

Faith Talk!

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Mission Trip Youth to lead worship...

August 4, 2019

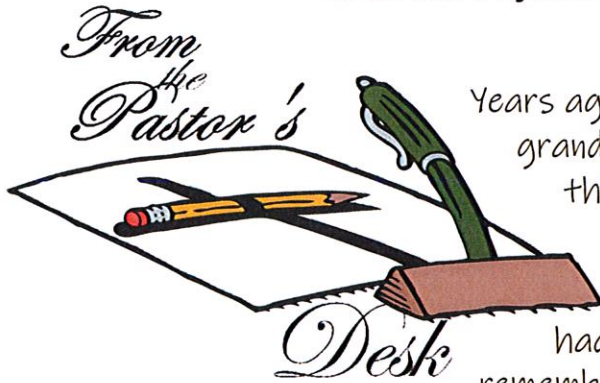


Come to the service this Sunday, August 4
to hear all about the amazing things that the Mission
Trip Youth accomplished on their trip to Idaho as they
plan and lead the service and breakfast afterwards!

See you there!

"So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

Ephesians 5:17



Years ago, I met a man who actually knew my great-grandfather, whose name was Gustav Adolph Zaske—or, as this fellow called him, "Gus."

I never knew my great-grandfather Gus. In fact, I had never heard much about him. But this man had known Gus quite well, and was eager to share what he remembered.

There's an old proverb which says something like 'The apples never fall far from the tree.' Being one of the apples from Gus's tree, I'll let you decide if the proverb is true. The man who knew my great-grandfather told me: "Ol' Gus, he was a storyteller. Every time you saw him, he had a new joke for you. He was a taller man, and had a kind of happy, go-lucky walk. He'd tell you a story, and then get a little smirk on his face—so you were never quite sure if he was telling you the truth, or just pulling your leg..."

One story the man told me about Gus really struck me—a story of failure (or, perhaps, just plain foolishness). The tale went like this: Apparently, back in the 1910's and 20's, rumors spread throughout southern Minnesota (where Gus lived) that the soil in northern Minnesota was ideal for growing potatoes. What made this rumor so appealing was that a person could buy farmland in northern Minnesota for a fraction of what it cost in southern Minnesota. **IF** it were true that the northern land would support a huge annual crop of potatoes, an enterprising young farmer could easily strike it rich! You could harvest your bumper crop of potatoes, pay off the land in a couple of years, and from that point on it would be pure gravy train. If...

Gus seized the moment. He and his brother moved north, bought land, and set out to become the Bill Gates of their generation. It didn't happen according to plan. The rumors about potatoes proved false... the Great Depression hit... and Gus and his brother returned to southern Minnesota—not richer, but certainly wiser!

Clearly, the decision to move north turned out to be foolish. However, I definitely have no right to point fingers at my great-grandfather, for I've made some head-scratching decisions of my own over the years. My guess is that you also may have made a choice or two in your life that, looking back, fall in the "regrettable" column.

I guess my point is simply this: We are blessed to be loved by a God who sticks with us always—even when our brains decide to do something bone-headed. As Paul wrote in Romans 8, "For I am convinced that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Nothing! Even—and especially—foolishness. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Mike

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

- July 21 Annika Constance Boe, daughter of
Cassandra & Corey Boe
- July 28 Ella Joy Sherwood, daughter of
Joy & James Sherwood

Thank you to:

- ☺ The Money Counters
- ☺ Polly Anderson and her daughter, Wanda, for helping with the July Newsletter assembly
- ☺ Pat Gedatus for picking up the Sanctuary flowers each week
- ☺ All the worship volunteers each Sunday in July
- ☺ LaVonne Lund for the TLC of the sanctuary each week
- ☺ The Facility Care Team for all the work inside and out. Our lawn is looking beautiful!



Thank you Faith Lutheran!

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

I want to thank everyone at Faith Lutheran Church for all the help and assistance in preparing for Rhea's funeral. Our family is very grateful to Pastor Nike for taking the time to share so many heartfelt memories of Rhea. His words were a great source of comfort to everyone. We received so many wonderful comments about the service.

Thank you again,

Wendy Smith

Your comforting expression of Sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

The Family of Rhea Thompson



Blessings on your Birthday!

