

Montrose Messenger

Newsletter for Montrose United Methodist Church September 2025 Volume 9

"But as for me,
I will watch in hope for the LORD,
I wait for God my Savior;
my God will hear me."

- Micah 7:7

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Pastor Mark's Column

*Whenever you cry out to me,
I'll answer.
I'll be with you in troubling times.
I'll save you and glorify you.
- Psalm 91:15 CEB*

In times of profound sorrow and confusion, we often find ourselves at a loss for words. The recent horrific school shootings in Minneapolis have left our nation grieving and searching for answers that seem painfully out of reach. In these moments, we are called to remember the ancient practice of the Psalms, which gives voice to our deepest laments. The Psalms do not ask us to hide our pain or our anger from God; instead, they invite us to bring our raw, honest cries into God's presence, trusting that we are heard and known even in our despair.

This deep knowing is at the heart of our relationship with God. Psalm 139 reminds us that we are fully seen and fully loved by our Creator, who searches us and knows us intimately. In the shadow of such senseless violence, it can feel impossible to believe that God is present. Yet, the witness of scripture is that God meets us precisely in the rubble of our brokenness. We are not called to understand, but to trust that God's love encircles us—ahead and behind—even when the path forward is shrouded in grief.

Our faith does not offer easy answers, but it does offer a refuge and a hope that the world cannot give. Psalm 91 speaks of abiding in the shelter of the Almighty, a promise not of a life free from trouble, but of a God who is with us in the midst of it. This is the “but God” moment we cling to: the world is filled with fear, *but God* is our refuge; the news is overwhelming, *but God* promises to answer when we call. This hope equips us not to ignore the pain around us, but to face it without falling into despair, supporting one another as a community that grieves together and hopes together.

As we move forward, let us be a people who call upon the Lord, not only for our own comfort but for the strength to be agents of God's healing and peace. Let us extend the safety we find in God's shadow to those around us who are fearful and vulnerable. May we, empowered by a God who knows our name and calls us beloved, have the courage to work for a world where such tragedies are no more, reflecting God's glory through acts of love, compassion, and relentless hope.

With Love and Blessings,

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September Worship Theme

“The Psalms”

September 7, 2025

**OUTDOOR JOINT WORSHIP &
COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Communion Steward:

Chrisie Illies

Message: “God Knows My Name”

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Message: “Our Hope is in the Lord”

Scripture: Psalm 14

**Sunday, September 21, 2025

Message: “For the Glory”

Scripture: Psalm 79:1-9

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Guest Speaker: Pastor Paul Baker

Message: To Be Announced

Scripture: To Be Announced

**Reverend Paul Baker,
Retired Pastor, will be our Guest
Speaker during Pastor Marks
Paternity Leave**

****Sep. 21st through Nov. 16th**

****Dates are subject to change
depending on the arrival of
Baby Schlasner!**

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LET IT BE AFRAID."

— JOHN 14:27



Join Pastor Mark for
Coffee & Conversation
on Tuesday mornings
At 10 am
in the Fellowship Hall!

September 2nd, 9th & 16th
(NOTE: Paternity leave could
change these dates)



PRAYER REQUESTS LIFTED IN AUGUST

Grieving with Families

† **The Gordon “Bucky” Brings Family.** Gordon, Christie Illies’ sister Dawn’s father-in-law, passed away 8/22 at 87 years old.



Living at Home...

Gloria Adickes
John Hylland



Lifting in Our Prayers

The family of Uncle Clarence. Clarence passed away July 31st at 101 years of age.

Kole Johnson, Isabella Johnson’s dad, Russ & Pam Johnson’s son, recovering in ICU for 3 weeks from open heart surgery 8/1, getting a valve. He had four additional surgeries after that due to complications. **UPDATE:** Kole was released from the hospital week of 8/18 and is home recovering and getting rehabilitation 3 x week. **Safe travels for people attending We Fest in Detroit Lakes.** **Diane & Terry Rux,** safe travels as they travel through IA, IL, IN, WI & MI with friends.



Faith Prestidge, having a second surgery on her foot 8/6 after she broke it in December and it never healed correctly. **UPDATE:** Surgery went well and she’s wearing a boot.

Prayers for a successful medical procedure 8/12.

Don Danford, hospitalized for almost a week with blood pressure and heart problems.

Don Berg, a former classmate of Carol Prestidge’s, his cancer was in remission but has returned in his spine causing back pain.

Sandy Dmystryszyn, recovering from knee surgery 8/18.

Betty B., friend of Ricki Malerich’s. Betty, a former MUMC attendee now living in Park Rapids, her son has lost his housing—prayers he can find something soon.

