



The Circuit Rider

Salmon Creek Church



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We are looking to help the community with food cards. If you are able to help with gift cards please bring them to the church office and we will save them to hand out when someone comes looking for help.



a note from Pastor John

Summer Sabbath

At last, summer is here! After the last two summers of lockdowns and disturbances, there seems to be something a little more settled in the air. Yes, Covid still lingers, but we're free to go to the beach without a mask (whoever thought that was good idea?), visit families, and focus more on our blessings than our hardships. With that visualization in mind, I think we ought to declare August "Sabbath Month." In keeping with God declaring the 7th day a day of rest, I declare August a month of rest!

I realize, if you're a stickler for such things, that I should have declared July, the 7th month, the month of rest, but as all of you are keenly aware I am not God and really didn't think of this until mid-July. But it still makes sense. Sabbath is a well-established but poorly observed tradition from the first pages of the Bible. God Himself needed to rest after his mighty labors of creation, but he also recognized that His beloved people not only needed rest, but also needed a weekly reminder to get their noses off the grindstone and pointed more heavenward from whence flows the true source of strength and peace. Sabbath isn't particularly a day of doing nothing; it is a day of doing nothing but thanking God.

Can we really do that for an entire month? Ok, probably not. I know there are things that realistically just can't wait. But I would ask everyone to take time to plan sabbath times, or even whole days, beyond Sundays. Sit in the garden. Go to the beach. Walk the dog. Reschedule work that actually can wait in order to free up more time for God. And if someone scolds you, you can tell them that your pastor gave you permission to procrastinate! (I'm not sure that will really work, but it's worth a shot.) The last two years were frenetic enough, and only God knows what the next few years will bring. But He has blessed us with warm, sunny days and even a few cool evening breezes, perfectly designed to be filled with enjoying God's blessings and frequently thanking Him for them.

Blessings, Pastor John



Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School arrives August 8th!

Last summer we welcomed 6 children to our church for a week of fun and Bible Adventures! It was just the beginning of our efforts to rebuild our Children and Family Ministries. Most of the children who joined us for that day of faith and fun continued to participate in Children's Church.

In mid-July we already have more children registered for this year's VBS than attended last year – and most of them are new to our church!

It will be a week filled with fun and faith, music and science, where children can encounter a Jesus who will not only love them today but who will provide the courage and strength to meet life head on no matter what the future brings!

Thank you to the people of Salmon Creek Church who have faithfully supported our Children and Family Ministry for the past year through your prayers, your presence, and your gifts.

And it's never too late to help out! We still need volunteers and supplies. Just contact Vivian 360-844-0440, vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church to let her know you're willing to help make Rocky Railway a success. She'll find just the right place for you to serve and you'll have a great time doing it!



Salmon Creek Christian Preschool and Daycare

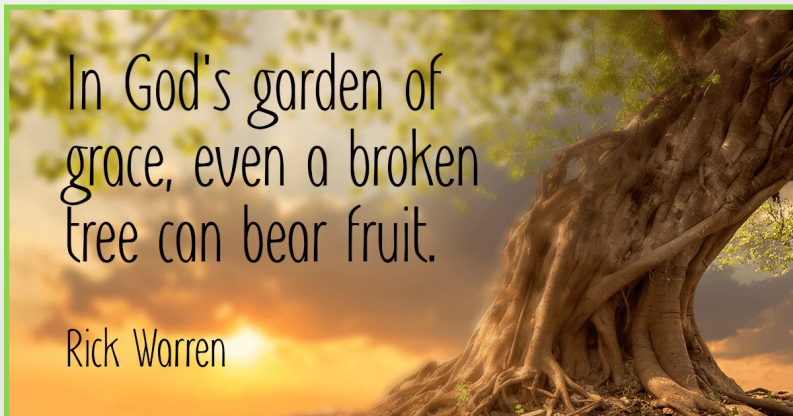


**What a fun summer it has been for the
Dayschool!**

**Mrs. Debbie went to each classroom and let
each child squeeze lemons to make lemonade
to have a lemonade stand outside.**

**Mrs. Donna and Mrs. Christi had a picnic out-
side with their classroom for snack time.**

A few pictures of God's Gardens which are growing now that we have sun. This is the first year that all raised beds are planted. Look for veggies on the produce table anytime.



SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATION FOR SUE WILTSEY

To honor and commemorate Sue's 40 years of service with Salmon Creek Church and her recent retirement,

we will celebrate her on Sunday August 21, 2022. She will be recognized during the Church Service and then a reception will follow in the Family Ministry Center with cake, punch and coffee.

If you would like to show your appreciation, love and gratitude for Sue's invaluable work for so many years, you may wish to give a gift and/or card with your words of appreciation. These can be brought to the party on

August 21 - look for the table with a basket on it. OR you may give your gift to Lila DeBolt (Lay Leader) before the party and she will deliver it to Sue on party day. Note: please make any checks out to: Sue Wiltsey.

Let's all come together to wish her well in retirement, and to remember and applaud all the great work she has done for our Church. So, mark your calendar - see you on the 21st!!



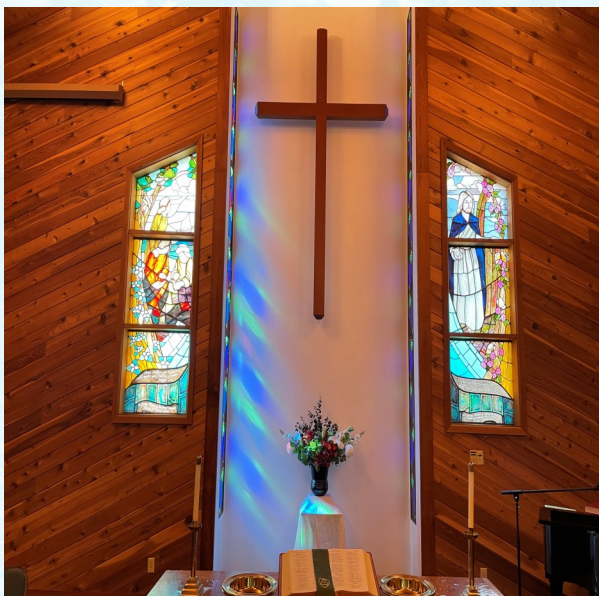
Stained-Glass Windows

A moment in History

by Larry Siewert

Over the years I have authored numerous articles regarding our wonderful stained-glass windows that grace the front of our sanctuary. Their story is part of our history and is in memory of two pioneer women members of our church.

A few weeks ago, church member Cathy Melson suggested we should do something to preserve the written history and make it available for all new members and visitors to see. Thus, we produced a framed history that can be located and enjoyed by all who visit our sanctuary. The next time you visit our church look for the framed history story hanging on the left side of the sanctuary.



Youth Group

Our first Camp-In was a success. The youth had such a fun time. Building friendships and memories. We are so thankful for everyone that helped out. It really means a lot!



Youth Group



The Youth Group had a mid-week campfire and played some games. Its nice seeing the youth enjoy time together.