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aug 1 Betty Knutson | Aug 20 Colton Bond |
| Aug 1 Meghan Swanson | Aug 20 Polly Anderson |
| Aug 2 Lynn Wilson | Aug 21 John Heurung |
| Aug 3 Shea Zimmerman | Aug 21 Megan Graftaas |
| Aug 5 Joe Meyer | Aug 22 Brian Swanson |
| Aug 6 Jacob Kragenbring | Aug 22 Terry Wilson |
| Aug 7 Pat Seavert | Aug 23 Austin Kollar |
| Aug 8 Drew Graning | Aug 23 Lowell Beihoffer |
| Aug 8 Hunter Sable | Aug 23 Miranda Abrahamson |
| Aug 8 ReNita Henderson | Aug 24 Alli Delgado |
| Aug 9 Aevah Pop | Aug 24 Audrey Oliver |
| Aug 9 Spencer Bjerga | Aug 24 Bennett Olmscheid |
| Aug 10 Merrill Binnall | Aug 24 Brad Bolton |
| Aug 12 Matthew Veldman | Aug 24 Jeff Brandt |
| Aug 13 Aunie Tauer | Aug 24 Madeline Mlenek |
| Aug 13 Carter Aanenson | Aug 25 Aaron Anderson |
| Aug 14 Bill Blakeney | Aug 25 Brayson Bolton |
| Aug 14 Eve Aho | Aug 25 Brennan Handeland |
| Aug 14 Leslie Haessly | Aug 26 Isabel Elvester |
| Aug 14 Roy Kollar | Aug 27 Brock Tatge |
| Aug 15 Amanda Martin | Aug 27 Claire Dierkhising |
| Aug 15 Audrey Meyer | Aug 27 Nolan Konerza |
| Aug 17 Nick Rosendahl | Aug 29 Kaylee Welker |
| Aug 17 Rosalyn Koning | Aug 29 Tristan Pickwall |
| Aug 18 Ray Person | Aug 30 Deckard Delgado |
| Aug 19 Gavin Dove | Aug 30 Jeromy Quast |
| Aug 19 Jeff Berthiaume | |



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| Aug 1 Gail Knutsen | Aug 19 Josh Berthiaume |
| Aug 1 Greg Knutsen | Aug 19 Ryan Veldman |
| Aug 1 Abby Reitan | Aug 19 Austin Seavert |
| Aug 2 Paul Schmidt | Aug 19 Annika Campbell |
| Aug 3 Barb Larson | Aug 20 Gage Quast |
| Aug 4 Jeff Johnston | Aug 22 Camden Aanenson |
| Aug 4 Elle Aho | Aug 23 Terry Sowers |
| Aug 5 Emma Reitan | Aug 23 Thomas Boe |
| Aug 6 Eric Graning | Aug 24 Sydne Hintermeister |
| Aug 6 Olivia Babler | Aug 25 Alex Lindberg |
| Aug 10 Nancy Cichy | Aug 25 Jaycie Harmoning |
| Aug 13 Finley Prentice | Aug 26 Roy Kollar |
| Aug 15 Colton Karst | Aug 26 ReNita Henderson |
| Aug 16 Ruby Blakeney | Aug 26 Hunter Graftaas |
| Aug 16 Carmac Blakeney | Aug 27 Tom Youngquist |
| Aug 16 Paisley Prentice | Aug 27 Matt Krenz |
| Aug 16 Ryan Prentice | Aug 28 Larry Nelson |
| Aug 18 Kelsey Berthiaume | Aug 28 Shane Aanenson |
| Aug 18 Savannah Johnston | Aug 29 Joel Wilson |
| Aug 18 Landon Olson | Aug 29 Aaron Fingarson |
| Aug 19 Deb Swanson | |



June 2019 & Year-to-Date Financial Analysis

Month of June

	Actual	Budget	+ / (-)
General Fund			
Contributions	\$13,515	\$18,310	\$ (4,795)
Facility Use Income	\$ 175	\$ 192	\$ (17)
Other Income	\$ 150	\$ 96	\$ 51
Total Income	\$13,840	\$18,598	\$ (4,761)
Expenses	\$14,594	\$16,752	\$ 2,158
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (754)	\$ 1,864	\$ (2,603)

Mortgage Fund

	Actual	Budget	+ / (-)
Contributions	\$ 5,376	\$ 6,140	\$ (764)
(2,603)			

Year-to-Date

	Actual	Budget	+ / (-)
General Fund			
Contributions	\$ 80,515	\$ 95,252	\$(14,737)
Facility Use Income	\$ 575	\$ 1,000	\$ (425)
Other Income	\$ 5,335	\$ 8,000	\$ (2,770)
Total Income	\$ 86,425	\$104,252	\$(17,932)
Expenses	\$ 97,014	\$100,514	\$ 3,500
Net Income (Loss)	\$(10,589)	\$ 3,738	\$(14,432)

Mortgage Fund Transactions & Balance Summary

Initial Mortgage Fund balance 1/1/19	\$ 21,894
2019 Mortgage Fund Contributions to-date	\$ 34,830
Less total 2019 Mortgage Payments to-date	\$ 31,928
Equals Mortgage Fund balance 6/30/19	\$ 24,796

“Faith Whisperers”

The prayer chain at Faith Lutheran Church is called “Faith Whisperers”. When you need or know of someone that needs to be placed on the prayer chain there are several ways you can do that:

- Contact the church office in person, by e-mail or telephone 763-261-5751
- Talk with Pastor Mike directly
- Place a request through Rick Speer at 763-262-2874, Rick will start the prayer chain



If you wish anonymity, you can use a first name or just ask that we pray for your specific need. We respect and emphasize confidentiality.

