

The Friend

Come as you are to Worship, Wonder, and Work in Jesus' name!

July / August 2016

Unbusy and Rested *by Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem*

"How are you?"

"Busy. How about you?"

"Tired."

How many times have you heard - or had - this exchange? It's so familiar that many of us simply take it for granted that we should be busy and tired. We assume that if someone is not busy or tired, it's a sign of laziness or even a moral defect. In my life, no one - inside the church or out - has ever batted an eye when I've told them that I'm busy. Sure, there have been bland admonitions to "rest up" when I've claimed to be tired, but those are really winking acknowledgements that tired is the way to be.

And so it goes. Individuals, families, faith communities, workplaces, neighborhoods - heck, the entire culture - sure seem to be busy and tired. Harried and hurried, breathless and breakneck, we yawn into our days and routines - perhaps without any reflection or critical thought about the viability or the faithfulness of such a rhythm of life.

Lest you think I'm about to take on a scolding tone, allow me to say that a busy and tired life really ought to be barged through uncritically. Stopping, reflecting, resting, and praying will all wreak havoc on this sort of life. The Holy Spirit will do untold damage to our assumptions, our routines, our values, and our calendars if we pause and make ourselves vulnerable to God's wisdom and guidance.

One of the themes that runs through the entirety of Scripture and right into our lives is that God offers freedom and we consistently seek captivity. The garden in Genesis. The grumbling during the wilderness wanderings in Exodus. The clamoring for a human king throughout the Old Testament. The resistance to the prophets. The abandonment of Jesus by his closest followers. The infighting of the early church. In each case, God offers freedom and humanity chooses captivity.

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Yet God proves to have a stubborn insistence on continuing to offer freedom. We may have chosen captivity yet again - to busy and tired lives - but God keeps at it, patiently yet firmly nudging us, whispering to us, interceding for us. This freedom is embedded in our familiar stories: on the seventh day God rested (Genesis 2:3) and, just to show how serious God is about this whole rest thing, God even instituted the Sabbath (Exodus 20:11). Walter Brueggemann asserts that "divine rest on the seventh day of creation has made clear (a) that YHWH [the Lord] is not a workaholic, (b) that YHWH is not anxious about the full functioning of creation, and (c) that the well-being of creation does not depend on endless work."

One unfortunate irony of being too busy and tired is that one of the first things to get tossed is Sabbath, participation in the life of the faith community, and worship. Yet worship is the place where we can be unburdened from busyness and where our tired lifestyle can be refreshed and redeemed by the good news of the God made known in Christ. It is a profoundly countercultural act of faith to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10) and to trust that "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

"But, but, but," we sputter, "doesn't stopping and resting make us lazy?"

Nope. Quite the opposite, in fact. Eugene Peterson has written very clearly about "the unbusy pastor." I think it is no great stretch to extend this idea to each and every follower of Jesus Christ. Peterson claims that we become busy for one of two "ignoble" reasons:

1. "I am busy because I am vain... I live in a society in which crowded schedules and harassed conditions are evidence of importance, so I develop a crowded schedule and harassed conditions. When others notice, they acknowledge my significance and my vanity is fed."
2. "I am busy because I am lazy. I indolently let others decide what I will do instead of resolutely deciding myself... It was a favorite theme of C.S. Lewis that only lazy people work hard. By lazily abdicating the essential work of deciding and directing, establishing values and setting goals, other people do it for us; then we find ourselves frantically, at the last minute, trying to satisfy a half dozen different demands on our time, none of which is essential to our vocation, to stave off the disaster of disappointing someone."

If you are brave enough to make your schedule and commitments vulnerable to the work of the Spirit, you will see that leading an unbusy and rested life is not a distant dream; it is God's intention, knit into the fabric of creation. Be active, yes, but not busy. Be vigorous, yes, but not tired. Be an unbusy and faithful person of Sabbath rest so you can be still and know that God, in fact, is God.

