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Those who walk with God, always reach their destination



August's flower is the Larkspur. The birthstone is the Ruby August is back to School month. August 9 is the Sturgeon Full Moon.









GGG MEMORIES-2025







In Romans 12:3-5, we read the following words from the Apostle Paul: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another." (NRSVUE)

The early Church was a diverse Church. The Roman Empire had roads connecting many different cultures and ethnicities together. The early Church needed help figuring out how to get along with each other. There were slaves, people who had affluence with their wealth and political power, women of influence and female temple workers, and so many others who responded to the message of Jesus Christ and became disciples. Some churches were better at getting along with each other than some of the other churches that Paul wrote to.

It has now been one month since I moved here to Iowa from north central Montana. Before that, I was on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Before that, I was in south central Wisconsin. I have been blessed to encounter and be a part of several different cultures. In all that time, I recognized that the Midwestern culture was one that was always a part of me and one that some people really didn't understand.

However, the Church was a place where I was not only an individual, but I was also part of the body of Christ. We all had our belief and love of Jesus in common with each other, even though we were individuals. Just like the early church, we worked on our relationships with each other and learned about living life right as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are all a work in progress individually and as a Church. Thank you for reaching out to me and telling me your story. I appreciate the trust you have in me, and I am very mindful that we are a diverse church, full of strong personalities and opinions! No worries, I have a strong personality and strong opinions too! Pastors, like you, are individuals and we all come to our Churches with different gifts and graces. It's impossible for a pastor to meet everyone's needs. That's why we have talented and dedicated lay people in the church to help pastors out. That's part of being the body of Christ.

I also know that some of you are hurt. Really hurt. I understand, as I have been hurt by Church people when I was a layperson and as a female clergyperson. I acknowledge your hurt, and I am praying for healing for you and for others in the Church. None of us are perfect and I ask for your prayers for me and the Church leadership as we navigate a new way of being in community with each other. I encourage each of us to "think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned".

Pastor's Corner con't...

If you would like to meet with me, feel free to contact me at the Church. I will try to be in the office Mondays through Thursdays from 9-12. You can also make an appointment with me. Please note that my "weekend" is on Fridays and Saturdays. You can also call or text me on my cell phone at 410-443-1115. Please leave me a detailed message if I don't respond right away.

During the month of August, we will be looking at "Living Life Right" with the following Scriptures:

August 3-Luke 12:13-21 August 10-Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 August 17-Isaiah 5:1-7 August 24-Luke 13:10-17 August 31-All Music Sunday

I am grateful for you and the gifts that you bring to the Church community. Thank you for all the love and grace that you have shown to me, Dad, and Bart. We appreciate your gifts and your kindness. Your care and thoughtfulness means the world to us. It's time to show the community the love of our church in Jesus Christ. Invite a friend and/or family member to Church. That's how churches grow, through relationships. Don't keep your church a secret!

Please keep the Church and the leadership in your prayers, Pastor Alyssa



July 17, 2025 MISSION MEETING MINUTES

Present: Deb Lueck, Sue Meeks, Dianne Gray, Roger Schroeder, and Kim Charlier

Diane informed the group that she had been contacted by Aspire Nursing Home and the residents there are in need of toiletry items. They don't want the items bagged up for individuals separately, but just on hand to disperse out as needed. After some discussion it was decided that we should do this instead of our usual Dignity Kit mission in September. Due to the immediate need, we will use Resource Bank funds to get some items to them right away. Then we will ask for donations from the congregation in September.

In August we will be collecting congregation donations for our In-Gathering school kits. These will be bagged up and taken to the In-Gathering in November, to be shipped overseas.

Our ongoing Backpack Mission money will go to the UP Church to provide school supplies for our local kids.

We spent the rest of our meeting time sorting plastic bags for the bedding mat project, putting them in totes and hauling them and the loom over to Fellowship Hall so that GGG could work on them July 29-30. Also, the United Women in Faith expressed an interest in continuing work on this project during their monthly meetings.

Our next Mission Meeting will be August 21 at 1 p.m.