Simply Giving Program...

The gift of generosity

We thank everyone who has supported Faith Lutheran Church this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions.



Visit Faith Lutheran's website, or find enrollment forms available on the kiosk, or contact Donna in the church office for more information.

Food Shelf



Don't forget
your local
Food Shelf
this summer!

Some food items that would be appreciated are jelly, tuna, peanut butter, all paper products, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste.

Statewide

- One in 10 Minnesotans, or more than 500,000 state residents, experience food insecurity on a regular basis
- In Minnesota each day, 3,500 children are served by food shelves
- Of the Minnesota households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly known as food stamps), 44% have at least one employed adult residing in the house

*Minnesota Food Share March Campaign 2015 Fact Sheet:
The Far Reaching Effects of Hunger*

Advice from our Parish Nurse ...

Vaccines for Preteens: What Parents Should Know

Why does my child need vaccines now?

Vaccines aren't just for babies. Some of the vaccines that babies get can wear off as kids get older. And as kids grow

up, they may come in contact with different diseases than when they were babies. There are vaccines that can

help protect your preteen or teen from these other illnesses.

What vaccines does my child need?

Tdap Vaccine – This vaccine helps protect against three serious diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Preteens should get Tdap at age 11 or 12. If your teen didn't get a Tdap shot as a preteen, ask their doctor or nurse about getting the shot now.

Meningococcal Vaccine – Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine protects against some of the bacteria that can cause meningitis (swelling of the lining around the brain and spinal cord) and septicemia (an infection in the blood). Preteens need the first meningococcal shot when they are 11

or 12 years old. They need a second meningococcal shot at age 16.

HPV Vaccine – Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines help protect both girls and boys from HPV infection and cancer caused by HPV. All 11- and 12-year-olds should receive two shots of HPV vaccine 6-12 months apart. Preteens and teens who haven't started or finished the HPV vaccine series should ask the doctor or nurse about getting them now.

Flu Vaccine – The annual flu vaccine is the best way to reduce the chances of getting seasonal flu and spreading it to others. Even healthy preteens and teens

can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. While all preteens and teens should get a flu vaccine, it's especially important for those with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease to get vaccinated. The best time to get the flu vaccine is as soon as it's available in your community, ideally by October. While it's best to be vaccinated before flu begins causing illness in your community, flu vaccination can be beneficial as long as flu viruses are circulating, even in January or later.

When should my child be vaccinated?

A good time to get these vaccines is during a yearly health checkup. Your preteen or teen can also get these

vaccines at a physical exam required for sports, school, or camp. It's a good idea to ask the doctor or nurse every year if

there are any vaccines that your child may need.

What else should I know about these vaccines?

These vaccines have all been studied very carefully and are safe. They can cause mild side effects, like soreness or redness in the part of the arm where the shot was given. Some preteens and

teens might faint after getting a shot. Sitting or lying down when getting a shot and then for about 15 minutes after the shot, can help prevent fainting. Serious side effects are rare. It is very

important to tell the doctor or nurse if your child has any serious allergies, including allergies to yeast, latex, or chicken eggs, before they receive any shots.

How can I get help paying for these vaccines?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger, who are

uninsured, Medicaid-eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native. You can find out more about the VFC program by

going online to www.cdc.gov and typing VFC in the search box.

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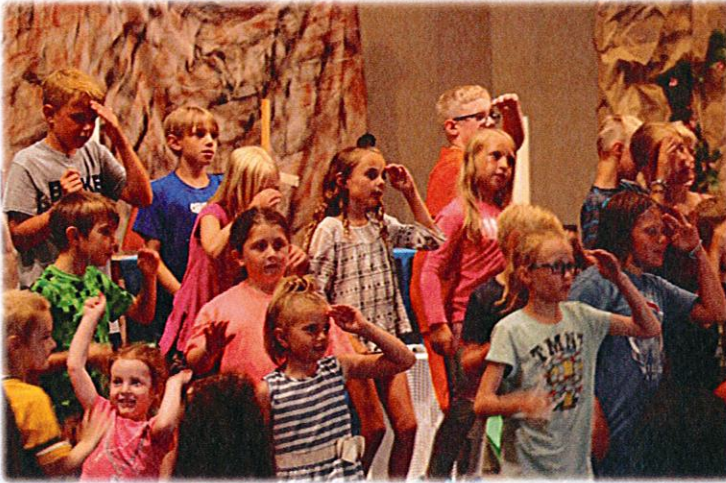
**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

Where can I learn more?