In Christ,



Mortgage Update

The mortgage elimination effort received a very generous response. Between gifts already received and gifts promised throughout the year, St. Philip's will be debt free before the end of 2016. A monthly snapshot of the progress will be printed each month in *The Friend* until it's down to zero! Thanks again to all who responded with such generosity!

Mortgage Balance on January 1, 2016: \$185,840.97

Mortgage Balance on May 31, 2016: \$ 79,764.45

It's Summer! Can You Believe It?

Sara Quarberg, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

"Peer relationships matter. Religious teenagers' closest friends tend to be other religious teenagers. Yet, equally important are adults who befriend teenagers. Compared to their peers, young church-attendees are far more likely to have adults in their lives with whom they enjoy talking and who give them lots of encouragement"

-Almost Christian, Kenda Creasy Dean

I recently attended a funeral for an elderly man from my home congregation. But, before I get to that part of his story, you should know a little bit more about Wes as a person. Whenever you would walk into the church building on a Sunday morning, Wes would be right there at the door ready to greet you! He arrived at church about 2-3 hours prior to the first service starting, with my Dad, to start the coffee, turn on the lights and to enjoy the muffin and milk my dad religiously brought each Sunday. Wes knew each person by name – young and old. He was also a pretty funny guy to be around. I have had the honor of knowing Wes my entire life – he even attended my wedding last year! Unfortunately, Wes' health had begun to slowly decline over the past couple of years, leading to his death this spring. As I walked in to the sanctuary and sat down next to my parents for his service, I looked around at all the people in attendance. Some were to be predicted – friends, family, the Fire and Police Department, as he had faithfully served the Spring Lake Park community for many years. As I continued to look around, I saw a high school senior who had left school to honor Wes' memory. I saw an elementary-aged child who was crying because she was mourning his death. I saw young and old. And, at that moment, I was profoundly reminded what church is.

Church is relational. Church is a place where each person who walks in the door matters and is greeted by name. Church is a place in which we share in one another's place. Church is a place where age doesn't matter because each one of us matters. Church is a place where we feel as though we belong – we belong to God. Church is a place where we find confidence in God, in each other and in ourselves. Church is a place where we find encouragement when life doesn't offer much. Church is a place where we feel loved for who we are, just as God has created us to be. Church is a place where we can each come as broken as we are and experience God's unending love and forgiveness. Church means that we never ever have to walk alone.

So, why does this matter? This matters because this is what we get to be a part of as a member of this community. This matters because God is continually calling us to be God's church together. This fall, we'll be starting a movement toward cross-generational ministry within not only our youth ministry but our entire church community. Unending research shows that our siloed youth ministry is not only outdated but also not incredibly effective. Research shows that relationships and connections matter. Reread that quote above by Kenda Creasy Dean. From the research in the National Youth Ministry survey, relationships matter, across all ages. Adults, you really matter in the lives of young people. And, I'm willing to bet that they matter in yours, too. Highly devoted youth in Christian congregations view their congregations as spiritual and social connections. "They wanted to be valued by the people in their congregations but they also longed to belong to God. So they found in their churches evidence of God's confidence in them – a confidence mediated by people who loved and trusted them" (Dean, 74). How beautiful is this image? Let's jump back to Wes' story. I saw evidence of God in the relationships that Wes had with people of all ages in his church community. I saw evidence of God in the story of Wes taking care of a young person's scraped-up knee from falling in the church parking lot. I saw evidence in Wes' ability to listen. These young people found God's confidence in them through Wes and so many others, along with a whole lot of love and trust.

So, let's continue to pray, discern, and anticipate what God has in store for us. More information about what this looks like will come as we approach fall here at St. Philip's! Be excited for where God is leading us. I know that change can come with hesitation, but we can rest assured that we are being led by the Holy Spirit and that only beautiful things can come from leading. The great thing about cross-generational ministry is that it's not new. We've actually been doing it here! But, now is our time to really engage it and take it to a whole new level in time. Please reach out if you have any questions or would further like to engage in conversation about this new ministry structure here at St. Philip's.

