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JULY CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 2ND

8:45 service with Holy Communion

Tuesday July 4th

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY JULY 9TH

8:45 service with Holy Communion

Young at heart service-Noisy Offering

Sunday July 9th

Free entry to the water park in Waseca for all provided by the Waseca ministerium from 7pm to 9pm.

Monday July 10th

6:30 Council meeting

SUNDAY JULY 16TH

8:45 Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY JULY 23RD

8:45 Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY JULY 30TH

8:45 Service with Holy Communion



2023 GRADUATES

We are always proud of our young people. This year Madelyn Malecha daughter of Ryan and Heidi Malecha and Kloe Wadd daughter of Trent and Kari Wadd graduated from Waseca High School. Madelyn is planning on going to Northwest Iowa Community College for

Radiology Technology. Kloe is going to the U of M in Crookston and major in Agribusiness.

Brock Kewatt graduated from Waterville-Elysian-Morristown. He plans on attending North Dakota State University and Major in Education. Brock is the son of Kim Kewatt and Roger Kewatt.



Madelyn Malecha, Pastor Sarah, Kloe Wadd

Worshipping Aids

Devotional books are available in the entryway in the book holder on south wall. Large Print ones are also available for those who would like to take one. There are cards that may be placed in the offering plate if you give electronically and so desire. Individual envelopes are there also.

For those who have issues hearing the pastor we do have volume amplifiers with head phones available in the cry room for all to use.

All items are there for anyone to use if needed. Please let Jacqie Senne know if something is out of stock or you have questions.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Joie Peyton on June 25th daughter of Jordan and Anne (Paulson) Anderson.



Barb and Gary Paulson with their grandchildren as they celebrate the Joie's Baptism.



Pastor's Page

Having communion every Sunday during the summer means that there will be communion during our Young at Heart services in July and August. This is new for us, and has sparked some conversation and questions around what our practices are with children at the Lord's Table.

North Waseca's council discussed our beliefs and practices around Holy Communion at our meeting in June, and we have come to the conclusion that if we say "All are welcome at the Lord's Table," and truly mean *all*, that invitation includes even the youngest among us. So, we are expanding our definition of Christ's invitation to the Table!

When can kids start receiving communion at North Waseca Lutheran Church?

Parents and families are now invited to decide for themselves when their children are ready to begin receiving communion in worship. There is no age requirement. With instruction from parents, children can begin receiving communion whenever they are ready. If you choose to announce it in our milestone moment at the end of worship, we will celebrate first communion with you then.

Will there still be first communion classes?

We recognize that it is still helpful for our older students to have the opportunity to learn more in depth about communion, so we will still celebrate a Communion Milestone in 5th grade, where our 5th graders will participate in a Communion Retreat with lessons and hands on activities, culminating in a Communion Milestone Celebration in worship. This will look a lot like what First Communion has been in the past, but it will be for all 5th grade students whether it is their 1st or 1000th time receiving communion. Families, godparents, and loved ones are invited to join this celebration just as they would for First Communion. This year's 5th Grade Communion Milestone Celebration will be on **Reformation Sunday, October 29th, 2023** (date of retreat prior to this service to be determined). It will also be open to any older students who missed this milestone during Covid.

How do I talk to my child(ren) about communion?

Starting this Sunday, July 2nd, there will be a variety of resources available at church for families to take home, to help parents in their discernment and in teaching kids about communion. This includes board books and books for young readers, activity sheets, and an FAQ pamphlet I have prepared specifically for this community. This pamphlet answers questions like:

- "What is communion? What do we believe?"
- "Who can receive communion here?"
- "What if I don't understand it?"
- "What if I'm not ready yet?"
- "Will there still be first communion classes?"
- "I'm ready! How do I receive communion?"
- "What do I say after they hand me the bread/wine?"

Young at Heart on July 9th

On Sunday, July 9th, our Young at Heart service will be centered around a theme of Holy Communion, which will include some instruction. Again, it is up to parents to decide when your children will receive communion, and they are always welcome to come up and receive a blessing until then.

We give thanks for the nourishing and sustaining gifts of grace and forgiveness that we receive in the Lord's Supper, and for Christ's invitation for all to receive these gifts.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Peace be with you, Pastor Sarah