

On our way rejoicing, proclaiming, teaching, and sharing God's love!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30-11:45 Vacation Bible School	2 8:30-11:45 Vacation Bible School 6:00 Bible Study	3 8:30-11:45 Vacation Bible School	4 8:30-11:45 Vacation Bible School	5 8:30-11:45 Vacation Bible School	6 9:00-11:00 Diaper Bank Open
7 9:00 Worship *VBS Sunday!*	8 11:00 Funeral of Audrey Way	9 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive 6:00 Bible Study	10 6:00 Council Meeting	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship *Second Sunday Offering*	15	16 3:00-5:00 Diaper Bank Open	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship 2:00-6:00 Faithful Innovations @ Lutherdale	22 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*	23 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*	24 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*	25 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*	26 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*	27 *Pastor Kalen on Vacation*
28 9:00 Worship *Pastor Kalen on Vacation - Pastor Larry Froemming will preach*	29	30	31			

Bible Study

We continue to study women of the Bible! All are welcome to join us. We have two sessions remaining: Tuesday, August 2nd and Tuesday, August 9th. We will meet at 6:00 p.m.

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A Word From the Pastor

In Bible study we have been learning about women of the Bible. This last week, we read the entire book of Ruth together. It tells of two women, Ruth and Naomi. The story begins with loss, death, and financial insecurity, and ends with abundance and new life. There was a famine, and all the men in the story died. Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, urged Ruth to go back to her own home and find a new husband, but Ruth loved Naomi and refused to leave her. The two women traveled back to Bethlehem, Naomi's homeland, and there Ruth found a husband, a kind, prominent landowner named Boaz who was able to provide for them both.

Ruth's marriage resulted in the birth of Obed, who became the grandfather of King David. Ruth is even mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in the book of Matthew. God blessed all people through the loyal bond between two women and the lives of the many people they encountered.

The book of Ruth is unique in that God never speaks directly. Nor does the book of Ruth speak of God's actions directly. All the mentions of God come from the dialogue of the people, especially when they make promises to care for each other, or when they proclaim God's blessings to other people. In the book of Ruth, we see that God acts through the interactions of people, through their plans and actions, and through their strong faith.

Ever since we read the book of Ruth together, I have been thinking about how God uses people. God uses our planning, our conversations, our bonds of friendship, and our wise and loving actions. It is a wonder to think that God is using our decisions, our daily kindnesses and our interactions with others to bring new life and abundance to our communities.

God also uses the blessings we speak to each other. The book of Ruth contains seven spoken blessings. The spoken blessings express deep feelings of joy and gratitude toward the other person and ardent prayers that God will bring goodness and life. In our church, I often hear people speaking such words of blessing to each other. I hear people thanking others for their presence here at church, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the gifts they bring and the talents they share. I hear people offering up beautiful wishes for goodness on others

who are beginning new things—new jobs, welcoming a new baby, going into a new grade at school. We don't usually say, "May God bless you," but in so many ways, it is exactly what we mean when we tell people that we are wishing them goodness in their lives.

The logo of the ELCA, the Lutheran church to which our congregation belongs, has as its motto, "God's Work, Our Hands." God works through humans! Your daily life is a channel for God's goodness to enter the world, and your words of blessing really do bless! Keep on doing what you're doing, with all the grace and compassion in your heart, knowing that God works through your loving actions and your everyday life.

Literally, as I was writing the sentence above, I received a text from our member, Cindy Bangert. Every day she sends out a Bible verse to her contacts. This was the verse that just showed up on my phone: "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 NKJV

Case in point!

Peace,

Pastor Kalen Barkholtz

Thank You!



Thank you to all who helped with the 4th of July Parade! Many children from our congregation walked the parade route and handed out about 350 containers of bubbles with information about our upcoming Vacation Bible School! It was a lot of fun!

Shareholder's Dinner

Those who purchased stock in the youth mission trip are invited to dinner in the fellowship hall on August 7th at 5:00 p.m. We will have lasagna, salad, breadsticks, and dessert. The high school youth will share pictures and tell you all about their trip.

Vacation Bible School



It's not too late! Please join us for monumental time August 1st-August 5th for Vacation Bible School. Children will share all they learned during worship on Sunday, August 7th. You can scan the QR code on the flier to register your child(ren) or visit our website clcsharon.com. We hope to see you there!

Second Sunday Offering



The Second Sunday Offering for the month of August will go toward school supplies for children in the Sharon School district. Like last year, we will only be collecting money, not supplies. The school will receive our offering and will use it to purchase backpacks and necessary supplies for children who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Please remember these people in your prayers: Cindy Bangert, Orrin Bangert, Orson Bangert, Betty Chism, Jacob Friesema, Kim Jacobs, Erik Jelinek, Tom Kleiber, Jean Kovarik, the family of Ray Lowry, Bill Piculas, Janet Schilke, Joy Smith, Ike Strasser, the family of Audrey Way, Deb Way, and the family of Doris Wehrwein.

Please remember our members in care facilities:

Thank you for your continued prayers and cards for those who are in care facilities.

Jean Kovarik
Golden Years
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LET'S celebrate

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations This Month!

(If you or someone you know is not listed here, or if our information is incorrect, please let the Church Office know.)

Birthday Celebrations

8/1 Karen Wuttke	8/16 Lois Damak	8/23 Kaylee Fredrick
8/4 Weston Lawler	8/16 Trenton Tislau	8/29 Rita Ekman
8/10 Kay Olson	8/17 Stacie Sheppard	8/29 Laura Jacobs-Ogura
8/11 Laurie Hardt	8/21 Kenny Sheppard	8/30 Leslie Ross
8/14 Irene Dowey	8/22 Jean Kovarik	8/31 Abby LaFrance
	8/23 Mia Dowden	

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

8/2 Kenny & Stacie Sheppard	8/18 Wayne & Elaine Smith
8/5 Dan & Julie Huff	8/20 Orson & Cindy Bangert
8/7 Rick & Laura Bursh	8/23 Russell & Jamie Jansen
8/9 Jerry & Denise Gibbons	8/27 Ken & Betty Rambatt

Baptismal Anniversary Celebrations

8/1 Elaine Maas	8/17 Jean Kovarik	8/27 Cindy Wuttke
8/7 Samantha Sheppard	8/20 Kaylie Ruosch	8/27 Trevor Rambatt
8/11 Larry Hardt	8/24 Jacalyne Rambatt	