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about what vaccines they may need. You can also find more information about these vaccines on CDC's Vaccines for Preteens and Teens website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens.

Youth NEWS & NOTES...

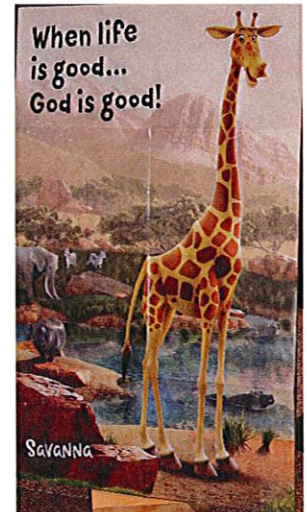
VBS a HUGE Success!



God is Good! What a ROARING good week... We had record-breaking numbers this year for our VBS with an average of 65 to 70 kids each night. Throughout the week the children learned Bible stories with the help of Pastor Mike and Grace Wynia. They played games such as "balance the noodle", learned to anticipate a Hoopie bird jump during Imagination Station, sang songs about trusting God, ate snacks that followed the daily stories like "animals at the watering hole", and watched videos about children who live in

different parts of the world.

It was a wonderful week filled with laughter. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who made VBS run smoothly! Thanks also to the people who donated items and money. We were able to give the kids a great experience because of you! Joining with the local Catholic Churches helped provide decorations, Bible posters, volunteers and more children! A special thanks to some families who spent a lot of time helping with VBS and leading groups and stations! Roy & Lisa Koller, Mike & Becky Elvester, Ben & Staza Pany, Jeremy & Nicole Dove, Katie Meyer, Melissa Binnall, and Pastor Mike. And Thank you to all the amazing kids that came to explore, share, and shout together the good news that "God is Good!" all the time!



Sunday School is Starting Soon!



Sunday School begins on **Sunday, September 8 at about 9:45am.** (Children are dismissed following Children's Time). Registration Forms are located outside the office. Any questions or if you would like to help out, email Lisa Kollar at lisamkollar@gmail.com

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

September 8

- Rally Sunday

October 27

- Reformation Sunday
- Confirmation Service

Upcoming
DATES



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

Brush these daily	___ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/>
Do this to your shoes	___ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _
This rises in the east	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _
Cold breakfast food	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Hot breakfast food	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Talk to God	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _
Morning meal	___ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _
Extend your limbs	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Fruit drink	___ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _
Waffle machine	___ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> _
Eat these scrambled or fried	___ _ <input type="checkbox"/>



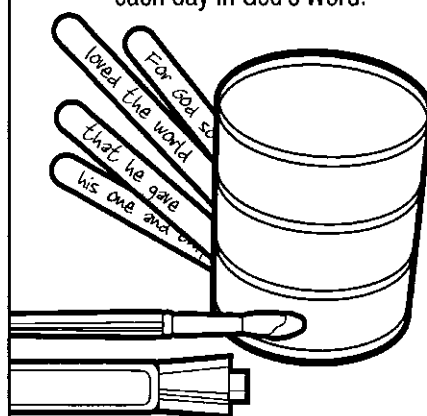
Because of the LORD's great love... ☐ ☐ ☐
☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

June 13, 2019 Meeting

Officers

Sandy Engdahl (1/20)
President
320-333-8784

Roy Kollar
Vice President (1/21)
763-261-2507

Gary Morgan
Treasurer (1/21)
320-743-3103

Mike Elvester
Secretary (1/20)
763-670-3037

At Large Members

Kaelyn Lombard (1/20)

Sue Doering (1/20)
763-262-4790

Ben Pany (1/20)
763-261-5814

La Vonne Lund (1/20)
763-261-2659

Wayne Bachler (1/21)
763-275-0139

Lynn Wilson (1/21)
763-262-5075

Present: Sandy Engdahl, Roy Kollar, Lynn Wilson, La Vonne Lund, Gary Morgan, Wayne Bachler, Pastor Mike Zaske, Mike Elvester, Sue Doering, Ben Pany, Donna Brown

Absent: Kaelyn Lombard

Meeting was called to order by President Sandy Engdahl at 5:04pm.