In Christ's great love,

~Sara

July and August Updates

Amy Morphey, Director of Children & Family Ministries



"Rejoice in the Lord Always and again I say Rejoice!"
~Philippians 4:4

We have so much to rejoice and celebrate! It has been a great summer; it is hard to believe it is almost half over. Take advantage of the next month and a half and enjoy the last bit of summer. Take time to have fun together as a family this summer. Play together. Be silly together. Find ways to connect in creative ways. We still have many opportunities to get involved this summer check out the web or contact Amy to get a yellow summer pamphlet listing all the fun in store for summer.

August 8-12 – Vacation Bible School volunteers and donations are needed. We are looking for group guides, room leaders, kitchen help, registration help, and much more. Thank you to those who have already given so generously to help our VBS program. See the board in the Narthex or contact Amy to see what else we could use.

Sunday School Update – Sunday School will resume on September 11. Watch for more details to come as we make plans for another great year!

Invitation to Serve – Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our many Children and Family Ministry Opportunities. Opportunities include: Sunday School Leaders, Sunday School Teacher/Co-Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Piano Player, Kid's Time Leader, Nursery Care, and Rainbow Bags. In accordance with our Child Safety Policies and Procedures, we try to have at least 2 volunteers with each group at all times, and at least one of the volunteers must be age 19 or older. Contact Amy to get involved [AmyM@splcmn.org].

~Amy Morphey

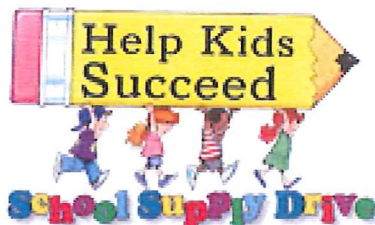
What Were You Doing 5 Years Ago?

The members of the call committee were prayerfully waiting on the Holy Spirit to lead a new Senior Pastor to St. Philip's. This August, we celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pastor Joel Wight Hoogheem's ministry here. We are so grateful for his leadership and his faithful commitment to the ministry we all share as we continue to seek God's will in our worship, work, and wondering.

Please join us in celebrating his 5th anniversary on Sunday, August 21 with a reception/brunch between services at 9:30. Your well-wishes through cards or a warm greeting will be welcome that morning or sent to church beforehand.

-Call Committee, 2011

CEAP School Supply Drive



We will again collect K-12 school supplies for CEAP for distribution in our community schools starting July 22. St. Philip's will have marked collection containers by the entrances. The last day to donate is August 14. The most needed items are pens, pencils, notebooks, and backpacks. Other supplies requested include lunchboxes or bags, 2-pocket folders, pencil cases, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, white glue, facial tissues, hand sanitizer, 3-ring binders, USB flash drives, weekly planners, and combination locks. CEAP requests that all items are new. Thank you for helping to grow a strong community!

President's Column *Mike Youngberg*

"Sure." I said when Katie asked me if I'd be willing to work on painting the door frames on the church's interior doors. I do like to paint after all. In an effort to figure out how long this project might take, I decided to count the doors that need to be painted. I walked around the church one day and counted over 80 door frames. Doors I'd walked by hundreds of times and never paid any attention to. Doors I didn't even know about. There are rooms inside of rooms, doors behind doors. Places I didn't even know existed. It seemed overwhelming. I hadn't even noticed that the frames were scratched until it was pointed out. Once I started paying attention, I saw that some of them were pretty banged up.

Do they all need to be done? In what order? The main doors to the sanctuary people will see. The closet door in Room 1 not so much. When people do look at some of the newly painted doors, they may not even notice, but they still need to be done. In the end there is satisfaction in doing it whether anyone ever notices or not.