The shooting victims killed (2) and injured (17) at the Annunciation Catholic School on 8/27 in Minneapolis. Prayers for the families, the community, and all the Law Enforcement/EMT/Doctors/Nurses that helped.

Joys & Blessings

Adam Rux, on his way to MN to start college at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, and starting a job in the book store there. His parents traveled here to get him moved in!



Ricki Malerich, thankful for everyone that prayed for their safe travels to MI, their family get together was great!!

Diane Folkestad’s granddaughter, celebrating her 8th Birthday!

Hannah Circle, enjoying the performance of Church Basement Ladies together (see page 4)!

Celebrate Montrose Home Town Days parade, first one since 2019! FE-ED (MUMC & House of Grace) participated in the parade (see page 5).

Alyssa Prestidge, Montrose Ambassador 2024-2025, invited to attend Aquatennial’s “Best Days of Summer” event next year and represent Minnesota! Pictured to the left is (L to R) Shanna Nemitz, the 2024-2025 Aquatennial Captain, Alyssa Prestidge, and Erica Bakke, the 2025-2026 Aquatennial Princess. (Look for fundraiser information coming in the next few months to help support Alyssa with her expenses to attend Aquatennial 2026.)



A Message From W.C.C.A. Wright County Community Action

WCCA would like to thank you for all the donations that you have collected for the food shelf. We would like to continue to use the guide of items that we go through, using a list for each month throughout the year. We hope this list helps you with planning fundraisers and frequently asked questions about what can be donated.

September: PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES

“Open Your Heart Campaign”

Shampoo/Conditioner	Toothbrushes
Body Bar Soap	Deodorant
Dish soap	Laundry soap

Thank you for your donations!

Tammy Prestidge, Food Shelf/Thrift Store Coordinator
NEW PHONE NUMBER (320) 963-6500 Ext. 231

NEW FOOD SHELF HOURS:

Monday & Thursday

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday

8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

CLOSED

**We celebrate all the special
Birthdays & Anniversaries
from August!**



Alyssa, the 2024-2025 Montrose Ambassador, giving an inspiring and beautifully written exit speech at the Celebrate Montrose Coronation held Sunday, August 17th at Montrose UMC. Alyssa will represent Minnesota at the 2026 Aquatennial “Best Days of Summer” event!

The newly crowned 2025-2026 Montrose Ambassador is Jadyne Dalbec. No photo.



UWF Hannah Circle Update

Montrose UMC United Women in Faith Hannah Circle

Our next meeting is Monday, September 15th
at 6:30 pm in the lower-level classroom area.



The Hannah Circle thoroughly enjoyed seeing the August 16th performance of the **CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES**!

Pictured L-R: Diane Rux, Kim Wagner, Ricki Malerich, Sherry Oval, Angie Ferrell, and Donna Marquette. Not pictured are Carol & Galen Becker.



Hannah Circle will be serving dinner Mon., Sept. 8th at Westpointe Church in Delano for the Fresh Start Program, offered by Love INC. We're serving chili with the fixins', cornbread, fresh fruit, beverages and desserts.

NOTE: For those who are helping to serve that evening please be at MUMC by 4 pm to carpool to the event. For those who are providing chili, please arrive at MUMC by 2:30 pm if your chili needs to be heated prior to transporting. If your driving separate, or your chili does not need to be warmed-up, please be at Westpointe Church no later than 4:15 pm.

Hannah Circle made the decision not to have the Candy, Cookie & Craft Sale this year, which has always been an important fundraiser for us.. Many of the goodies last year did not sell and we ended up giving them away the following week. We cannot justify spending so much time and money to hold a sale only to end up purchasing our own items to raise money. We are contemplating hosting a breakfast or luncheon fundraiser instead. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 15th at 6:30 pm. Ricki Malerich will be providing the program. We hope you'll consider joining us!

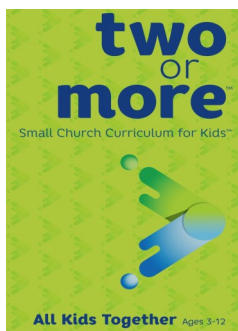
Have questions or suggestions for Hannah Circle? Please contact us at: montrosemnumw@gmail.com.



Sunday School Update



The first day of Sunday School is
September 7th at 9:30 am to 10:20 am!



We are trying a new curriculum this year called "**TWO OR MORE**", specifically designed for smaller churches. It's designed for ages 3 -12 and the lesson plans include Bible Experience, Hands-On Discovery, Games, Activity Pages, Prayer, Explore More activities, and Sing Together options. I'm super excited to give this curriculum a try and see how it works for our little church!

