

# The Herald

## July 2024



SEASON OF  
CREATION

### THE CREATION SEASON

In-Person &  
Facebook LIVE  
Worship  
Schedule

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Saturday Service  
5:00 PM

Sunday Services  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion  
is celebrated at  
all services.

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**Music Rehearsal**

Rehearsals meet on  
Sunday mornings @  
9:40 am. The Choir is  
on hiatus until  
September. Watch  
for a notice when  
rehearsals resume.  
New singers are  
always welcome!

#### PASTOR'S PAGE

### Ready to Bear Witness

Where does power come from?

The usual answers—family connections, legacy wealth, expertise, reputation, possessions, education—are all rejected in the reading from Mark's gospel we will hear on July 7.

Jesus' power is not only independent of his family connection—it seems it is hindered by it. While it isn't entirely clear why the people of Nazareth reject Jesus, the fact that they do may sound familiar to us. How often do we find exactly what we expect when we encounter something new? How open are we, really, to the possibility that God's power might come from an unexpected corner? The first part of the reading suggests that even miracles take two things: divine power and willing human witnesses.

Perhaps Jesus sends his disciples out stripped of their possessions precisely so that they are ready to witness to God's power in a new way.

They go without any of the usual trappings of security or wealth, and Jesus offers no guarantee that their ministry will be received.

In fact, Mark reminds us a few verses later (Mark 6:14-28) just how hostile the world can be when it comes to receiving the proclamation of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist will lose his life because of Herod's resistance to repentance.

Nevertheless, Jesus' teaching continues to astound, and the word continues to spread.

The willingness to bear witness, even when we are not certain of answered prayer or mission success, is a theme that unites all the readings on July 7. Even the Psalm, in its simple gaze of faith, invites us to **let go of results in favor of relationship**. Paul's sometimes confusing logic about spiritual experiences becomes clear as he sums up God's word to him: "My grace is sufficient for you . . . ." That is a powerful idea, one that can make almost any experience an opportunity to witness to Christ's power.

Peace and blessed be!


*Pastor Andy*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

# July 2024

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AA Meeting	2	3	4 11:00 Bible Study HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> !! 	5 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	6 5:00 Worship
7 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship	8 AA Meeting	9	10	11 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	12 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	13 5:00 Worship
14 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	15 AA Meeting	16	17	18 11:00 Bible Study	19 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	20 5:00 Worship
21 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	22 AA Meeting	23	24	25 11:00 Bible Study	26 AA Meeting Evening Prayer	27 5:00 Worship
28 8:30 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	29 AA Meeting	30 Church Picnic 5:30-7:00	31			

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# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

# June 2024

## PRAYER LIST

*John Austino, The family of Bill Bartleson as they mourn his death, Nicholas Baud, John Brecht, The family of 3 year-old Cameron Bruder as they mourn his death, Max Belko, The family of Kaz Bielecki's son-in-law as they mourn his death, Madelene Budd, Sal Castelli, Sherwood Cotton, Rocco Cristinzio, The friends and family of Gladys Crooker as they mourn her death, Milton Cuevas, Jr., Aja DelRio, The family of Lorraine Donnelly as they mourn her passing, The friends and family of Pastor Bruce Ewen as they mourn his death, Barbara Facchine, The family of Anne Fatum as they mourn her death, Scott Fey, Francis, John Forsman, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, Gavin Gigliotti, The family of Michael Gilletti as they mourn his death, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, the family of Doris Gordon as they mourn her death, Randi Gordon, Pastor Andy and his family rejoice in the birth of their grandson, Oriel, The family of Don Halterman as they mourn his death, The family and friends of Lynette Huntsinger as they mourn her death, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, The family of Joseph Kelleher as they mourn his passing, Grace Laphan, The family of George Lofmark as they mourn his death, Joseph Lonia, The Lonia family rejoices in the birth of their great-Granddaughter, Jessie MacGregor, Joseph Mansfield, The McCall family in their time of grief and loss, The family of Michael McKee as they mourn his passing, George Muth, Carol Nardi, The family of Robert O'Connor, The O'Donald family as they mourn the passing of their young adult female family member, Bob Oehlman, Lazslo Orosze, Janet Ostrowski, The family of Joseph Ostrowski as they mourn his death, Otis, Danielle Peters, The family of Harry Rees as they mourn his death, Carole Rund and family on the death of her sister Joan, Billy Shea, The friends and family of William Snyder, Jr. as they mourn his passing, Brian Solt, Joy Stagliano, Samantha Sumner, Richard Sylvester, Eileen Simpson, The family of Dot Stagg as they mourn her passing, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Corey Temean, The family and friends of Larry Wall as they mourn his passing, Sue Willard, The family of Madeline Williams as they mourn her death, Jerry, Pat, who are battling cancer, and Jerry, Pat and Kelly who are battling cancer.*

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: [hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com](mailto:hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com).)

***Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!***

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

***Year-to-date received--\$61450.45 Year-to-Date needed to meet spending plan--\$68125.00. (We are behind our commitment by more than \$6000. Please don't forget the church when you go on vacation this summer!)***

## SOCIAL AND EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH EVENTS:

- ***Tuesday July 30—5:30-7:00 pm Church Picnic; Burgers, hot dogs, sides, etc.***
- ***Community Vacation Bible School-- July 29-August 2 (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) at Memorial Presbyterian.***
- ***Sunday, September 8—God's Work, Our Hands Sunday—Fall clean-up at church***

## COFFEE HOUR

***The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> and the first Sunday of the month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.***

## JULY CELEBRATIONS

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Oliver Bardales, Joyce Bradbury, Dot Kelleher, Maggie Leddy, April Montana, Mark Yandach.***

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Lorraine Brecht, Art & Cindee Kollmeier.***

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE "COMPASSION"

***This passage from Jeremiah asks us to think about what we are doing with the things that make for blessing. Jeremiah believed that God wants every-one to experience blessing.***

***But, of course, everyone in the world does not have so many good things. Some people feel less blessed. Some people do not feel blessed at all. There are children who turn on fire hydrants because their pool has been closed. There are people for whom the most important trip is to get out of the***



*house to escape the heat or to escape abuse. There are people for whom sunset means the dark and another night of fear.*

*How does blessing come to them and to all? From Jeremiah's point of view, it comes when we do what God makes possible—when we share our re-sources, and when others take up their parts to extend the blessings to others.*

## Stewardship As Discipleship



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