

Looking Ahead

Stagecoach Days is a one-day event again this year on Saturday, September 17. Our Missions Team is looking at hosting the community again at our church building during this event, which in past years has been booya and pie, and last year was oodles of pie. Your Missions Team will let you know of further developments.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Philippians 4:4a

August Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 8/1 | Shirley F. | 8/19 | Pam T. |
| 8/2 | Shelley B. | 8/27 | Rita P. |
| 8/5 | Kaylin F. | 8/30 | Augustus L. |
| 8/6 | Devantay K. Monique K. | | |

8/9 Alex I.
Carol S.

Anniversaries

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| 8/12 | Jim & Donna K. |
| 8/13 | Karyla P. |
| 8/14 | Paul & Lisa S. |
| 8/14 | John S. |
| 8/17 | Chris S. |
| 8/25 | Dennis & Lisa R. |
| 8/28 | Ben & LeAnne P. |

*If you do not see your special date, please let the office know!

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Emma Norton Jar

You are invited to support Minnesota's own Emma Norton Services, which helps house homeless families, single women, and offers support for those suffering mental illness, medical impairment and/or a substance abuse disorder and helps them gain independence and self-sufficiency. During August we will have a jar available in the entryway of the church for you to drop your pocket change into to help support this vital ministry.



UMCOR Collection This Month

Throughout August we will be collecting funds for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). This organization responds to climate disasters as well as health crises throughout the world. They help victims of wildfires, storms, and floods as well as those suffering from polio, malaria, Ebola and COVID-19.

The funds we collect in August underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs so that 100% of all designated gifts go directly to the disaster/crisis you specify at the time of the event. Your financial support ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis and enables them to respond quickly to needs. Please mark your online or in-person donation "UMCOR."

UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ's church, moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need. Helping people in their darkest days doesn't have to be something "they" do, it can be something "we" do. We hope that you will give generously in August so that we, along with other United Methodist congregations around the globe, can share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation. Until then, let's be praying for the volunteers, the lives they touch, and for hearts to be moved.

Thank you, your Missions Team

Worship in August

This August we're focusing on the teachings and healings of Jesus as told by Luke. Jesus continually reached out to those in need—both spiritually and physically—and brought good news into their lives not only for their sake, but for the sake of God's kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven. We'll explore what Jesus was intending with these healings and teachings and how we can apply in our lives today the Good News of God's love.

August 7
Martha & Mary
Luke 10:38-42

August 14
Your Kingdom Come
Luke 11:1-4

August 21
Outside Healing
Luke 13:10-17

August 28
Wedding Wisdom
Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Pastor . . .

As I write this, I am in the middle of my quarantine after coming down with COVID-19. It started as a little tickle in my throat that I didn't think twice about, but I decided to take a home COVID test one morning before heading out to a worship service followed by a lunch with other United Methodist clergy. I'm grateful I took the test because it kept me from having "significant contact" with several people. Up to that point in the week I hadn't had significant contact (namely, 15 minutes or more within 6 feet or less of a person) with anyone except my family.

As I have been in this time of isolation, I've talked with family and friends who have told me their stories of infection. One friend talked about her son, who most certainly got COVID from his fiancé, but chose to go on a fun weekend with his friends. All of his friends later tested positive for COVID.

As hard as it is to go back to being COVID cautious, these times now warrant such caution. We need to mask, social distance, and test even if we have only the slightest of symptoms if we plan to be around others for any significant amount of time.

In this newsletter is some information about Stagecoach Days, which we hope to participate in again this year; Emma Norton, which is a vital ministry in St. Paul; and UMCOR which is doing crucial work in the world for those who need it most.

As we enter this last month of summer, I hope that we will have times to enjoy friends and family and God's good earth. I'm enjoying hearing about people's gardens and flowers and road trips to be with family. Take time to give thanks for the bounty God has given.

I was talking with a colleague a week or two ago who said that they have found that the pandemic has made them more gentle—with themselves and with others. They said that they were less harsh in their thoughts about others and less perfectionistic themselves. There's something about going through a trial like a pandemic that makes us grateful just to be here for another day.

May you find joy within your days as each one unfolds and may God's blessing rest upon you.

-Pastor Holly

August '22

SERVANT SCHEDULE

August 7:

Usher: Gary Gustafson
Greeter: Marti Gustafson
Live Stream: David Aastuen
Sound: Alec Aastuen
Coffee Service: Karen Paul and Darlene Andre

August 14:

Usher: Pat Rylander
Greeter: Gay Gronlund
Live Stream: Ryan Rodacker
Soundboard: Deb Hulbert
Coffee Service: Glenna Quist and Linda Richnofsky

August 21:

Usher: Craig Rylander
Greeter: Dave Freemore
Live Stream: Elizabeth Rodacker
Soundboard: Karyla Parrish
Coffee Service: Chris Sycks and Donna Keacher


August 28:

Usher: Don Metcalf
Greeter: Joyce Metcalf
Live Stream: David Aastuen
Soundboard: Deb Hulbert
Coffee Service: Shirley Faber and Cyndi Turbeville

A Heartfelt Thank You



The Rylander & Armstrong families were given the gift of your constant care and love, your kind thoughts and prayers, the little things you did and said, the big hugs you gave. All in remembrance of our Ande. We are so grateful.
 -Pat, Kristi, Craig, Wade, Luke, Jessica, Adam

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
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| 7 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship w/Holy Communion | 8 | 9 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group | 10 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting | 11 | <div data-bbox="2209 300 2628 604" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Ice Cream Social You're invited to an Ice Cream Social as a time to gather together & enjoy one another's company. Cathy W. and Connie W. are our gracious hosts. We hope you can come!</p> </div> | |
| 14 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship | 15 | 16 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group | 17 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting 3pm Guitar Guys Jam Session | 18 7pm Ad Council meeting | | |
| 21 9:30am Fellowship Time 10:00am Worship w/ Guitar Guys | 22 11am Meadows Worship | 23 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Sunrise Study Group 9:30am Spiritual Prayer Group | 24 9am-3pm Stitch n' Rip Quilters 7-8:30pm NA meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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