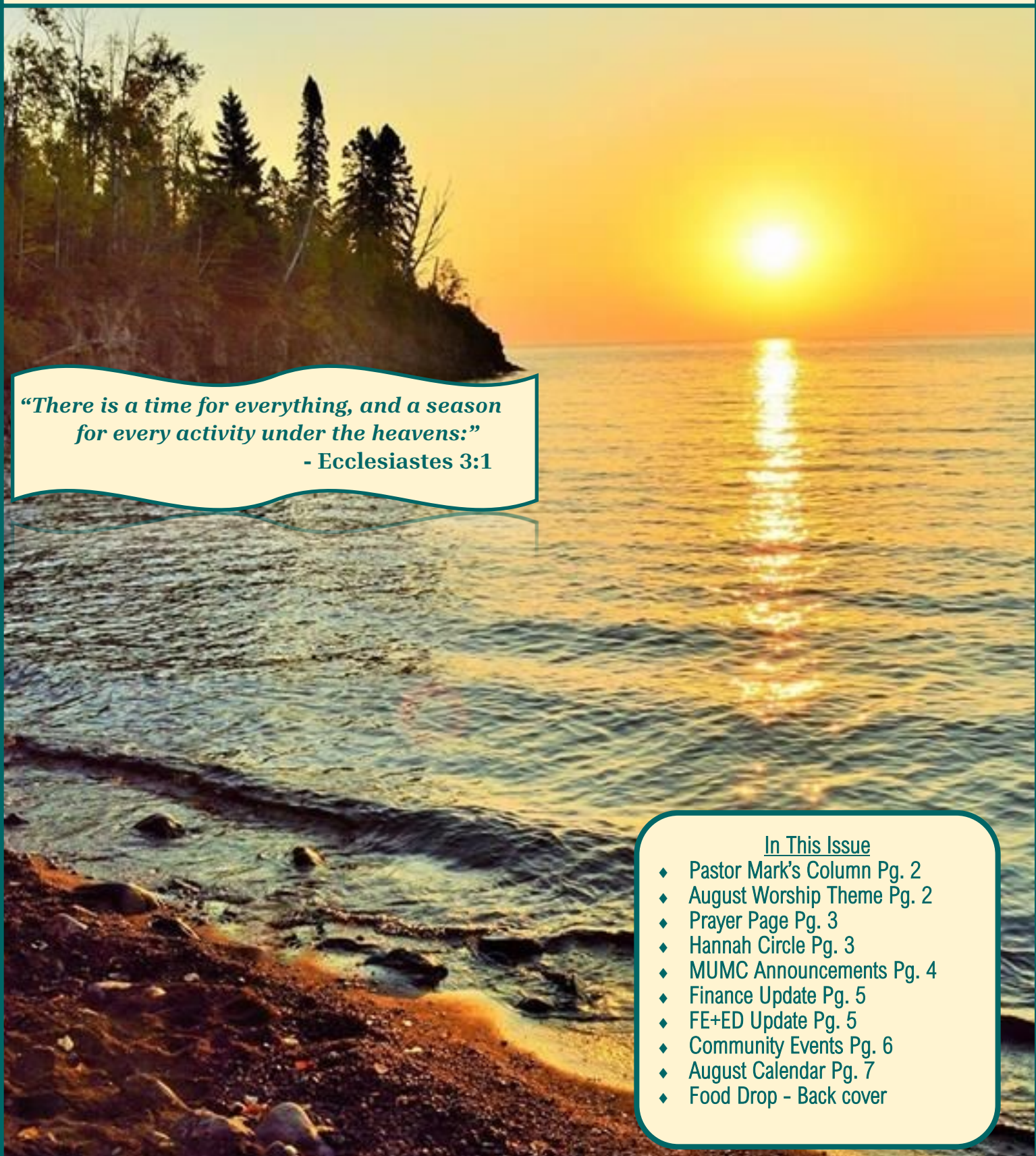


# Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church

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*“There is a time for everything, and a season  
for every activity under the heavens:”  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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## Pastor Mark's Column



Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing." They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. - John 21:3

My mom taught me how to fish. My dad was usually busy with work (and I can guarantee you he's *still* busy with work) and didn't have much time for fishing. My mom would take me and my sister out to a bridge to go fishing. I'd take my spiderman fishing pole and fish in a small lake in my community in Texas.