Service is like that. Sometimes people see the results of our labor. We get a nice Thank You and a pat on the back. Sometimes nobody notices. No one will ever know. Glamorous projects are always nice, but much of what needs to be done in this world isn't glamorous. It needs to be done and someone needs to do it. Besides that, there is a certain satisfaction in completing a task or even part of a task. No one may ever even know we did it. I heard it said once that a charitable deed doesn't count if others know you did it, especially the one it is done for.

The world is full of tasks that need to be done, many we aren't even aware of. Things that need to be done for God's people and in Jesus' name. So, keep your eyes and ears open for the little things that need to be done. Enjoy doing them whether anyone notices or not. And as you do your service, perhaps, like me, you'll be lucky enough to find a new door you didn't even know about.

~ Mike Youngberg

St. Philip's	May 2016	Budget YTD	Actual YTD
	Income	\$345,778	\$346,281
	Expense	(\$351,490)	(\$337,658)
	TOTALS	(\$5,713)	\$8,623

LEAFs - Some of the Fall Presentations

The Amazing Life of Amelia Earhart! by Rob Ellos

When Religions Become Toxic by Rev. Theodore "Ted" Kalkwarf

World Prayer League Missionaries to Northern India

Dr. Nijhar and Dr. Neeraj – Christ Lutheran is one of their Sponsors.

Hosted by:

St. Philip's Lutheran Church on September 12 and 26, 2016

Christ Lutheran Church on October 10 and 24, 2016



Get excited.... Life Groups are Coming!

Life Groups will be the new small group ministry model here at St. Philips. We will do life together, providing opportunities to grow deep in faith and build significant relationships. Jesus modeled this living by his own way of ministry, inviting many to join him, but going deeper with a select few. We need this kind of community to truly live. As a whole community, all ages, we are invested in getting to know God and one another better. This fall, see where you fit in and get started! This will change your life.

4 Reasons for Implementing Life Groups

Community: One of our goals is to foster community within our church. Small groups provide ways for people to connect in healthy ways OUTSIDE of Sunday mornings, and share their faith, and lives with a group of people who belong to their faith community.

Help Big Feel Small: St. Philip's is a large church, and we will continue to grow. We tend to move toward what is comfortable, and that is being with those we know. While that is completely natural, it makes "becoming known" at St. Philip's a difficult thing for new members, or people who want to move to a new level or involvement. Small groups provide an outlet for making a big group of people seem a little smaller, and a lot more familiar.

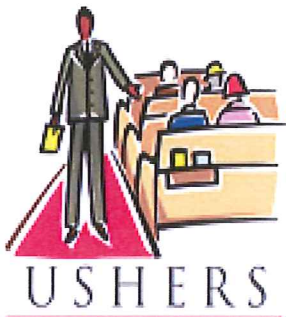
Pastoral Care: Group ministry is the front line of pastoral care in the church. Group members are the first responders to crisis in a large congregation. Small groups can jump in and handle situations before word of it even makes it to the church office. Groups grow deep in faith together, but they support each other through the highs and lows of life, and that depth of relationship enriches the health of the entire community.

Evangelism: This word scares a lot of Lutherans, but it's a good one to think about when you are inviting people to join groups. You might know someone from outside St. Philip's who is looking for a group community – even if they aren't so sure about attending church yet. Invitations to groups in homes are a lot less scary than invitations to services inside a church building.

Other details:

- You can look for sign up sheets before each fall, winter, and spring session.
- Each session, Life Groups will meet once a week for a 5-6 week study.
- 2 facilitators for each Life Group will help guide discussion.
- Start thinking of who you want to be in a Life Group with now!

~ Pastor Mollie



Summer Ushers Needed

Ushers play an important part in our worship services at St. Philip's.

They provide bulletins, greet worshippers, collect the offering, provide a smooth flow during communion, and help to keep our sanctuary in good order. Everyone can be an usher; men, women, couples, and teens.

Please prayerfully consider signing up in the office to be an usher this summer.

Welcome New Members!

