St. James Lutheran Church Fourth Week of Pentecost July 6, 2025



St. James Lutheran Church

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WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from St. James following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You may find a simple prayer helpful, such as: "Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner." or "Lord, you see all things. I open my heart before you now."

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 575 In Christ Called to Baptize





GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE



Leader: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregational Refrain

Leader: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Children are dismissed for Children's Church.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast,
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees.

- As a mother comforts her child,so I will comfort you;you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
- You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 66:1-9 (read responsively)

- ¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
- ² Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.
- ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- ⁴ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."
- ⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
- ⁶ God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.
 - ⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.
 - ⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
 - ⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-10

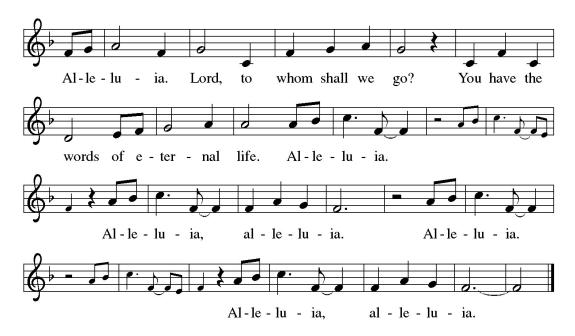
¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

- ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.
- ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.
- ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

A: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

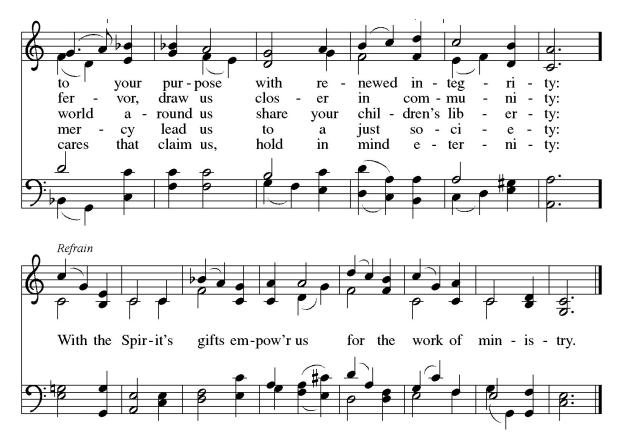
The assembly is seated.

<u>SERMON</u>

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission





APOSTLES' CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

Greet one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn into the embrace of the Holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A: You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of Cameron Woods State Reserve and all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste.

God of grace, **C:** hear our prayer.

A: You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. Make peace in places of conflict, especially **Ukraine**, **Iran**, **and the Holy Land** and bring justice to each community. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony**, **Brandon**, **Eli**, **Nathan**, **and Samantha**. We pray for the people of **Sudan** who are facing a hunger crisis due to famine. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer**.

A: As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain, especially **Annette & Rick**, **Barry**, **Bev**, **Carol**, **Donna**, **Donnie**, **Drew**, **Ed**, **Emmett**, **Frieda**, **Hattie**, **Jason**, **Joseph**, **Konnor**, **LaVonne**, **Lynn**, **Maggie**, **Mark**, **Michelle**, **Michelle**, **Phil**, **Sandy**, **Sherry**, **Stan**, **Ted**, **Tyler**, **and Wally**. God of grace, **C**: hear our prayer.

A: Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. We pray for **Noa and Kaylee** while they are Lutheran Summer Music Academy. Keep them safe and enliven their voices to sing in unity with your Spirit. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially **Jan Hus**, whom we commemorate* today. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

^{*}See announcement for commemorations.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Create in Me a Clean Heart



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

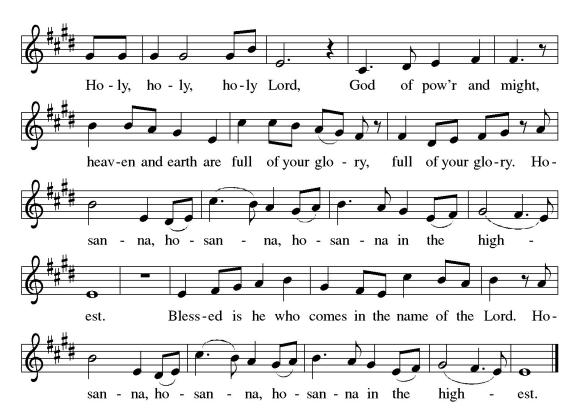
P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunge

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

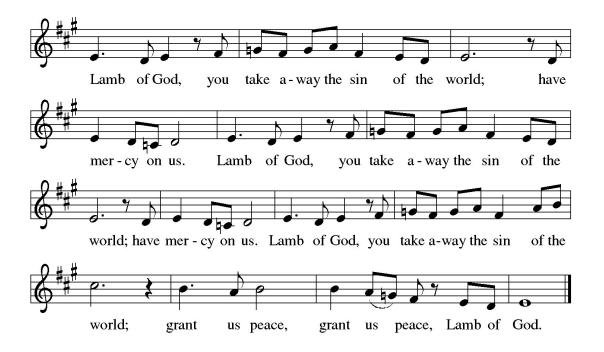
P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

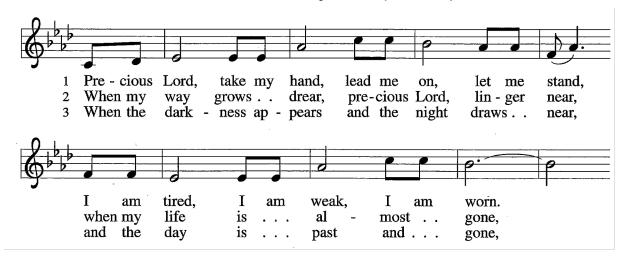
Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

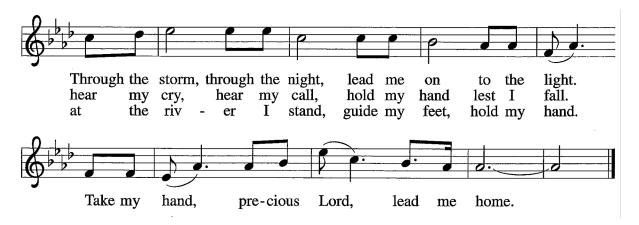
HYMN Lamb of God



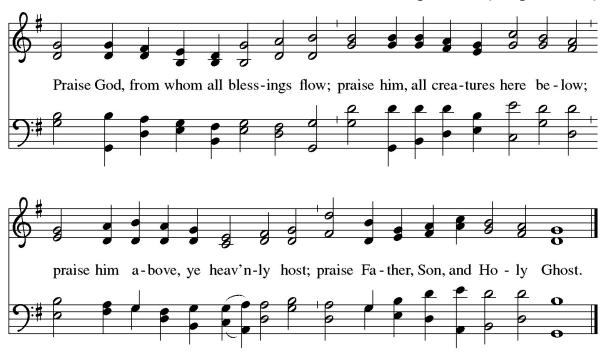
COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN ELW 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand (favorite)





HYMN ELW 884 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (sing 3 times)



The assembly rises in body or spirit.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Nurturing God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **C: Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

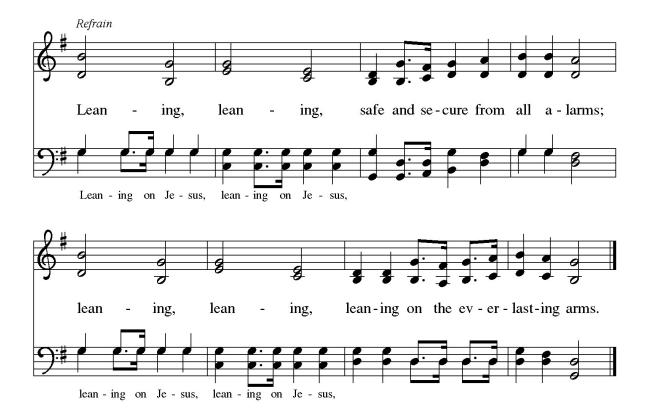
BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

→ bless you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (favorite)





P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last week:

Saturday 20

Sunday 51 YouTube 2

Birthdays this week:

7/8 Shelby Miller 7/9 Waylon Manthe

7/11 Maddie Schmidt

There are no anniversaries this week.

The flowers are given today by Judy Larson for family birthdays.

We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help us worship together and stay connected even when we are not at full health or out of town! YouTube link for livestream:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjnqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

<u>7/10</u> 6-8PM Summer Kids Club (tie-dye night)—There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex to let us know what size shirt your child will need for the tie-dye! For more information, contact Justina Pessein at 563-940-3782.

