and save those who are lost.")

Meanwhile, the woman was lying on the ground waiting to die. She was waiting to feel that first rock hit her body. Her anxiety was as bad as the rock. She knew it was all over for her. She was guilty. There was no way out.

All of a sudden, she heard a rock fall and another and another but none hit her. Everyone of her accusers left. Her trouble was over but she was still lying on dirt. Then Jesus made her realize that she had passed from one season (the season of sin) to another season (the season of forgiveness). He told her that He didn't condemn her and that she could return home and quit sinning.

What Lessons can we glean from this story for ourselves:

- The Grace of God is greater than all of our sins.
- We can be forgiven instantly and fully.
- It's not the destination that's important; rather, it's the Interruptions God sends into our lives to bring us back to Him that's important.
- God has a right to condemn us but He doesn't because through Christ we are declared cleansed, free, delivered and children of God.

Life may have labeled you a loser, a failure or hopeless.. You may have made mistakes and decisions that have caused you to be in the dirt of life. But you don't have to continue living there. God can make you a winner and an over-comer if you commit your life to Him.

God may have given you a second chance at life or He wants to give you a second chance. Don't waste it. Don't take it for granted. He saved your life for a purpose—His purpose! This may be your last chance

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at life. Who knows? Only God knows!  
Don't disappoint Him! He is offering you  
a second chance at life today!

Blessings,  
Pastor Sewdin

### Congratulations To Graduates

We want to express our congratulations  
to those who are graduating this year,  
especially **Lauren Lecy who will be  
going to college in the fall.** We are  
proud of you! Our prayers  
are with you as you go  
forward into the next phase  
of your lives with excite-  
ment and anticipation.



### Hooray For Mothers Mother's Day-May 10th

### "My Mother's Garden"

A mother is a gardener,  
planting the seeds  
of faith, truth and love  
that develop into the fairest flowers  
of character, virtue and happiness  
in the lives of her children

-J. Harold Gwynne



Please help support Sandpiper  
Cooperative  
Preschool by joining us at their

### Annual Beer and Wine Tasting Event

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015  
6 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Ogden Dunes Firehouse

Silent Auction  
Live Music/50 50  
Beer & Wine Tasting

Tickets: \$35.00 in advance  
\$40.00 at the door  
Tickets available on line at Sandpiperpreschool.com or Call  
219 712-5858

100% of the proceeds support the educational programs at  
Sandpiper Cooperative Preschool

### Remember to remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the  
holiday meant to them. "That's the day the swimming pool  
opens!" answered one eager boy. What  
he didn't realize or appreciate was that he  
can freely go to the pool because more  
than one million people have put their  
lives on the line to preserve America's  
democracy. Many of them have died so  
citizens of other countries might also  
enjoy the privileges of political, social and  
economic freedom.



## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Come join the Prime Timers Tuesday, May 19, at 12:00 noon in the Church fellowship room  
for their monthly program and luncheon.

The program for May will be a snap shot of the Dunes presented by J. B. Anderson, Park  
Ranger for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore along with the new Superintendent, Paul  
Labovitz.

The luncheon will be catered by Town and Country. Join us and bring a friend.  
We welcome guests and potential new members. Please honor your reservation. If you  
have any questions, call Karel Kears at 763-6493.



## Vacation Bible School

**When:** June 22nd through June 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Ogden Dunes Community Church

**Theme:** Everest

### The "M" Word

During a science lesson, a second grade teacher demonstrated how a magnet can pick up metal objects such as nails and screws. Afterwards she said, "My name begins with the letter 'm.' I pick up things with my power. What am I?" A boy quickly answered, "You're a mother!"

### Seven things you'll never regret

1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter or not sending an e-mail-written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgement of God on any question.

## Reading Through The Bible in 2015

Here are the Daily Readings for the Month of May:

<b>May 1</b> 2 Samuel 5: 1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-12	<b>May 2</b> Psalm 133	<b>May 3</b> Psalm 106-107	<b>May 4</b> 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23, 1 Chronicles 13-16	<b>May 5</b> Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68	<b>May 6</b> Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132	<b>May 7</b> 2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicle 17
<b>May 8</b> Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39	<b>May 9</b> 2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18	<b>May 10</b> Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75	<b>May 11</b> 2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20	<b>May 12</b> Psalm 65-67, Psalm 69-70	<b>May 13</b> 2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles	<b>May 14</b> Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
<b>May 15</b> 2 Samuel 13-15	<b>May 16</b> Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55	<b>May 17</b> 2 Samuel 16-18	<b>May 18</b> Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64	<b>May 19</b> 2 Samuel 19-21	<b>May 20</b> Psalm 5, 38, 41-42	<b>May 21</b> 2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57
<b>May 22</b> Psalm 95, 97-99	<b>May 23</b> 2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21-22, Psalm	<b>May 24</b> Psalm 108-110	<b>May 25</b> 1 Chronicles 23-25	<b>May 26</b> Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145	<b>May 27</b> 1 Chronicles 26-29, Psalm 127	<b>May 28</b> Psalm 111-118
<b>May 29</b> 1 Kings 1-2, Psalm 37, 71, 94	<b>May 30</b> Psalm 119:1-88	<b>May 31</b> 1 Kings 3-4, 2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 72				

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**The deadline for the next Dunes News is May 15th.**

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## May Refreshments

After the 10:00 am. service, refreshments, including coffee, will be available in the Fellowship hall following worship. If your last name begins with the letter of the day, please provide snacks of your choice. The host/hostess for the day will set snacks and coffee out for everyone's enjoyment after the service.

Sunday, May 3	P,Q,R,S,T
Sunday, May 10	U,V,W,X,Y,Z
Sunday, May 17	A,B,C,D,E
Sunday, May 24	F,G,H,I,J
Sunday, May 31	K,L,M,N,O

### Hostess

Mardee Newton  
Sue Squire  
Liz Crouch  
Judy Selund  
TBD

Please call Sue Squire at 762-1428 to volunteer to be a host/hostess for later dates.



## Christian parental guidance

- Begin each day with prayer. Let children know you'll be praying for them while they're away from home.
- Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.
- Make children's daily homecoming a cheerful occasion.
- Make home life joyful and memorable. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them.



## Church Cleaning

**The Deacons will be having their annual Church clean-up on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring a bucket and come help!**