



Monthly Announcements

July 2022

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Mark your Calendar – (Flip page for details.)

7-4 Independence Day
7-10 Noisy Can
7-11 to 18 Pastor Jaime
Vacation
7-19 Council Meeting
7-24 Confirmation Class
7-28 Outdoor Worship

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:4-7

This is such a familiar passage to me. Maybe it is to you, too. I remember hearing those words about the peace that passes understanding sometimes at the end of sermons. I remember singing in the children's choir about having "the peace that passes understanding down in my heart to stay." And I'm sure I have seen the words "rejoice in the Lord always" on a pillow or a poster somewhere along the line.

God brought this passage to my mind again a couple weeks ago when I was feeling a little worried. I don't even remember now what I was worrying about, but I heard these words of scripture about worry, and God reminded me to respond with prayer.

So often my initial reaction is to sit and stew in my worry, to try to plot out my options to resolve whatever is troubling me. But God reminds me that I don't have to handle my worries alone. I can bring them straight to God, who wants me to know peace. And that is reason to give thanks!

We as the church have experienced worry and distress, too, especially in these past few years. Worship attendance had already dropped for many congregations, and then a pandemic dramatically changed how we worship. We've worried about who would come back - and who wouldn't. We've maybe worried about transitions in leadership. We've worried about divisions in our society and congregations.

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Worship Schedule

8:30 am Sundays
Communion is every Sunday

*Please keep in your
prayers ...*

† Betty, Judy – Kathy's sister,
Lauren, Steve - Jeanne's friend.

Confirmation students: Landon,
Casey, Liam, Ryder, and Grayson.

Jeanne's nephew James and his
family, Kim, Sophia, Jayce, and
Jayden.

Weekly & Monthly Deadlines -

- Weekly Bulletin deadline -
to get information into the
weekly bulletin - deadline,
Mondays at 12:00 noon.
- Monthly Announcements
deadline - to get information
into the announcements,
deadline, 3rd Monday of the
month at 12:00 noon.

A Message continued...

God reminds all of us to pray. And prayer isn't all talk. Part of prayer is listening. In the midst of our worries, whatever we are worried about, are we taking time to listen for God's voice? God still speaks to us, still wants us to know peace. And that, too, is reason to give thanks!

I give thanks for the ways scripture has sunk into my heart and mind throughout my life - in those times when I was intentionally studying scripture and those times when I was just barely paying attention.

The Spirit planted those seeds and reminded me of those messages just when I need them.

What are those passages that have sunk into your heart and mind? Those passages that God reminds you of in times of worry or pain or rejoicing. Do you remember how they got there? How do they help you follow Jesus faithfully? If you have a few minutes to chat sometime, I'd love to hear your response!
Peace, Pastor Jaime

Please join us...

There is NO Faith, Family and Fun for the month of July.

July 4 – Independence Day

July 10 – Noisy Can for this month goes to the Guest House Milwaukee. They serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity and related crises.

July 11-18 – Pastor Jaime Vacation.

July 19 – Bethel Council, Tuesday 6 pm.

July 24 – Confirmation, Sunday 4-5:30 pm.

July 28 – Outdoor Worship. Starts at 6 pm with at with marshmallows and hotdogs. Worship at 6:30 pm.
Fellowship to follow.

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