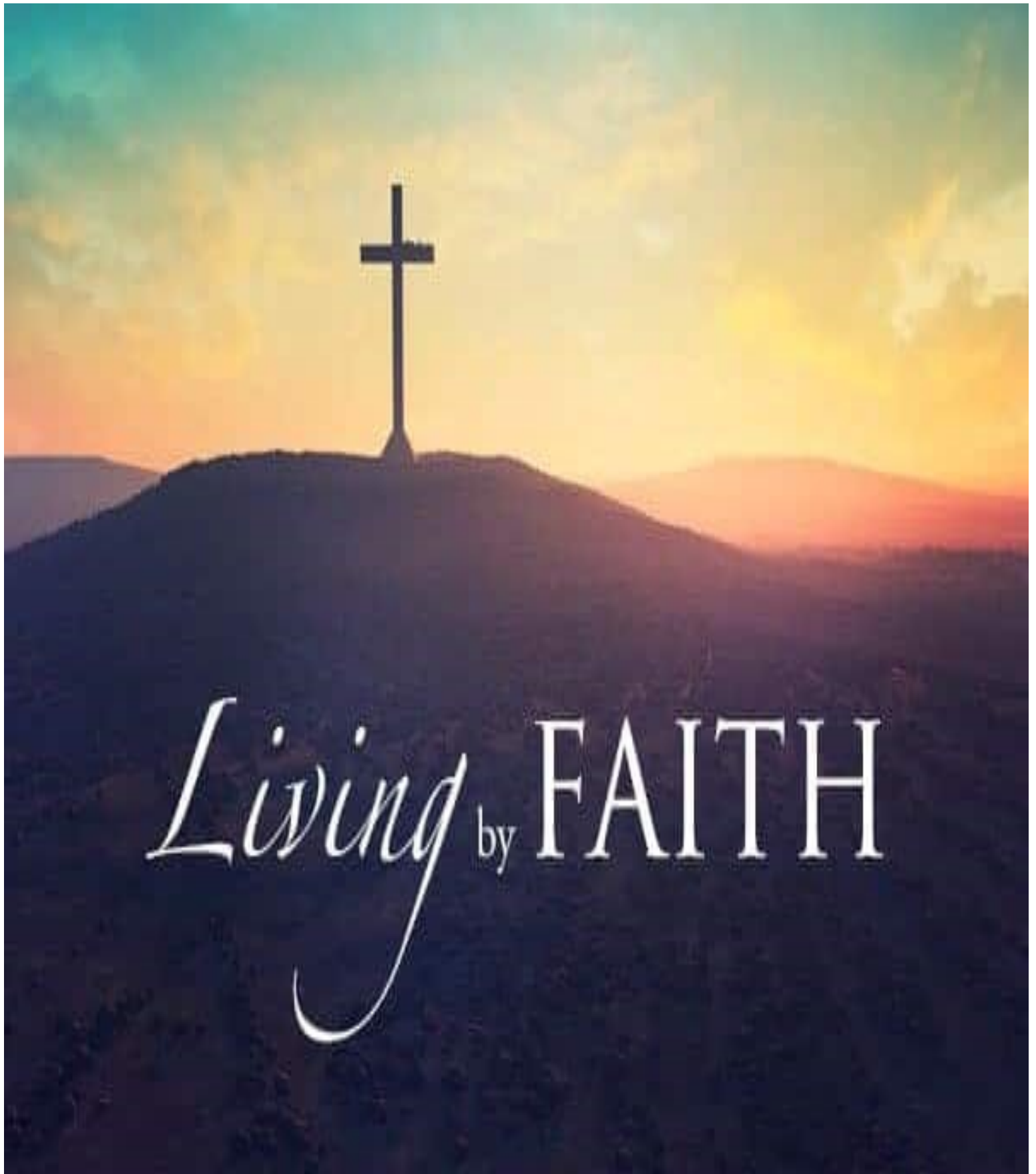


"Life is too short to wake up on the morning with regrets.
So, love the people who treat you right,
forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason.
If you get the chance, take it.
If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said it would be easy,
they just promised it would be worth it."
Dr. Seuss



Happy August Birthday

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- 1. Bobby Tibbs**
 - 3. Alvera Kelly**
 - 4. James Bawden**
 - 4. Betty Selby**
 - 5. Janis Sykes**
 - 5. Neva Oishi**
 - 8. Mary Kay Rippe**
 - 10. Fred Scott**
 - 10. Lois Vail**
 - 11. Julie Bruno**
 - 11. Susan Scott**
 - 12. Matthew Horner**
 - 12. Karla Murie**
 - 13. Ashlynn Huckins**
 - 14. Joanie Dudley**
 - 14. Henry Russell**
 - 16. Jeanne Eten**
 - 18. Kristen Berry**
 - 19. Olivia Stokman**
 - 20. Sally DuPree**
 - 22. Harley Youngblood**
 - 23. Norm Birthmark**
 - 23. Tina Hunter**
 - 25. Greta Ackley**
 - 28. Douglas Lehrman**
 - 29. KD Hardy Caballero Encalada**
 - 29. Lisa Whitting**
 - 30. Nicolle Mullen**



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