(Photo is not Pastor Mark!)

We caught fish, but we always tossed them back into the lake. My mom didn't know how to cook and clean fish, and these were probably the fish you don't want to eat. It was a great time! As I reflect on those days, I wonder when I will teach my son and expose him to the valuable lessons it imparts.

I think that the story of Simon Peter would be great if it just ended right there. It would be so nice to go fishing throughout the night and catch nothing. Just enjoy some time together and just waste the day away on the lake. Fishing is a meditative practice that reveals more to us about God's creation than we intend. It isn't too long before we realize that catching fish is only secondary to the recreation itself.

This is the rare time that we can find some peace and quiet and contemplation. This is the occasion where everything melts away and there are no worries. Our souls find the same stillness as the water upon which we rest. It only makes sense that we find lessons of faith in such a practice.

We'll be exploring the lessons fishing gives us and how it applies to our faith. We'll explore how fishing can give us insight into our spiritual development.



We'll be discussing topics like diversity, discipleship, patience, and peace. So please join us this August as we explore scripture and go fishing.



Blessings!

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## Celebrating Baby Schlasner!

Please save the date to join us after Church on Sunday, Sept 17th to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Pastor Mark and Amy's baby boy!

(Due in October)

More details will be sent out as the date draws nearer.

## August Worship Theme "Gone Fishin'"



**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**Communion Sunday**

Communion Steward:  
Carol Prestidge

**Message:** "Plenty of Fish  
in the Sea"

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:47

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Message:** "Fishing for People"

**Scripture:** Mark 1:16-18

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Baptism of Zoey Mollyann Parks**

**Message:** "Can't Fish  
While Angry"

**Scripture:** Luke 5:2-7

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Message:** "Time Well Spent"

**Scripture:** Ezekiel 47:9





## PRAYER PAGE

### Grieving with Families

† **The Don and Mildred Klarstrom Family.** Don's brother-in-law, Ron, passed away.

† **The Virginia Taft Family.** Virginia, "Ginny", passed away mid-July. She is the sister-in-law of Lisa Taft, Kim Wagner's friend who attends church from time to time.




### Our Friends at Home....

Living at Home -  
Gloria Adickes  
John Hylland



### Lifting in Our Prayers

 **Continued prayers for Ukraine.** Heavy fighting continues and the fear of Russia attacking their nuclear facility is a concern.



**Gerry Smith**, close friend of Don and Betty Danford's, sick with Covid a third time.

**Bruce Schmidt**, friend of Keith and Carol Prestidge, recovering from surgery on his leg from an infection after limb amputation.

**Everett**, Don and Mildred Klarstrom's brother-in-law, recovering from surgery.

**Ricki and Allan Malerich**, caring for one another as they deal with health issues; Ricki with laryngitis and an eye issue. Allan's health improving and his neurologist exam very encouraging.

**Sheri Baird**, Kim Wagner's sister, very sick with Covid for three weeks.

**Donna Marquette**, seeing a doctor July 24th for a lump on her breast. (UPDATE: cyst, nothing to worry about!)

**Helen McDonald**, a close friend of Diane Rux, hospitalized with a serious medical condition.

### Blessings and Celebrations

**Angie Farrell and son Jake Smothers**, attending MN summer camp together!

**Isabella Johnson**, safe travels as she travels to Chicago with friends and will visit her sister.

**Donna Marquette**, happy to be back at MUMC!

**MUMC Church Picnic & Block Party!** Sharing food, fun and fellowship with friends!

**Thankful for rain, hoping for more!**

**WELCOME HOME LUKE PRESTIDGE**, after serving 4 years with the USMC! Luke plans to attend diesel mechanic school.



***We celebrate the many special Birthdays and Anniversaries in July!***



## United Women in Faith Hannah Circle

Meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm!