<u>7/13</u> Coffee and Conversation—This is a time where we ponder questions about current events and cultural trends in light of their Christian faith. This is an intentional time for conversation and prayer facilitated by Bryce. No sign-up required. All are welcome.

<u>ELCA Churchwide SAM Survey</u>—The Southeastern Iowa Synod is partnering with colleagues at the ELCA Churchwide Organization's Research and Evaluation team. The research is focused on gathering congregational feedback regarding congregations being served by synod-authorized ministers (SAMs). The survey is intended to hear what the members of SAM-served congregations have to say. Feedback will be used to help shape how SAMs are used for the future of congregations. For questions, contact the office at 563-355-4161.

<u>Confirmation Classes</u>—An email was sent to the congregation with a survey about who would be interested in participating in Confirmation classes. For more information, contact Maddie Schmidt at 563-570-6354.

<u>Kaylee & Noa</u>—Below is the address where Kaylee and Noa will be staying for Lutheran Summer Music Academy! While they're away, it would be nice to send them notes of encouragement or little treats from home!

Kaylee Pessein / Noa Hewlett c/o Lutheran Summer Music Valparaiso University 1509 Chapel Drive, Room 145 Valparaiso, IN. 46383

COMMEMORATIONS

Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415 Sunday, July 6, 2025

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540 Friday, July 11, 2025

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931 Saturday, July 12, 2025

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Worship Assistants

July 6

Presider

Assisting Minister

Reader

Acolytes

Ushers

YouTube Assistant

Altar Guild Counters

July 13 Presider

Assisting Minister

Reader Acolytes Ushers

YouTube Assistant

Altar Guild Counters

July 20 Presider

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9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Justina Pessein

Pat Larson

Eli & Sam Pessein

Ron Mekalson & Kelly Crooks

Deb Crooks

Pat Larson & Mary Meumann

Erik Bakken

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Jason Forari Angie Schmidt Jude Hewlett

Melissa & Anna Forari

Deb Crooks

Ellen Hogbin & Terry Martens

Erik Bakken

9:00 AM Worship

Bryce Hewlett, SAM

Shirley Richlen
Diana Worley
Velvet Collison

Ryan Marten & Ellen Hogbin

Deb Crooks

Ellen Hogbin & Terry Martens

Eric Bakken

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Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, Lynn Chamberlain, Bev Chappen, Sherry Germanio, Sandy Henry, Frieda Houldsworth, LaVonne Mienke

Family and Friends

Annette & Rick (friends of Sue and Steve Miller), Barry (cousin of Ellen Hogbin), Carol (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken), Donna (Ed Arp's sister), Donnie (friend of Deb Crooks), Drew (Pat Larson's friend), Emmett (friend of Diana Worley), Hattie (Frieda's sister) Jason (Lynn Chamberlain & Sherry Germanio's son), Joseph (friend of Bryce & Kim),

Konnor (Bert Leder's grandson), Maggie Bayliss, Mark (friend of Jason Forari), Michelle (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken),

Michelle (friend of Jason & Melissa Forari), Myles (friend of Anna Forari),
Phil (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother),
Stan (relative of Frtiz Voss), Ted (Ellen Hogbin's father-in-law),
Tyler (Pat Larson's grandson in-law), Wally (Frieda's nephew),

Military Personnel

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
Lt. Col. Brandon Sandoval USAF (Pat Larson's grandson)
CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Samantha Richard (friend of Larson family)

If you have anyone who needs to be taken off or added, please notify the church office.

July / August 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 9AM Worship | 7 4PM Social Ministry Mtg. | 8 4PM Property Committee Mtg. 6PM Christian Ed. Mtg. | 9 6-8PM Food Pantry | 10 9-11AM Food Pantry 6-8PM Summer Kids Club | 11 | 12 5:00PM Saturday Service |
| 13 9AM Worship 10AM Coffee & Conversation | 14 9:30AM Monday Morning Fellowship 1:30PM Finance Mtg. | 15 1PM Sarah Circle | 16 6-8PM Food Pantry | 17 9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG | 18 | 19 5:00PM Saturday Service |
| 20 9AM Worship 10AM Council Mtg. | 21 | 22 12-4PM Quilting | 23 6-8PM Food Pantry | 24 9-11AM Food Pantry | 25 | 26 5:00PM Saturday Service |
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