Marna and Brian Dahlgren

Marna is a life-long Minnesotan and Brian was born here in Minnesota but grew up in New York and Kentucky. They have a son, Andrew, who lives in Mankato and two cats, Jerry and Teaser. They feel that they have many more children though as over the years they have hosted many AFS International high school students. Brian worked in the Navy, Naval Reserves and at Fort Snelling. Marna worked in the Anoka-Hennepin Community Education Department and now they are both retired and enjoy living in Blaine. They feel blessed to have found St. Philip's and enjoy worshipping here.

Ellie McCann

Ellie McCann moved to Spring Lake Park last September after living in Moorhead for over 20 years. She has 3 daughters, Stephanie (28), Amy (27) who both live in Washington, DC and Katie (24) who lives in Minneapolis, and are all teachers. Ellie lives with her dog Henry and loves now living close by her parents, siblings and youngest daughter. Ellie works for the U of M as an Extension Educator in family development.

The Lauby Family

The Lauby Family currently lives in St. Louis Park. Dustin works for the Department of Defense and Minnesota National Guard in St. Cloud and Elizabeth works for Johnson & Johnson. They have two son's Kyan (who passed away when he was five weeks old in 2013) and Bodhi who was born in September 2015. They have one dog Macy who is like another child. They enjoy golfing, spending time together as a family, traveling, and being with friends. Each year they host a charity golf event for Children's Hospital & Clinics in honor of their son Kyan.

Matt and Jill Weflen

Matt and Jill Weflen live in Northeast Minneapolis and enjoy attending St. Philip's. Matt is from the Twin Cities and Jill is from Madison, Wisconsin; yes, she is a Packers' fan! Despite cheering for different football teams, Matt and Jill do share a love for photography, art, music, hiking, and biking. They are looking forward to being more involved with the church and making new friends along the way.



The St. Philip's Endowment Fund



Is this the day?

When you remember someone -
When you celebrate something or
someone -

When you give thanks -
When you invest in the future -
by contributing to the St. Philip's
Endowment Fund?

If so – Thank you!
If not today – how about tomorrow?
Even the smallest gifts grow and bear
fruit, just like seeds in a garden!

May gifts were received
in memory of
Lloyd Benson, Geanie Capra,
Sandy McGrew, Hunter Danielson, and
Kathy Knutson's mother

And in support of the Endowment from
Gladys Pecore

By contributing to the Endowment
Fund, you participate in the present
and future ministry of St. Philip's. Gifts
may be small or large; cash, real or
personal property, stocks, bonds, life
insurance benefits, or bequests from
401k, IRA & other retirement accounts
For more information on St. Philip's
Endowment Fund, contact a member
of the Endowment Fund Committee:

Bob Becker, Dana Rebelein,
Jennifer Prasek, Dick Lekang,
Joan Kruse, Virg Herrick, Jeanine
Grandstrand, and Ron Ackerman.

Or visit [splcmn.org],
select the Ministries tab
and click Endowment.

"Thank you" to all who support the
St. Philip's Endowment Fund.

It's Coming! The Best Days of July!

The event for which you have all been waiting is almost here! The garage sale team will begin accepting donations on Friday, July 15, so clean out your closets and get ready to donate! We need YOU to help with this event! More hands mean less and lighter work for all! If you have only a few hours to give - great! If you can work a morning or afternoon, even better! If you can't give us the gift of your time, could you donate items for our volunteers? Donations of water, baked goods, paper plates, disposable forks and knives are needed.



Wednesday, July 13 - set up from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. We need help moving tables, clothing racks, etc. Dinner is offered to workers.

Daily - beginning Saturday, July 16 - July 24 - help us sort, label, and display items that have been donated and sorted. One or two hours needed to complete this task. We really need help in our back parking lot.

Sale Days - Wednesday, July 27 - 5:00 -8:00 pm - Help with security in the parking lot, or sitting in the hallways answering questions and directing traffic.

Thursday and Friday - July 28 and 29 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm cashiering, security, and running.