I. Devotion – Pastor Mike

Priority one at Faith is to serve God and priority two is to give people a place to belong. A way to help make people feel like they belong is to work towards consensus in our decision-making process. This can make the process take longer but a balance can be found between efficiency and spending the time to consider available options.

II. Agenda Review

- a. Agenda was reviewed, and items added or changed as requested.
- b. Mike Elvester motioned to approve the agenda; Wayne second. Motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report – Mike Elvester

- a. Review of Secretary's Report
- b. Motion made to approve the amended report by Gary; second by Ben. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Review of May 2019 Financials – Gary Morgan

- a. Review & Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - i. The May General Fund income was \$-4,519 vs. actual expenses. YTD \$-9,834.
 - ii. The May Mortgage Fund income was \$-865 vs. expenses. YTD \$3,059.
 - iii. Actual comparisons YTD with General Funds and Mortgage Funds combined:
 - 1.2018: (\$-6,249)
 - 2.2019: (\$-6,776)
 - iv. General fund checking is at \$-3,467
 - v. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Wayne, second by La Vonne. Motion carried.
- b. Monthly utility costs have dropped significantly from March to May. Multiple people have access to control the thermostat program, but manual 2-hour adjustments can be done on the wall units.



V. Old Business

- a. Garage Sale on June 7-8
 - i. \$1,465 before expenses
- b. Heaven on Wheels Car Show and Shine June 15
 - i. All preparations are done and hoping the rain holds off.
- c. Facility Review Team
 - i. Met June 4 to go over the rooms and their needs.
 - ii. Things are being moved from room to room to see how they work.
 - iii. For future physical donations to the church, pictures can be submitted to the Council President to bring to the Facility Review Team.
 - iv. Special thanks to those who helped to refurbish the Education Wing over the last few months.

VI. New Business

- a. Stewardship – Increasing Revenue
 - i. In the ELCA, the normal donation rate is about 2%.
 - ii. How do we inspire individuals to give generously so that the church doesn't need to be concerned about how the church is supported? It is the idea that Christians give because they can, not because they have to.
 - iii. One difficulty that the church faces, is that when attendance is down, the giving is down. Options like Simply Giving help to keep a regular flow of donations.
 - iv. Prior to the Sunday offerings, Pastor Mike will explain how Faith's donations to the Synod are supporting others outside our church.
- b. Up-date to the Call Process.
 - i. MSP sent to the council for review. Revisions due to Pastor Mike by June 16 so it can be sent to prospective candidates. He will compile them and send out an up-dated version.
 - ii. The MSP contains the Call Committee's openness to discuss the shorter than normal call of our previous pastor.
- c. Sanctuary Cross Lighting
 - i. The lighting controller is app based with a small group who have access. The ushers and the sound booth operators should have app access. Access via the sound booth PC is going to be reviewed.
- d. General Operations Contacts
 - i. A list of contacts as well as a list of activities that need to be done for regular maintenance needs to be put together. For example annual inspections of the fire suppression system, sprinkler blow outs, etc.
- e. Council Refreshments
 - i. July 14

VII. Ministry Team Reports

a. Stewardship Team

- i. There is a donation terminal that will allow credit card donations. The fees are similar to Simply Giving in per transaction and percent of donation. The startup cost is about \$100 (once \$300 in donations have been accumulated). A kiosk display will need to be made. It could be used for other events as well like the Sweetheart Dinner.

b. Facility Care Team

- i. Handicap stall in Women's restroom needs repair to the door latch.
- ii. Siding on the back of the Fellowship Hall where the ice comes down will need some repainting. Cleaning the gutters would also help prevent further damage.
- iii. Crack filling is still on the schedule to be done before the end of the summer.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting July 11 at 5PM.
- b. Motion to adjourn meeting by Wayne Bachler. Second by Roy Kollar. So moved at 7:04 PM.
- c. We closed with prayer.

August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 Refreshments	5 11:30 Social Seniors <i>Office closed</i>	6	7	8 5:00 Council	9	10
11 9:30 Worship (Noisy Offering) 10:30 Refreshments <i>Office closed</i>	12 <i>Office closed</i>	13	14	15	16 Newsletter articles due in the office	17
18 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 Refreshments <i>Office closed</i>	19 <i>Office closed</i>	20	21 11:45 Woodbrair	22	23	24
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Refreshments	26 <i>Office closed</i>	27	28 10:00 Newsletter Assembly	29	30	31

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Worship Schedule

August 4

August 11

August 18

August 25

9:30 am

Youth Lead Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am

Worship with Noisy Offering

9:30 am

Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 am

Worship