YOU SEE ME / Who knew that a simple question could make a grown man cry?

Now that cafés are open, friends can meet for coffee and enjoy the warm, fresh air. As my husband, Mark, and I recently sat with a local pastor friend, Bob*, to catch up after being apart for three months, a familiar scene unfolded.

A small man, his head down, approached a table at the end of the café. The person sitting there was busy with his phone and ignored the man, who mumbled something, before gingerly placing a small card on the table. After no response from the table's occupant, he retrieved the card and came to our table.

As I suspected, he was deaf and offering a small trinket in exchange for any coins we could spare. In this case it was a 2020 calendar card with Donald and Daisy Duck on the back nothing of value, really, but more dignified than outright begging. He mumbled something and hesitantly offered a card to each of us.

Pastor Bob was the first to pull out a coin and place it on the card, sliding both back to the man. This told him that the money was a gift, and he could "sell" the calendar card to someone else. As Mark reached for his coins, he asked the man, mouthing the words slowly, "What's your name?"

"D-Dan*," he stuttered, surprised by the question. Mark stood up, and the man shrank back a bit. But when my husband stuck out his hand and said, "My name's Mark. Nice to meet you, Dan," tears welled up in Dan's eyes.

We gave two more coins for calendar cards we didn't keep. Dan looked around the table from one face to the next. "You must be real believers," he said. "No one else even sees me. But you looked at me and saw me. Are you religious teachers? You must be. We deaf people sense things others don't, and I can sense that you are godly people."

Pastor Bob offered to give Dan a Bible, which he gladly accepted. They exchanged phone numbers in order to connect the next day. When Bob stood up, Dan shrank back again. But Bob went in for a bear hug, and again Dan's eyes filled with tears as we blessed him and told him that God loves him.

As Dan went on his way, he didn't stop at any more tables. He crossed the street and found a place away from the crowds where he wept openly. This simple act of kindness gave us a powerful reminder of how desperate people are for God's love and the dignity we can extend to them in His name. Please pray that Bob will be able to continue to share the hope of Jesus with Dan.

*Name changed

by Kathy, an Alliance international worker serving in Europe/Middle East



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, July 5, 2020 Morning Worship 10 AM

Welcome

Invocation

Song Star Spangled Banner
Song King Of Kings
Song Living Hope

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Prayer

Message The American Dream
Pastor Dave Havener

Communion

Song And Can It Be
Song Enough

Sermons are available online at:

<u>https://www.lakeviewowego.com</u>
<u>https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewowego</u>

Events and Information

The flower arrangement at the front of the church was placed by Linda & Jim Beauter and Dick & Dorothy Beeman in remembrance of their mother Marjorie Beeman, who went to be with the Lord twenty years ago on July 6th.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our congregation safe by wearing a face mask as you enter/exit the church and as you sing.

<u>OFFERINGS AND TITHES</u> – Offerings and tithes can be placed in the offering box next to the missions table before or after morning service.

<u>CHILDREN'S MATERIAL</u> - Personal activity packets will be provided to children at the back of the sanctuary. We'll continue to post material online for you to enjoy at home with your kids each week as long as it is available to us.

EMPOWER - Equipping, motivating, and preparing women for effective ministry. Consider an amazing opportunity to join other women from our district in a one-year Bible and Discipleship course. The course will run from September 2020 through May 2021. You can register online at https://www.empowerww.org/register. Please see Kristie or April for more details.

<u>VBS</u> – This year we'd like VBS to come to the homes of church families who will host a 2-day program for their neighborhood. If you have some space outdoors and would enjoy having children come learn and play together at your home, YOU can be a host. We'll also need volunteers to help facilitate the program at those homes. If you're able to commit to sharing the gospel to a small group of kids through music, crafts, stories, or games for a few hours over the span of 2 days, please contact the church office 607-687-3261.

<u>ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE</u> – Our annual chicken barbecue will be held Saturday, September 12, 12 Noon till? at Hickories Park, pavilion #4. More information to follow.

Small Group Ministry

Small Groups

<u>Adult Group</u> (Led by Doug & Maybell) Not meeting for the summer but will resume in September.

Couple's Small Group (Led by Ron & Michelle)

Tuesday evenings, from 6-8 PM at Confection Connection. Reviewing *'The Love Dare'*. For more information, call the church office 607-687-3261.

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie)

Meeting via Zoom Friday evenings at 7 PM for personal study reflections and prayer time. For more information, call the church office 607-687-3261.

<u>Adult Group</u> (Led by Dave & Dawn) Not meeting for the summer but will resume in the fall.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study (Led by Ann)

Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Reviewing 'Momentum: Pursuing God's Blessings Through the Beatitudes' by Colin S. Smith.

Men's Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM. Meeting at Hickories Park, pavilion #6. Please bring a chair and a mask.

Wednesday Night Youth Programs (6:30-8 PM)

IMPACT (Teen Group 6th–12th grade) Meeting at Hickories Park, pavilion #4.

This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Couples Bible Study at Confection Connection
Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPACT Youth Group, Men's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 PM	Administrative Board Meeting