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JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY JUNE 4th

8:45 service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY JUNE 11th

8:45 service

Young at heart service with Anna Wencil

Noisy offering

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Monday June 12th

Council meeting at 6:30

SUNDAY June 18th

8:45 Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY June 25th

8:45 Service with Holy Communion

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On May 21st we had the privilege of participating in the "Rite of Affirmation of Baptism" for August Robert Hansen and Parker Steven James. Parker is the son of Jesse and Sarah James. August is the son of Scott and Jeanne Hansen. Congratulations to these fine young men. God bless you and guide you in your life's journey.



Confirmation Retreat

A special thank you to the Shaw Family for hosting a retreat for the Confirmands at their home. It sounds like a race track for RC cars was a hit for all and goats that go along for walks.

GOING HOME

On May 12th the good Lord called Lowell Jennings Wadd to his finally resting place. We had his farewell celebration on May 12th. We know that he and Jan who passed away on April 11th are united again in the arms of our Lord.

On May 25th, 2023 our sister Joyce Ziemke was welcomed with open arms by our Lord and Savior. Her beautiful voice joined the angels to sing Gods presence. She was a kind, talented and caring member of our congregation for many years. All her family and friends are blessed to have known her for her 96 years

THE ROSE STILL GROWS BEYOND THE WALL

NEAR SHADY WALL A ROSE ONCE GREW,
BUDED AND BLOSSOMED IN GOD'S FREE
LIGHT,
WATERED AND FED BY MORNING DEW,
SHEDDING ITS SWEETNESS DAY AND NIGHT.
AS IT GREW AND BLOSSOMED FAIR AND TALL,
SLOWLY RISING TO LOFTIER HEIGHT,
IT CAME TO A CREVICE IN THE WALL
THRU WHICH THERE SHONE A BEAM OF LIGHT.

ONWARD IT CREPT WITH ADDED STRENGTH,
WITH NEVER A THOUGHT OF FEAR OR PRIDE,
IT FOLLOWED THE LIGHT THRU THE CREVICE'S LENGTH
AND UNFOLDED ITSELF ON THE OTHER SIDE.
THE LIGHT THE DEW THE BROADENING VIEW
WERE FOUND THE SAME AS THEY WERE
BEFORE;
AND IT LOST ITSELF IN BEAUTIES NEW
BREATHING IT FRAGRANCE MORE AND MORE.

SHALL CLAIM OF DEATH CAUSE US TO GRIEVE,
AND MAKE OUR COURAGE FAINT OR FALL?
NAY! LET US FAITH AND HOPE RECEIVE;
THE ROSE STILL GROWS BEYOND THE WALL.

SCATTERING FRAGRANCE FAR AND WIDE,
JUST AS IT DID IN DAYS OF YORE,
JUST AS IT DID ON THE OTHER SIDE,
JUST AS IT WILL FOR EVERMORE.

A.L Frink

(a favorite poem of mine, Jacqie)

NOISY OFFERING

On the second Sunday of the month, we have our young at heart service where the Children in the congregation pass cans to collect change. Last year was the first year that it was decided to donate the offering to Good Earth Village Retreat Center in Spring Valley, Minnesota, with noisy offerings and money donated at breakfasts, coffee etc. after the services \$431.00 was collected and donated. This year so far over \$500.00 has been sent to them. Thank you to all who helped support the noisy offering

Correction

PRAYER CHAIN

Cis Marsh has volunteered to be the point person for our prayer chain. If you want to put someone on the list, please call [Pastor Sarah](#) or Cis ((507) 412-1579). Thanks to Cheryl Forrest for organizing and Cis for being a contact person. **In last months NL it said Pastor Kris instead of Pastor Sarah.**

Sound System

As most of you are aware we have been having issues with our sound system. We are continuing to work on isolating the problem. Progress is being

made but until it does not happen again, we cannot say it is fixed. Clay and company have been working hard at trying to fix it but it is difficult. We know that the operators of the power points are not the issue. It is very disheartening to work on the power point that is displayed during the service just to have the system go crazy. Thanks for understanding.

Note from Pastor

As we transition from Spring to Summer, we also transition between liturgical seasons. The season of Easter has come to an end, we have celebrated the work of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and now we move into the season after Pentecost (also known as "Time After Pentecost" or "Ordinary Time"). Ordinary Time is the longest stretch between liturgical seasons, spanning from early summer all the way to Advent. This season brings our focus to Christian discipleship, and our growth as people of God is reflected in the season's color of green.

In our worship this summer, you will notice a few small changes around communion. Starting the third Sunday in June and continuing through the end of summer, we will be celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday. With summer travels and schedules that may keep folks elsewhere some Sundays, we wanted to ensure that *any* Sunday, you find yourself worshipping with us this summer you will also find your place at God's table. We will continue to have Young at Heart services on the 2nd Sunday of the month all summer, so Young at Heart will now also include communion in July and August.

We will also be switching from our usual communion wafers to all gluten free crackers starting this summer, so that we may be more inclusive and welcoming to the varying dietary needs of those in our community (including me, your pastor!). Having the same communion elements for everyone will reduce the risk of cross-contamination, which can make some folks with gluten/wheat issues quite ill, while also making the process simpler for those who are preparing and serving communion. Thank you for your understanding as we make this switch!