Saturday - July 30 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Please consider helping with clean up beginning at 12:00 pm moving tables into storage and packing up left over items to get them ready to be picked up by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

We'll use the money from this years' sale to support many charities!

Questions contact LaRae [763-234-9945 or laraekaz@aol.com].



Are you interested in travel? Learning and working with people across our beautiful globe? If so, the Global Missions Team invites you to join them in starting a task force about the next steps of the Global Mission Team here at St. Philip's. What's next, working in Costa Rica? Or where do you see a team being involved? What does this look like in the future? How can we partner with another part of the world, and hand-in-hand, build relationships, and stronger faiths while helping in concrete ways?

Good News!

Jim and Carol Sack, our ELCA missionaries in Japan, will be at St. Philip's July 30 and 31, 2016! They will participate in all three worship times, Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 am. The St. Philip's Global Missions Team will provide opportunities for the congregation to meet, greet, and thank them. Watch the global missions bulletin board and the weekly announcements for more information.



Blessing of the Animals - "Roof, Meow, Sniff, and Scuttle!"

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Wednesday, June 8 for the Blessing of the Animals. Pastor Mollie blessed 21 dogs, 5 cats, 1 rabbit, and a hermit crab! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with music, treats, and setup. A wonderful evening was had by all. See you next year!



St. Philip's 55+ Retirees *Octagon House and Afton Inn & Museum*

Thursday, September 8 from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm, join us for an early fall getaway; meet at church by 9:00 am on Thursday, September 8. We will travel by school bus to Hudson, WI for a guided tour of the Octagon House - a unique eight-sided, two story house (stairs/no elevator) built in 1855, with Victorian era furnishings. The grounds also feature a Garden and Carriage House, surrounded by a true Victorian garden. A stop at the gift shop is a must!

Following this tour, we will travel a few miles to the Afton House Inn. This is the oldest operating inn in Minnesota; we may have a chance to view a few of their rooms. Our lunch at Afton House Inn will be chicken chardonnay: Parmesan breaded chicken served with garlic mashed potatoes, red and green grapes, topped with a creamy chardonnay sauce, fresh vegetables, rolls, dessert, and coffee.

After lunch, we walk two blocks to the Afton Historical Museum, where we can do a self-tour.

The cost of \$24/per person includes transportation, all tours, and lunch. Sign up by Sunday, August 28 in the office. Please make a (non-refundable) check payable to St. Philip's Church.

Any questions, contact Arlene or Duane Retzer [763-574-9559].



Life Events

July Anniversaries:

Robert & Marlis Johnson on 7/18/1959 for 57 years
Allan & Norma Sonnenfeld on 7/23/1960 for 56 years
John & Carol Kapotas on 7/1/1961 for 55 years
James & Miriam Hougen on 7/30/1961 for 55 years
Thomas & Sandra Kallroos on 7/15/1962 for 54 years
Fred & Janice Kunze on 7/28/1962 for 54 years
George & Janice Dean on 7/27/1963 for 53 years
Roger & Mary Gehrke on 7/10/1965 for 51 years
Kenneth & Myra Munsterman on 7/1/1967 for 49 years
Gordon & Dorothy Kuluvar on 7/30/1967 for 49 years
Ralph & Janet Thompto on 7/9/1968 for 48 years
Dennis & Sharon Christensen on 7/25/1970 for 46 years
Ronald & Charmaine Cadwell on 7/31/1971 for 45 years
Todd & Jody Bjerknes on 7/19/1975 for 41 years
Gary & Susan Ellestad on 7/20/1979 for 37 years
Don & Martha Debelak on 7/5/1981 for 35 years
Larry & Kathy Weegman on 7/18/1981 for 35 years
Murray & Miriam Jensen on 7/14/1984 for 32 years
Mike & Jayne Gillitzer on 7/24/1991 for 25 years
Terri & Ron Chaffer on 7/15/1994 for 22 years
Dave & Donna Weiss on 7/16/1994 for 22 years
Jim & Gail Fackler on 7/5/1997 for 19 years
R.T. & Amy Taylor on 7/24/1999 for 17 years