**Our next meeting is  
Thursday, August 17th at 7 pm**

We share a devotional program, sometimes a craft or mission project, then move to the business portion of our meeting. We try to keep meetings at one-hour.

At our July meeting Ricki gave the program using "The Upper Room Devotional", the July 19th reading, and read a very inspiring story we thought we'd share here!

### *"Broken and Loved"*

I had been noticing the condition of my mother-in-law's coffee cup for months. The color had worn, the gold rim had dulled, and now it even had a chip at the edge. I decided that she needed a new mug. So I went to the store, made my selection, then presented it to her. She opened the box and thanked me.

But then she placed the mug on her top shelf and poured coffee into her old cup. When I told her I thought it might be time to replace her worn cup, she said, "Thank you again, but this one is my favorite. My fingers fit the handle perfectly, the edge fits my lips, and this cup holds just the right amount of coffee." The cup's appearance didn't matter to her, it was her special cup and perfect for her. I believe this is how God sees us. It doesn't matter to God that we have been worn down by our choices, that sometimes our faith fades, or even that sin may have chipped away at us. Regardless of our earthly shortcomings, we are special to God and God loves us the same. We are, indeed, precious in God's eyes.



Please contact us at: [montrosemmw@gmail.com](mailto:montrosemmw@gmail.com) with any questions.

## MUMC is now serving Keurig Coffees, Teas, Hot Chocolate, etc. during Coffee & Fellowship Hour!

Thank you Kelly Rux for the donation of the Keurig Coffee Maker and Coffee Assortment!

Bring YOUR favorite K-cups and enjoy!



The sign-up list for Hospitality Treats is in the Fellowship Hall. "Thank You" to those that have provided treats!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



**Rotation Stations**  
**Courageous Queen**

Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 10th with class starting at 9:30 am.

This fall we will be using the *Deep Blue Rotation Curriculum* to learn about *Queen Esther*. Kids will experience the Bible story through seven stations: Art, Cooking, Games, Mission, Science, Spiritual Practice and Storytelling.



Children will hear the story of Queen Esther and discover that Esther acted bravely in a challenging situation, and learn that we can ask God to give us courage.

We can't wait to learn more about God's love for us and the courageous people of the Bible with the kids.

If you have a family member, friend or neighbor with kids you think would like to join us, feel free to give them my contact information. We'd love for them to join us!

**Questions can be directed to Angie Ferrell, Christian Education Director, at (763) 442-4876.**



**Sunday, September 10th!**

**9:30 am Sunday School Begins**

**9:30 Coffee & Fellowship**

**10:30 am Worship Service**

### Chancel Choir

Please "Stay-Tuned" for the date Chancel Choir's Wednesday rehearsals will begin again, either last week of August or first week of September.



If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir contact: Jewell "Ricki" Malerich at (763) 682-1780

### Hand Bell Choir

Rehearsals for the month of August are Tuesday the 1st & 15th.

Jacque will announce any added dates, and September rehearsal dates will be announced in the September newsletter.

If you are interested in joining the Hand Bell Choir, no experience is necessary!

Contact: Jacque Vanderlinde at (763) 675-3423



COFFEE & CONVERSATION



**Join Pastor Mark  
On Thursday mornings  
at 9 am  
for Coffee & Conversation  
At Montrose UMC  
In the Fellowship Hall!**

(Serving Keurig Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate)

### Montrose United Methodist Church Mission Statement

*"Our mission is to be a community where faith, family, and friends come together, neighbor helping neighbor, to grow in Christ's love."*





### August Order Dates:

Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

And Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

(On Friday because Monday is the Labor Day Holiday)

**Gift Cards To-Go for all your everyday shopping, Back-To-School shopping and gift-giving needs! Need a gas card for that new driver in the house?**

Casey's, Cub Foods, Holiday, Kwik Trip, Target, and Walmart Gift Cards on-hand in \$25 increments. Every rebate helps raise funds for the church and costs you nothing extra!



# FREE

**"Thankful Thursday"**

**Community Meal**

**is on August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Community Center!**

**NOTE: MUMC IS SPONSORING THE OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEAL.**

If you would like to contribute towards the sponsorship of this meal please place your donation in the offering plate noted "Community Meal", or give to Kelly Rux or Kim Wagner. Thank you!