Sue Meeks

AUGUST MISSION

School Kits for Children Around the World



The Back to School Bag Project is a challenge to collect school supplies with your community, and assemble Student Kits. This is an easy, accessible way to be the hands and feet of Jesus by showing God's love to children around the world through these school necessities.

There are many keys to success, but one of the most important is education. In the United States, we often take for granted the blessings we have when it comes to education. Most of us learned with a roof over our head, a solid desk to write on, and the supplies needed to further our learning.

The problem is many students lack desks or the basic supplies needed to accelerate the learning process. We send these items to students who cannot afford, or don't have access to, the items they need to succeed in school. Our Student Kits have the basic supplies that most children would need for school.

















Please take a bag from the back of the sanctuary with the list or you can donate money and we will shop for you!



The Washington UMC Worship Committee met at the Wesley Center Library on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:15p.m.

Linda opened the meeting at 5:20 p.m. with a devotional called, "The Lazy Days of Summer".

Those present were: Linda Soukup, Chris Marshall, Pastor Alyssa Nantt, Shirley Textor, Alison Greiner, Sue Meeks and Jean Potratz. Dana Rembold was unable to attend.

Minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in June.

Pastor Alyssa briefly explained the one-committee model. It would have to be approved by the DS; we may explore this after the first of January.

Committee Reports:

Technology: Linda explained to Pastor Alyssa that we have a new sound system. We may need more education/training on the system. Our goal is still to have a person to work with the sound system more in the future. Jennine and Sue could both work as backup for the Audio-visual equipment operation during services.

Gratitude: Shirley reported that in June, the committee completed care notes to members that are home bound. The Care Note Committee is no longer collecting greeting cards of any kind—they have plenty now. July 31 at 1:00 p.m. in the library, they will be sending cards to residents at the UP Home. Shirley said they would welcome any additional people to write thank you notes, as it takes about an hour for the three people to write them.

Youth and Adult/Education: Shirley is continuing with the book of Acts on Sundays at 11:10 a.m.. Alison explained that the three confirmands will continue with sponsors mentoring them through the year, and that they did not complete everything of the class. They did have emphasis on the Creed, but there may be future informational opportunities to teach more to them. Alison talked about a starting date for Youth Group to begin and for Rally Sunday for this fall. The group decided that Rally Sunday will be on September 14th, and Youth Group will begin on Wednesday, September 10th. For Bible School this summer, Alison said this will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 28, 29 and 30. Plans are being made for this as GGG, Grateful Generations Gathering, by a separate committee. Pastor Alyssa discussed a 4-week Advent study she will do, called "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle—finding faith in the story of The Grinch. She will also be using this as a sermon series during Advent, and there are books available for youth and children as well. The group tentatively decided to do this on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. for the 4 Sundays before Christmas and include both adults and youth.

This would be followed by supper together at 6 p.m., and Wednesday night Youth Group would not be separately held. The Christmas program was also discussed, and determined to be held on Sunday, December 14th. Pastor Alyssa noted that she will be on vacation for two weeks after Christmas. We could have a music Sunday on December 28th, with history of each song included.

Ushers/Greeters/Hospitality: The group discussed completing nametags as people come in so that Pastor Alyssa can more easily learn names. Linda noted that we may need to have someone in charge of the sign-ups for food before Church, and to make calls to remind people, or ask them, to bring food/treats.

Altar/Decorations: Sue will be looking through banners to update the sanctuary décor. She will have hip surgery next week, so asked for any help with getting items from upstairs. Sue also discussed the October fundraiser meal. The group also discussed maybe doing a movie night in late November (The Grinch) as a second fundraiser.

Worship/Music:

- —August 31st—All Music Sunday
- —September 3—Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
- —September 10—Bell Choir Rehearsals resume
- —November 30—1st Sunday in Advent; we will not have all music Sunday that day

Old Business: Nothing noted.

New Business:

Linda discussed times for choirs and youth groups. Is there a way to coordinate times so that Alison and any youth who might want to be in choir can take part? The group discussed this and we will return to the topic at the next meeting.

