

July & August

letter





2025 Graduate Class (R-L): Hailey N., Hattie M., Kate L., Nick B., Pastor Chris, Anker J., Jackson P., Hope W. (Not Pictured): Nathan H., Renny M., Mason R.

FROM PASTOR CHRIS

I have been blessed by the congregation's gift of a sabbatical this summer. Thank you all for the opportunity for rest and renewal as I spend this important time with my family. During this time, I am grateful to Pastor Bob Oleson who will be available for pastoral care visits and emergencies. For pastoral care needs, please contact Susie Syx at the Church Office who will help connect you with Pr. Bob. I will return from sabbatical on Saturday, August 23.



2025 Confirmands (R-L): Luke L., Abigail K., Pastor Chris, Zach B., Grace P.

Omaha Area Lutheran Churches Collective VBS

July 20 – 23

Luther Memorial (61st & Western)
Pre-K thru 5th Grade
MEAL 5:15 PM | VBS 6–8 PM
Please register now at
Luther Memorial. mycokesbury vbs. com!



July Volunteer Opportunity

Our volunteer opportunity this month is collecting much needed school supplies for the Boys & Girls Club - Westside. Bring any of the items below to the little bus in the new lobby during July and let's STUFF THE "BUS"!

Pencils (#2 & mechanical)
Pens (blue, black, red)
Erasers (pencil-top & block)
Crayons (box of 24 or more)
Colored pencils
Markers (fine & broad tip)
Highlighters
Pencil sharpener

Safety Scissors Glue sticks Liquid Glue (like Elmer's) Clear tape Notebooks Composition books Loose-leaf paper Pocket folders 3-ring binders
Tabbed dividers
Index cards
Sticky notes
Ruler
Calculator
Pencil pouch or case
Backpack



Reusable water bot Tissues Hand sanitizer Disinfecting wipes Dry-erase markers

Purchase items from Amazon and have them sent directly to the Church for presentation to the Westside Boys & Girls Club at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/299EBGS3F3ZFO?ref =wl share





July Green Envelope

This month our Green Envelope goes to ELCA Disaster Relief. Disaster Relief shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives Disaster Response have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. You've seen the devastating news about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. Our hearts break as we learn of the

damage, loss of life and ongoing search for survivors. We join Bishop Sue Briner's call to "pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property." As ever and with your support, our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and rebuilding begins. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that our neighbors are not alone on the long road to recovery after a disaster strikes. Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. Together, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

August Green Envelope

This month's Green Envelope offering goes to Table Grace Ministries. Table Grace has ministries centered around nourishing hungry bodies & souls:



- · Affordable, healthy meals at the café and through the mobile food truck.
- Serving opportunities to help all have an understanding of those they serve.
- Ten day job training with a basic job readiness program.
- Music with a Mission allowing patrons to share their musical talents.
- Faith discussions & worship.
- Table Grace Catering provides quality food and furthers the mission.

Every donation is valuable to continue Nourishing Hungry Bodies & Souls! If you would like to help above your green envelope donation this month, contact Matt or Simone Weber at simonegweber1@gmail.com or call 402.965.1276.

hanks

Your generous donation of breakfast cereal was greatly appreciated by our clientele...who were delighted to select from the variety! There is no chance of cereal getting stale in our pantry! Once again, we send our genuine gratitude for your generosity to those less fortunate.

Bob Johnson, Chairman Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry. Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Thank you so much for your recent gift in support of the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. Your generous additional donation of \$540 on May 13 is an investment in our community. At Habitat Omaha, we know that quality, affordable homeownership can provide the stability and independence that we all need to thrive. We are grateful you have chosen to make such an impact through Habitat Omaha.

John Haske, Chief Development Officer Lee Cordell, Development Officer, Faith Engagement Habitat for Humanity Omaha

Thank you for the use of your beautiful chapel for our Tuesday night AA meeting at 8 PM. We really appreciate it!

Mary & AA Group

Thank you for thinking of us and providing lunch for us for Preschool Teacher's Appreciation Week! I have worked here for 10 years and I love it!!! Thanks, again!

Ms. Holly

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the Church Office. Thank you to **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a reduced rate and thanks to **Great Harvest Grain Company** for Communion Bread every week.

Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

DATE	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
July 6	James & Shaila Clark	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
July 13	Donna J. Walter	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
July 20	Mark Carnevalo	Mark Carnevalo	AVAILABLE
July 27	Tom & Deb Hysack	Pam Chelesvig	AVAILABLE
Aug. 3	Ruth & Virgil Johnson	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Aug. 10	Alan & Alyce Berk	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Aug. 17	James & Shaila Clark	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Aug. 24	Mark Carnevalo	Mark Carnevalo	AVAILABLE
Aug. 31	Jon & Sabrina Beck	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE

July & August Worship Assistants

Sunday, July 13

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore

Reader: Bob Gilmore

Usher: Joel Rohde & Jim McGill Acolyte: Hattie & Anna Moeller

Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, July 20

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg

Reader: Kim Hawkins

Usher: Dean Mathisen & Mark Carnevalo

Acolyte: Charlie & Will Beck

Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, July 27

Comm: Kyle & Arielle Wolfe, Mark Carnevalo

Reader: Kyle Wolfe

Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn

Acolyte: Addi Hawkins & Brynn Wiebers Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish



We ALWAYS need help with Communion, scripture reading & ushering. Contact the Church Office to find out how you can help! Sunday, August 3

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter

Reader: Donna Walter

Usher: Dan & Laurel Mooney Acolyte: Charlie & Will Beck

Altar: Diane Meyer

Sunday, August 10

Comm: Rod Anderson, Susie Syx &

Reader: Lauren Gilmore

Usher: Brian & Bryce Peterson

Acolyte: Zach Bowman & Addi Hawkins

Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, August 17

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg

Reader: Dave Blagg

Usher: Joel Rohde & Jim McGill Acolyte: Michael & Nina Lierler

Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, August 24

Comm: Kyle & Arielle Wolfe, Mark Carnevalo

Reader: Gloria Miller

Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
Acolyte: Abigail Karnish & Luke Lieske
Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish

Sunday, August 31

Comm: Brian, Tarah & Grace Peterson

Reader: Bryce Peterson

Usher: Mark Carnevalo & Dean Mathisen Acolyte: Noah Hawkins & Hallie Tonniges

Altar: Angie Hawkins



Address Correction Requested



Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the monthly newsletter, contact the Church Office as we do not have it in our records.

Thanks!

July & August Anniversaries

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٠	Keith & Sherri	Oltmans	7/1	Deb & Tom	Hysack	7/31				
3	Brian & Tarah	Peterson	7/1	Ken & Roberta	Hagemann	8/4				
•	Erik & Sara	Jensen	7/2	Tim & Dawn	Karnish	8/5				
	Corey & Lynell	Stafford	7/6	Betty & Rich	Fiddelke	8/8				
	Mike & Kim	Williams	7/10	Dave & Lynn	Blagg	8/11				
	Jeff & Jurene	Wegner	7/12	Daryl & JoAnn	Wollenburg	8/15				
	Chris & Lindsey	Tonniges	7/14	Andy & Teggy	Maxwell	8/20				
	Kim & Amy	Hawkins	7/18	Craig & Colleen	Estee	8/22				
	Bob & Lauren	Gilmore	7/25	Lawrence & Julee	Kruse	8/31				

July & August Birthdays

											
Kim	Williams	7/2	Sharon	Zahm	7/13	Carol	Johnson	7/28	Alan	Berk	8/15
Shaila	Clark	7/2	Wyatt	Washburn	7/13	Jennifer	Groen	7/28	Michelle	Warner	8/15
Audrey	Schu	7/3	Bob	Elshire	7/15	Carol	Anderson	7/29	Tamara	Kellams	8/16
Норе	Weber	7/4	Matt	Weber	7/15	Dawn	Karnish	7/29	Hailey	Neussendorfer	8/16
Emily	Knickerbocker	7/8	Ben	Page	7/16	Donna M.	Walter	7/31	Stephen	Wise	8/17
Theo	Hedican	7/8	Patsy	Behm	7/18	Норе	Ervin	8/2	Michael	Lierler	8/20
Abigail	Karnish	7/8	Stephen	Nye	7/20	Nina	Lierler	8/2	Sawyer	Allen	8/23
Rod	Anderson	7/9	Roberta	Hagemann	7/20	Marcia	Bergstrom	8/3	Molly	Wolfe	8/24
Alyce	Berk	7/11	Dana	Wiebers	7/21	Lily	Warner	8/3	Quinn	Warner	8/24
Kim	Moy	7/11	Faye	Nelson	7/22	Cecil	Bykerk	8/4	Tyler	Engel	8/26
Sarah	Hunter	7/11	Kenneth	Hagemann	7/22	Barbara	Teter	8/7	Lee	Hollander	8/27
Maddux	Duncan	7/11	Estelle	Garges	7/24	Glenn	Schacht	8/13	Michelle	Miller	8/28
Rick	Jacobsen	7/12	Ella	Post	7/27	Virgil	Johnson	8/14	Sara	Jensen	8/28
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