We invite our Sunday School families to stay and join us for our Community & Family Block Party, with an Outdoor Joint Worship Service at 11 am, with Pastor Mark from Montrose United Methodist Church and Pastor Cathy from House of Grace, with lunch served at Noon and games to follow!

SEE PAGE 6 OF THE
NEWSLETTER FOR
DETAILS.



God Bless,
Angie Ferrell
Christian Education Director
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FE-ED UPDATE



FE-ED REPORT FOR THE August 26th FOOD DROP

**We celebrated the
10th Anniversary of
FE-ED this month!**

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FE-ED had an entry in the ***Celebrate Montrose Home Town Days Parade*** with our parade walkers from House of Grace and Montrose UMC giving out bottled water (with FE-ED labels showing monthly drop information) and goodie bags with candy from MUMC. Russ Johnson, our *Wright County Outstanding Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year*, was seated in the back of the pick-up truck and tossing out candy too. Russ has been a member of FE-ED for all 10 years, as well as many other volunteer organizations that nominated him for this special recognition award!

PICTURED BELOW: Pastor Cathy (House of Grace) and Pastor Mark (Montrose UMC) walking the parade route and passing out bottled waters & candy. Other volunteers not pictured include Angie Ferrell, Steve Hayes, Isabella Johnson (driver), Pam Johnson, Russ Johnson (Sr. Volunteer of year), Tracey Johnson, and Kim Wagner.

WE THANK RUSS & PAM JOHNSON FOR DONATING THE BOTTLED WATERS, AND KELLY RUX FOR DONATING AND ASSEMBLING THE CANDY GOODIE BAGS FOR THE PARADE.



FE-ED sponsored the Roasted Corn Booth at Celebrate Montrose Home Town Days festivities Friday, August 15th. The roasted corn, donated by Untiedt's, was enjoyed by many, and the Mexican Street Corn option added this year was a hit! Our FE-ED volunteers wore their new FE-ED T-shirts provided through a grant from Grace Place Collaborative and the Delano Youth Hockey Association. What a blessing to have the shirts to get the FE-ED logo in front of the community.



Ten years is a long time to hold at least one food distribution each month, even through Covid-19! We are giving out close to 10,000 pounds of food from Second Harvest and our local partners each month. **That's a lot of food!**

We served 40 families at our very first distribution and now reach 160 - 180 families per month! Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who have made FE-ED possible, continuously growing and vibrant for a decade!

We held the August drop in the MUMC parking lot as the community center was being used for the primary election. I believe our driver was new as it took a very long time to locate our purchases. We had ordered 2 mystery pallets, so we were surprised by what was added to our order. Even though it was a warm day, our volunteers made it a fun experience and did not get overheated.

We had 25 volunteers giving 102 ¼ hours to make this drop a success! A total of 160 boxes were packed with cabbage, onions, carrots, baby Yukon gold potatoes, apples, cantaloupe, zucchinis, cucumbers, kale, Bok choy, sweet corn, pasta, rice, some sweets, breads, frozen meats and milk.

AUGUST FOOD DROP STATISTICS

- N/A Lbs. of food from Second Harvest Heartland
- 550 Lbs. of meat donated from Grace Place
- N/A Lbs. donated from the Buffalo Food Shelf
- 160 Families served
- 436 Individuals served
- N/A First Time Visitors
- 25 Veterans served
- 26 Communities served

Respectfully submitted by Pam Johnson



Left: Pastor Mark roasting fresh corn-on-the-cob Jedi style!



Right: Sonya Tourville and Jess Tournant selling fresh roasted corn-on-the-cob (Mexican Street Corn shown).

JOIN US AT OUR

FREE EVENT!

COMMUNITY & FAMILY BLOCK PARTY!