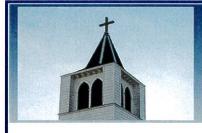
Pastor Alyssa discussed communion and said that it worked out well during July. Slides need to be updated to match with wording in the hymnal. Linda suggested that the offering plate be added near the communion area on communion Sunday, to streamline the service some on the first Sunday of each month.

Linda talked about another church that does a 'noisy offering', which is change added to a metal container so that it was noisy and children could put change in their own offering plate. Shirley suggested that the noisy offering be designated for a specific purpose, and to do it one Sunday a month.

Pastor Alyssa asked if we want to do a Stewardship Sunday; she could do a sermon about this. We could do this together with a meal and dessert auction as an option. It needs to be done before Charge Conference, so that we can emphasize pledge cards completed, etc. Pastor Alyssa will check on dates and we can discuss more next month.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:15 p.m., at the church library.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Alyssa.



Finance Committee

Finance Meeting July 14, 2025

Present: Chairman Rick Meeks, Pastor Alyssa Nantt, Chris Marshall, Tom Patterson, Karen Norman, Bob Helscher, and Jennine Wolf.

Rick opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom seconded; Motion passed.

Chris asked everyone if they received the finance meeting reports by email, as requested at our last Finance Committee meeting to save paper for handouts. Bob and Tom did not receive them, and Rick said he only had some of the file. Jennine will investigate this and correct the problem. She made copies for those who needed them, and committee members reviewed these details at the meeting. Chris noted that the General Fund and Consolidated Fund did not have much change from the prior month. Jennine explained that all the money from the congregation included in the Consolidated Fund for Pastor Anthony's last day has been given to him except for \$50.00 that came in last week. There will be a check issued to him next week for that amount.

Bob Helscher explained the Endowment Fund balances. He told us the interest on the \$50,000 boiler donation is \$453.00 so far. Chris distributed an endowment fund spreadsheet showing what is intended to stay permanently in the funds, and what is available for specifically designated purposes, only if needed by the church, based on the wording of the gifts/bequests. This worksheet also included a second page with wording quoted from the gifts/bequest documentation that Bob Helscher gathered over the past several years.

Chris then discussed very abbreviated financial information to be included in the bulletins for July, as of the end of June. She explained adjustments made to the net income/loss for apportionments paid outside of the current periods for both June and year-to-date 2025. After discussion, a motion was made by Tom to approve this information for use in the bulletin. Karen seconded. Motion passed.

There is a committee being formed to provide input and ideas for the Daycare renting the Wesley Center. It was discussed whether the Resource room could go into the library, or whether another location would be preferred. The group discussed options for use of the Church for Youth Group and Sunday School classes, as well as advantages of the added income and possible disadvantages of such an agreement. They also discussed that there could be foundation money available to make renovations/upgrades for use by the youth if needed. There are potentially several rooms in the church that can be used for Sunday School classes if needed.

Finance meeting con't...

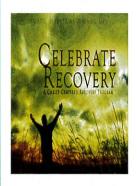
As requested by the Trustees, Chris talked with Matt Miller, our insurance agent for the Church, about any issues with insurance coverage that could arise by renting more of the Wesley Center to the nonprofit Day Care Center. He said the Church's insurance coverage would not change much, but the daycare would have to list the church as the first insured for any reimbursement. Matt said that he would put his thoughts and advice in writing and send to us for further discussion. He said he would suggest both the church and the day care have insurance through the same agency if that is possible..

The next quarterly Church Town Hall meeting will be held on July 27th after the Church service. The group discussed what would be included in that discussion. Mainly, the June month-end financials will be presented in the same format as last quarter, and preliminary information regarding the day care proposal could also be shared to recruit any other Church members who wish to serve on the committee organized by Jeff Leuck. Alison and her team will also discuss any last-minute needs for Bible School/GGG that is scheduled for July 28, 28, and 30.