## Finance Update

Happy August!! A few quick items from the Finance Team.



First, giving statements for the first half of 2023 are complete and in your church mailbox or mailed to you directly if you have not been in church lately.

Second, a general reminder that summer is a busy time. Unfortunately our bills continue, especially the electric bill, that is high with the heat we've been having thus far.

If you're not able to make it to Sunday service you can mail a check to the church (at PO Box 13) or we do have our PayPal account, which makes it easy for safe, online giving.



*Your faithful giving is always very much appreciated.*

### Back to School

And last, Back-to-School time is already here! **Raise Right** has a lot of gift card options you can use for your back-to-school purchases. What a great way to support the church without paying any extra for the gift cards - and the church gets a percentage given back! Please see Kelly Rux or Angie Ferrell with any questions or to purchase gift cards at church on Sundays!

Kelly Rux, Finance Chair  
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## FE-ED UPDATE

### July FE-ED Food Drop Report



We had a wonderful, HOT food drop on Tuesday, July 25. The planning and precautions kept everyone safe from the extreme heat. Canopies, refrigerated trailer, refrigerated blankets, ice packs, lots and lots of water, rotating shifts inside and outside, all helped keep our volunteers and our food safe.



We had additional volunteers which really helped with the giving of 200 "Blessing Bags" containing needed items not covered at the food shelf; such as paper products, personal hygiene, cleaning and laundry items. These bags were provided by Hearts-to-Hands and very much appreciated.

FE-ED has applied for a grant to expand our capacity; one thought being the purchase of a trailer for additional, much needed storage space for our supplies. FE-ED continues to grow and serve more people, so we are hopeful we will get the grant to help support our growth.

A huge "Thank You" to the **Marysville United Fund** for donating \$900 to FE-ED. We appreciate their consistent support to help feed their neighbors.

# THANK YOU!

### Our community contributed a lot of extras:

- 695 Lbs. of fresh produce from Untiedt's. Please thank them if you see them. This is beautiful "fresh" food from their fields.
- 920 Lbs. from the Buffalo Food Shelf.
- 340 Lbs. of bread products from Waverly Food Shelf.



### July Statistics:

- 9,290 pounds of food from SHH
- 199 Families served
- 572 Individuals served
- 16 New, first time families
- 34 Veterans served
- 22 Communities served

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Johnson, Secretary



# Celebrate Montrose



## AUGUST 19TH, 2023 FARMERS/CRAFT MARKET

### CURRENT VENDORS

- Veterans Farming Initiative
- Grandma & Grandpa Berries N More
- Abigail Makes – Handmade Candles, Bath & Novelty items
- Love Grows Homestead
- Dough C Dough
- The Sourdough Chick
- Moemade – Baked Goods
- Jan Kittok - Necklaces
- Gracia Anne Amelia Photography
- McClay's Metal Mayhem – Metal Yard Art
- Donnas Brow Bar
- Sunshine Supply – Fresh Cut Flowers
- BJ Designs – Handmade Bags
- Sue Hyland – Vintage Retro Clothing
- Bohemian Meadows – Jewelry
- Scentsy
- Nautical Bowls
- Lino's Mexican



## CELEBRATE MONTROSE

August 19<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Schedule

- Disc Golf Tournament (8 am – noon)
- Disc Golf Awards (1 pm)
- Farmers/Craft Market (8:30 am – noon)
- Bean Bag Tournament Registration (8:00 am)
- Bean Bag Tournament (9 am – 3 pm)
- Food/Beverage Sales (9 am – midnight)
- Royal Ambassador Kiddy Parade (10:30 am)
- Royal Ambassador Coronation (11:30 am)
- Lions – Root Beer Float Sales (11 am)
- Bounce House & Kids Games (11 am – 7 pm)
- Bingo (noon – 6 pm)
- Dunk Tank (noon- 4 pm)
- KRWC (noon – 3 pm)
- B-Jamin DJ (3 pm – 6 pm)
- Diamond Back (7:30 pm – midnight)
- Beer Sales (8 am – midnight)

**\*\*Schedule is subject to change the day of the event\*\***

## Back To School Bash

Support this Love INC Gap Ministry led by fellow partner WestPointe Church.