Mike & Gina Paton on 7/1/2000 for 16 years
Nicholas & Christina Meisner on 7/14/2001 for 15 years
Aaron & Sara Karch on 7/6/2002 for 14 years
Elizabeth & William Wackman on 7/12/2003 for 13 years
Ann & Mike Kozarek on 7/26/2003 for 13 years
Dan & Katie Mae Pritchard on 7/2/2004 for 12 years
Jon & Amber Young on 7/3/2004 for 12 years
Stacey & Jeremy Repinski on 7/10/2004 for 12 years
Ryan & Ingrid Kleinjan on 7/23/2004 for 12 years
Russell (Chip) & Karen Duncan on 7/23/2005 for 11 years
Alan & Nina Ball on 7/8/2006 for 10 years
Chad & Hilary Leon on 7/29/2006 for 10 years
Scott & Jennifer Bjerketvedt on 7/17/2007 for 9 years
Mark & Kayla Kruse on 7/30/2011 for 5 years
Matthew & Jennifer Brooks on 7/14/2012 for 4 years

May Baptisms:

James Michael Larson on May 19, 2016



Sympathy:

Sandy McGrew on April 16

Betty Wicklund on April 28

Beth Young on May 20



Holiday Market

Save the date! The annual Holiday Market will be held at St. Philip's on Saturday, November 5, 2016. If you are a vendor or crafter, or know someone who is, and would like information on reserving a table at the market, please contact Kathy Swenson [Kswenso@comcast.net].



I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during my recovery. My knee replacement surgery went well and I'm blessed to be walking around again! Thank you, thank you!

~ Nila Carpenter

Thank you so much for all the prayers lifted and cards sent while I was recovering from knee replacement surgery. It's wonderful to be back at worship and involved again. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated!

~ Judith Bergeland

August Anniversaries:

Dennis & Mardell Olesen on 8/31/1957 for 59 years

Myron & Thelma Nash on 8/14/1960 for 56 years

Wayne & Mary Ellen Carlson on 8/18/1962 for 54 years

Marlin & Joanne Sorum on 8/25/1962 for 54 years

Charles & Kathleen Eichelberger on 8/10/1963 for 53 years

Michael & Nancy Johnson on 8/7/1965 for 51 years

Spencer & Gay Minear on 8/27/1966 for 50 years

Sandy & Eldon Nelson on 8/12/1967 for 49 years

John & Joann Holm on 8/24/1968 for 48 years

Edward & Cheryle Brooks on 8/31/1968 for 48 years

Jim & Dianne Lundeen on 8/15/1970 for 46 years

Michael & Carol Anderson on 8/22/1970 for 46 years

Marvin & Susan Hora on 8/21/1971 for 45 years

Larry & MarJean Stromberg on 8/3/1974 for 42 years

Randy & Cherie Manderschied on 8/1/1977 for 39 years

Dale & Dawn Sorenson on 8/12/1977 for 39 years

Cynthia & Richard Grove on 8/27/1977 for 39 years

Roy & Mary Loberg on 8/4/1979 for 37 years

Norman & Karen Schultz on 8/26/1979 for 37 years

Rodney Bertek & Heidi Tatro on 8/9/1980 for 36 years

James & Diane Felton on 8/9/1980 for 36 years

Brian & Sheila Ranum on 8/21/1982 for 34 years

Paul & Nancy Buerkle on 8/4/1984 for 32 years

Harold & Sharon Petersen

on 8/9/1986 for 30 years

Mark & Julie Dierling

on 8/22/1987 for 29 years

James Cox & Gretchen Ziehl

on 8/15/1992 for 24 years

Russ & Amy Sullivan on 8/27/1994 for 22 years

Kenneth Hirth & Kimberly Rudolph-Hirth on 8/17/96 for 20 yrs.