Chris explained that Pastor Alyssa's first paycheck was issued incorrectly for 10 days rather than six days. After discussion, a motion was made by Tom to leave the paycheck as is to help cover added costs Pastor Alyssa had in staying in a hotel prior to her move to the parsonage. Seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

The group then discussed the cost of moving from Montana to Iowa for Rev. Alyssa Nantt. They asked her what the total cost was, in comparison to the reimbursement by the Iowa Conference. Pastor Alyssa answered the group, stating that she had documentation for both costs and reimbursement. Her total moving expenses, not including hotels, totaled more than \$14,000, of which the Iowa Conference reimbursed \$6,500. Based on further discussion and documentation of Foundation money for the parsonage fund of just over \$10,000, the group discussed reimbursing Pastor Alyssa Nantt the remaining \$7,500 from this fund. A motion was made by Bob Helscher to reimburse Pastor Nantt \$7,500 for moving expenses, after appropriate paperwork for request of the funds is completed and signed by Pastor Alyssa and that she submits documentation of both moving costs and conference reimbursement to the Committee. Seconded by Karen. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with prayer by Committee Chairman, Rick Meeks



Celebrate Recovery

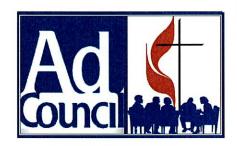
This recovery program is a Christ centered curriculum with foundations firmly established in the Bible.

Recovery from drugs, alcohol, trauma, physical/mental/emotional abuse or any other hang-ups or hurts you have experienced.

Every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Supper and childcare provided.

Please consider volunteering your time

Ad Council Meeting 07/22/2025



The meeting was opened with prayer.

MISSION REPORT

Deb talked about Christmas in July being the mission for July. Next month is school kits. GGG will be making dignity kits to hand out for the Blessing Box. The loom to make the plastic mats for the homeless was taken down to FH. We will flatten and cut the bags for the loom.

FINANCE REPORT

Chris reported the Finance Committee met on July 14th. She presented numbers for approval for the bulletin this week. We are at negative \$25,000 for the first six months of the year. There will be a Town Hall meeting on Sunday July 27th right after the service in FH. Some of the subjects to be discussed are church finances, Daycare and GGG.

Chris explained she talked with Church Mutual about what they should be aware of if the daycare moves to the Church. She said they recommended having the Church and daycare insurance from the same place. Jeff Lueck had sent the proposal to the District Superintendent.

Jeff Lueck spoke about his interaction with the bank and their rules for changing signatures at the bank. The Bank signatures need to be looked at for the checking accounts and the safe deposit box. Wayne Kaufman and Mike Moore's names need to be removed and Rick Meeks, Jeff Lueck, David Birney, and Tom Patterson's names needs to be added to the safe deposit box and the Church banking accounts. Chris said she will help with the bank requirements for the resolutions.

Dave Birney made the motion to approve the signature changes Jeff Lueck seconded

Motion passed

Chris handed out a spreadsheet to give more guidance of how to spend the endowment money more correctly. There was a motion made, seconded and passed to reimburse Pastor Alyssa for unexpected travel expenses from the endowment. Chris has the form and the receipt from Pastor Alyssa.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Wayne is concerned about the eave spouts getting cleaned out. Linda recommended a company to do that job. Jeff has contacted the roof people about the leak from the roof and said they would send someone down the week of July 20th. Bridge's Out of Poverty has had successful programs in Ainsworth. They cannot do the paperwork anymore and have asked the Church to take over the paperwork and the finances. We do not have to have them meeting here. Jeff said we need to make sure groups that use the building are responsible for locking doors and turning off the air conditioning when they leave.

Ad council con't...

WORSHIP REPORT

Linda reviewed the minutes from the July Worship meeting:

Rally Sunday is September 14

Youth group starts September 10

Choir practice begins September 3

Bells will begin September 10

There will be an Advent study for all ages TBA.

A Stewardship Drive is being planned

Christmas program is December 14

All music Sunday is August 31

Robin has worked on cleaning out many of the rooms in the Church

Saturday Kitchen is August 2

Alison talked about upcoming youth projects

PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Alyssa said things are starting to fall into place. She is in the office from 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. Anyone is welcome to call if anything is needed from her. Friday is her day off. She thanked everyone for all their generosity. She said she had a good meeting in Des Moines.