Sunday, September 7th at Lion's Park

11 am - 1:30 pm

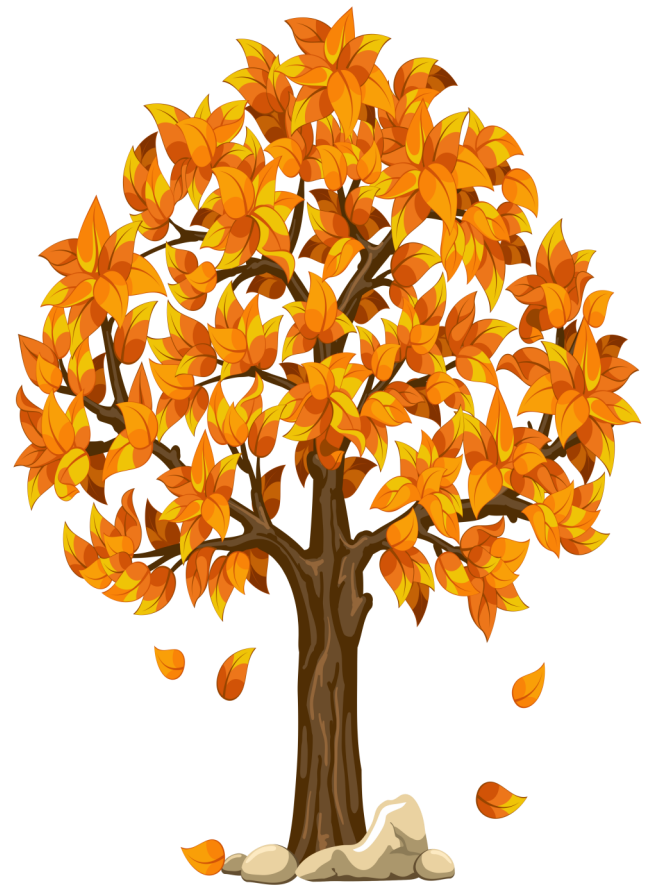
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- 10:30 am Coffee & Donuts
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BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR! BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE!
~ WATER WILL BE PROVIDED ~

We hope to see you there!

This is not a City of Montrose Sponsored Event



...and the Fall activities begin!

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
MONTROSE COMMUNITY CENTER
200 CENTER AVE S

CHILI & BAKED POTATO BAR

Dinner Options

- Delicious Chili
- Baked Potatoes
- Various Fixings

Doors Open
4:30pm
Dinner Served
5:00p-6:30p

While supplies last



QUESTIONS?
CALL KIM @ 612-599-2229

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DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

Sept. 6, 2025 | 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Delano Fire Station

ALL YOU
CAN EAT!

TAKEOUT
AVAILABLE!

SILENT
AUCTION!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
WAVERLY

Fall Festival

FIRST WEEKEND AFTER LABOR DAY
SAT, 4-9PM & SUN, 8AM-4PM

Food • Games • Raffles • Music



Celebrating 10 Years
2015 - 2025

FE-ED FOOD DISTRIBUTION

(Brought to you by Montrose UMC & House of Grace)

Tuesday, September 23rd
2 pm until gone

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monday, Sep. 8th 5-8 pm Pizza Ranch Monticello Fundraiser for the Buffalo Stampede Special Olympics! *See Jacque for Details*	1 	2 10 am Coffee & <u>Conversation (F)</u> 7 pm Bell Choir <u>Rehearsal (S)</u>	3 7 pm Choir <u>Rehearsal (S)</u>	4 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	5 <u>RAISERIGHT</u> <u>ORDER DAY</u>	6 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
7 COMMUNITY & FAMILY BLOCK PARTY (Lion's Park) COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Sunday School (C) 10 am Coffee & Fellowship (LP) 11 am Outdoor Joint Service (LP) 6 pm AA Meeting (C)	8 4-8 pm Pizza <u>Ranch Fundraiser</u> 4-5:30 pm Hannah <u>Circle Outreach (OFF)</u> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (C) 7-9 pm Palabra Viva School of Ministry (F)	9 10 am Coffee & <u>Conversation (F)</u> 7 pm Bell Choir <u>Rehearsal (S)</u>	10 7 pm Choir <u>Rehearsal (S)</u>	11 6:30 pm 4H Club <u>Franklin Friends (C)</u> 7-9 pm Palabra Viva Bible Study (S)	12 NO ACTIVITIES	13 4-9:30 pm Palabra Viva Worship (S/F)
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BIRTHDAYS!

2nd-Macy Prestidge
 2nd-Roger Vanderlinde
 7th-Hunter Reinhart
 15th-Jason Chaffins
 16th-Judy Mumford-Torres
 16th-Kaija Tourville

18th-Marilyn Tompkins
 22nd-Sonya Tourville
 23rd-Glen Ross
 27th-Amanda Folkestad
 28th-Jaimee Ashbaugh
 30th-Kalley Illies

ANNIVERSARIES!

5th-Jacque & Roger Vanderlinde
 28th-Amy & Jason Chaffins



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

THE NEXT FREE
FOOD DISTRIBUTION:
Tue., September 23rd

Drive-Thru event
Starting at 2 pm
Montrose Community Center

Volunteers are needed & welcome starting at 12 pm to help sort food and pack food boxes!

FE-ED offers a drive-thru food distributions every 4th Tuesday of the month giving out pre-packed boxes of dairy, produce, bread and food items.

One box per car - Open to everyone.
No requirements - No cost.

Go to the FEED website for more information:
www.fe-ed.org

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