Allen & Kim Kucera on 8/24/1996 for 20 years

Eric & Denise Young on 8/16/1997 for 19 years

Howard Thompson & Elaine Knutson on 8/1/1998 for 18 yrs.

Jennifer Kunze & Jay Williams on 8/8/1998 for 18 years

Jeffry & Julie Overlie on 8/15/1998 for 18 years

Jerome & Mary Kangas on 8/14/1999 for 17 years

Todd & Lyudmila Sandell on 8/8/2001 for 15 years

Bart & Angela Anderson on 8/10/2002 for 14 years

Joshua & Kris Glood on 8/17/2002 for 14 years

Bryan & Kathleen Starry on 8/17/2002 for 14 years

Jason & Teresa Karsten on 8/31/2002 for 14 years

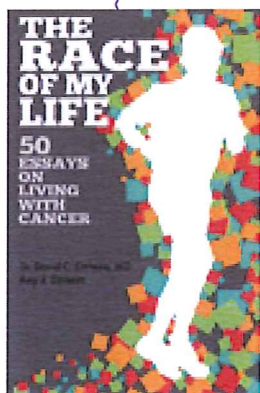
Ryan & Melissa Nord on 8/30/2003 for 13 years

Rachael & Todd Bushy on 8/7/2004 for 12 years

Rebecca Moxness & Anthony Montgomery on 8/27/04 for 12 yrs.

Joel & Nicole Christensen on 8/7/2010 for 6 years

Steven & Margo Numedahl on 8/3/2013 for 3 years




New Library Addition

Copies of the book *"The Race of My Life"* are available in the Library and in local bookstores. This book was written by Pastor Norm Eitheim's son who passed away last year; the foreword is penned by Pastor Eitheim. Here is the description taken from the back cover.

"When Dr. David Eitheim was diagnosed with an aggressive form of tongue cancer, his physicians gave him six to nine months to live. As an avid marathon and ultra-marathon runner, this was shocking and unexpected: how could an otherwise healthy and relatively young man be given such a grim prognosis?"

With an abrupt end to his medical career, and his running days probably over, he decided to write a weekly blog in order to keep in contact with patients, family, and friends. He wanted to use the time remaining in his life to share his faith, to tell stories, and to educate the readers on issues surrounding death and dying, and end-of-life care.

Dave's insight into living with cancer from a physician-turned-patient's perspective is enlightening and thought-provoking. The questions at the end of each essay are meant to generate conversation or, at least, encourage people to think about their own wishes for end-of-life care."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Camp WAPO returns 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	2 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
3 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	4 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Independence Day</i>  7:00 pm GA; Gamanon	5 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band	6 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 9:00 am Quilters 10:00 am EA Group 7:00 pm AA	7 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA; Alanon	8 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	9 Youth Nashville Mission Trip starts 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 pm Saturday Supper
10 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Brunch hosted by Garage Sale Group 10:30 am Worship	11 1:00 pm Global Health Ministries 2:00 pm Lynwood Bingo 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Mat Yoga 6:30 pm Benevolence Mtg 7:00 pm All-Committee Mtg; Gamanon; GA 7:30 pm Parish Fellowship Mtg	12 9:00 am Library Mtg 10:00 am Staff Mtg 1:00 pm Tuesdays Together 2:30 pm Heritage Mtg 5:00 pm Solid Ground AA 6:00 pm Worship Band 6:30 pm Property & Grounds Mtg	13 8:30 am WOW & Men's Work Crew 10:00 am EA Group Woman's Book Club 7:00 pm Evangelism Mtg AA	14 7:00 am Men's Book Discussion 6:30 pm Garden Group Mtg 7:00 pm Recovery International 7:30 pm AA Alanon	15 1:00 pm EA Group 6:00 pm Women's GA	16 Youth Nashville Mission Trip Returns 9:00 am Comfort & Joy of Quilting 5:00 pm Saturday Evening Worship
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