Pastor Alyssa said the Onboarding meeting will be July 31st in FH. Leadership should attend but the whole Church is invited to attend. In September, there are two meetings she will be attending in Montana and Iowa. Charge Conference is November 16 in North English at 3:00 p.m.

SPRC REPORT

Robin spoke about what we have done to welcome Pastor Alyssa.

ENCORE EXPRESS MEALS - Heritage on Aging

Immanuel Lutheran Church Meals for seniors 60+ on 2nd & 4th Thursday each month

These meals are for all seniors over 60-no income requirements-

There is a suggested price is \$5.00 if you have it.

Great food-socializing-educational information available.

For reservations and any questions call 319-653-3950



SEE YOU THERE!



THIS AND THAT

KIDS CORRAL DAYCARE

The Kids Corral Daycare has expressed an interest to rent additional rooms in the Wesley Center so they would be able to move their daycare to our Church.

They have submitted a proposal and Jeff Lueck is forming a committee to discuss this proposal. The first meeting is August 1.

Please call the office if you want to be on the committee.

THANK YOU!

Saturday Kitchen was a success due to help from many people. 92 meals were served and an additional 43 were for takeout. This is a great mission that the church is providing for our community. If you were not able to participate and would like to donate to help defray costs you can direct that to the church office designated to the cause. We hope that no one is missed in the list of those to thank, just know that you played an important role.

Iska Hendricks, Bruce & Julie Timmins, Cathy Kleese, Karen Norman, Bob & Peggy Helscher, Dave & Toni Adrian, Cindy Guy, Deb Cady, Linda Soukup, Alison Greiner, Chris Marshall, Joyce Bryan, Dawn Schindler, Kelly Williams, Lori Bauer & Ann & Jim Williams. The financial donors, Jennine, and Susie from the church office.

Thank you to everyone – Committee Chairs, Lori Bauer & Ann C. Williams



The Mission Committee is asking the congregation to donate some of the following for the Resource Room:

Blankets
Bath towels
Bath toiletries
Kitchen utensils-towels

Things or gifts you may have and have never used...



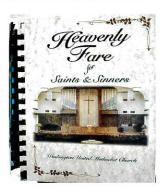
Hawkeye Cans for Cancer

Cindy and Larry Guy would like to remind the congregation that Hawkeye Cans for Cancer is still going strong in memory of their son, Nathan Guy.

If you redeem cans at the Redemption Center in Washington, please tell them you want to donate the deposits to Hawkeye Cans for Cancer.

THE RECIPE CORNER

Recipes taken from the:
"Heavenly Fare for Saints & Sinners" Cookbook
(page 55 & 201)



Pizza Pasta Salad

From the kitchen of Linda VanWinkle

1 (16-oz.) pk. shell macaroni 1 med. sweet red pepper 1 med. green pepper, chopped 1 lg. tomato, chopped

1 lg. tomato, chopped 4-6 green onions sliced

1 can sliced mushrooms, drained 1 (2-1/4-oz.) can sliced olives, drained

2 T. parmesan cheese

2-1/2 oz. sliced pepperoni

2 clove garlic 1 tsp. oregano 1/2 tsp. salt 1/4 tsp. pepper

1 (8-oz) bottle Italian Dressing

1 c. mozzarella cheese

Cook macaroni, drain and cool. Add all other ingredients mix well. Chill. Just before serving add bottled dressing and cheeses.





Cherry Blossoms

From the kitchen of Marcia Robertson

2 (8-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened

2 eggs 3/4 c. sugar 2 tsp. vanilla Vanilla wafers

1 (21-oz.) can pie filling

Beat eggs and sugar; add cream cheese, cut in pieces. Beat 10 minutes. Add vanilla. Put 16 liners in cupcake pans. Place a whole vanilla wafer in bottom of each pan. Fill each 3/4 full with cream cheese mixture. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. They will be pale and sink in the middle when cooled. Remove from paper and fill with cherry or blueberry pie filling.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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Craig Arbuckle Iris Peterson

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Keaton Crawford

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Margaret Crawford

Lea Smothers

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Samantha Ellingson Nicole Enfield Virginia Reighard