**Donate \$50 To Provide A Backpack**  
[bit.ly/schoolbash23](http://bit.ly/schoolbash23)

**Be A Volunteer**  
Before/during the event  
August 16 at 6pm in Delano

Contact: 763-972-6547



## KIDDIE PARADE

DURING CELEBRATE MONTROSE  
Sponsored by Montrose Ambassador Committee and Hernandez family in honor of Nikki

**AUGUST 19, 2023**  
Starts at 10:30AM

Dress up theme is Pirates and Princesses



LINEUP FOR PARADE WILL BEGIN AT THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT AT 10:15. IT WILL BE LED BY AMBASSADOR CANDIDATES AND WILL END AT LION'S PARK.






## NEXT FOOD DROP

**Tue., August 22nd at 3 pm**

Drive-thru pick-up on a first-come, first-serve basis while quantities last.

**Montrose Community Center**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Hang me on your refrigerator for easy reference!</i></p>	<p><b>31 7:30 am</b> <b>SCHINDLER ELEVATOR REPAIR</b></p>	<p><b>1 7:30 am</b> <b>SCHINDLER ELEVATOR REPAIR</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>2 7:30 am</b> <b>SCHINDLER ELEVATOR REPAIR</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>4 8 am</b> <b>FRONTIER FIRE VALVE REPAIR</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p> 	<p><b>7</b> <b>RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 12 pm FE-ED Meeting (MUMC) 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:15 pm Church Council (L)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S) 5-6:30 pm FREE Comm. Dinner (MCC) 7 pm UWF Hannah Circle (C)</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>6 pm Celebrate Montrose Royalty Interviews (MUMC)</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>8 am - 12 am CELEBRATE MONTROSE (Lion's Park)</b> 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>
<p><b>20 BAPTISM</b> <b>Zoey Mollyann Parks</b> 9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>RAISERIGHT ORDER DAY</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 12 pm FE-ED Set-up (MCC) 3 pm FE-ED Food Drop (MCC)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9:30 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship (F) 10:30 am Worship Service (S) 11:30 am Conf. Class (C)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7 pm Palabra Viva Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 7 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>	<p><b>1 Sept</b> <b>RAISE RIGHT ORDER DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2 LABOR DAY WEEKEND</b> 5 - 9 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S)</p>

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

2nd-Allan Malerich  
3rd-Brian Bloom  
3rd-Tammy Prestidge  
17th-Angie Dostal  
18th-Christie Illies

19th-Mike Wagner  
26th-Brayden Ashbaugh  
28th-Jacob Smothers  
29th-Carol Hoppe  
31st-Bridget Chaffins

### ANNIVERSARIES!

1st-Bonnie & Steve Ashbaugh  
7th-Sue & John Hylland  
12th-Jewell & Allan Malerich  
13th-Ashley & Chris Parks  
25th-Kathy & Norman Jerde



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## Montrose United Methodist Church



**FE-ED**  
**For Each and Every Day**  
**(4th Tuesday of the Month)**

**NEXT FREE FOOD**  
**DISTRIBUTION:**  
**Tuesday, August 22nd**

**Starting at 3:00 pm**

**Drive thru event is first-come,**  
**first-serve at the**  
**MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

FE-ED is offered through the partnership of  
Montrose United Methodist Church & Grace Place.

Volunteers are always needed & welcome  
starting at 12 pm to pack food boxes!

Go to the FEED website for more information:  
**[www.fe-ed.org](http://www.fe-ed.org)**

## Come Worship with Us Sunday Mornings



**Rev. Mark Schlasner, Pastor**

- ◆ Coffee & Fellowship Hour 9:30 am  
*(Serving Keurig Coffees, Hot Chocolate, etc.)*
- ◆ Worship Service 10:30 am  
*(Communion on the 1st Sunday of the Month)*

Unable to attend in-person?

Watch the service on **Facebook Live!** Search Montrose  
United Methodist Church (Montrose, MN).