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Rebecca Kaufman Wendy Smith **Joe Sotelo**

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Michael Garrels Lynda Jarrard

8

Fletcher Brower

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Heath VanWinkle Natalie Vergara 10

Gladys Ferguson Kara Williams

11

Makenyn Liska Alberta Thornton

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Jennifer Shive Heather Sterner

13

Margaret Jarrard

14

Jerry Young

15

Linda Soukup

16

Dan Hill

17

Angie Bodkin Gaylen Jarrard

20

Rosemarie Kaufman Matt Leeper Dwight Sutton Knox Williams 21

Aimee Enfield Beth Evanovich

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Mary Maxted

23

Alexis Edwards

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Alexis Moore

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Alicia Fredrick Cramm

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Jennifer Stout

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Amy Greiner Anita Moore

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Kolton Hinrichsen Ashley Roate

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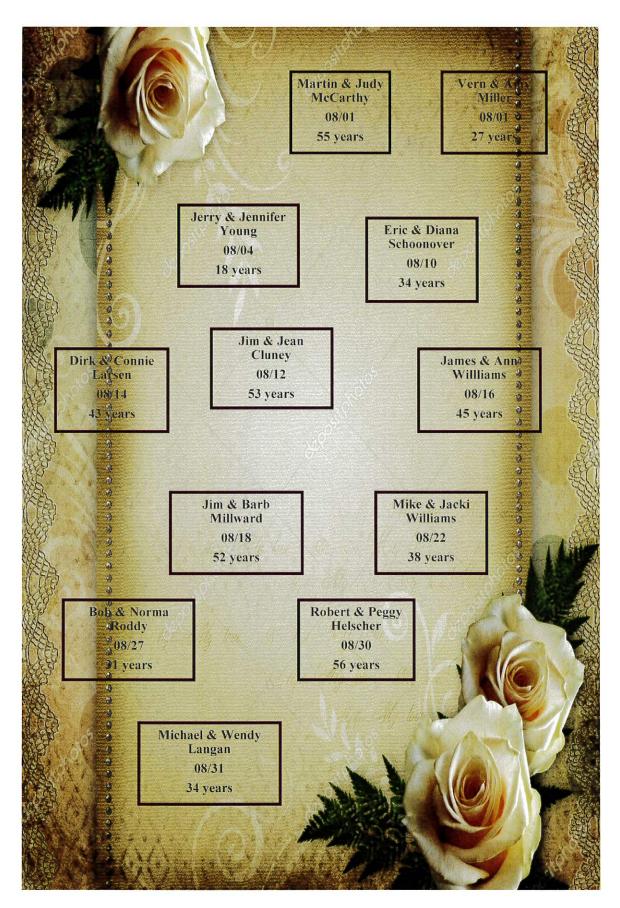
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BOLD NAMES

90+ BIRTHDAYS







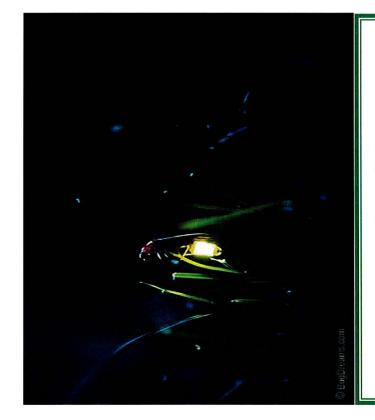
August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Day Off	2 Saturday Kitchen
COMMUNION Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:10 a.m. Library	4 Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.mLibrary	Zoom Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m.	Clergy Meeting 10:00 a.m. FH Praise Team Practice	7	Pastor's Day Off UWF—12;00 p.m. Pizza Ranch	9
Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:10 a.m. Library	Men's Fellowship 9:00 a.mLibrary Finance 1:30 p.m. Library SPRC meeting 6:30 p.m. Library	Zoom Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Library	13 Praise Team Practice	14	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
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31 All Music Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:10 a.m. Library						

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ВЕТИВИ SERVICE REQUESTED



AUGUST Meeting House

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Sunday Worship

Traditional Service: 10:00 a.m.