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NOTICES

OCC Christmas in July| Update

Thank you for supporting our 6th Annual OCC Christmas in July! God blessed us with a great turnout of 128 volunteers and participants. Through donations and the Silent Auction, \$4,220 was raised—helping Maranatha reach our \$10,000 goal to ship 1,000 shoeboxes! Please continue praying for the children who will receive these boxes and the Good News of Jesus.

Dort's Compassion Closet | Volunteers Needed

New location-Additional information is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 11 • 12:00PM - 6:00PM

At the Gathering Place in the Ministry Center Building.
Sign-up appreciated; Walk-ins Welcome.

Connect With Us

Need to update your info or want to connect?

Scan the QR code or fill one out at the Welcome Desk.



Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors.

Scan the QR code for easy online giving.



Events

Want to know what's coming up?

Scan the QR code to view upcoming church events.

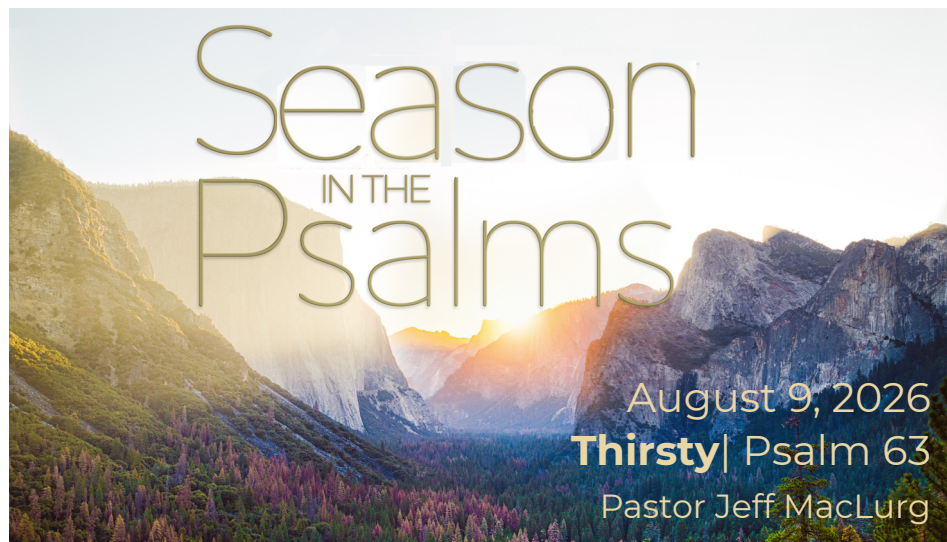


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WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Nursery | Preschool (during sermon time only)

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway and for pre-school children at the end of the south hallway.

Children's Activity Kits

Available next to the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

Fellowship

Join us following the worship service every Sunday for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's, Youth Sunday School

Will start September 13, 2026.

Adult Sunday School

Will resume in Fall.

TODAY

Welcome to today's service, as Pastor Jeff continues with week six in the series, *Season in the Psalms*.



WAYS TO CONNECT

Congregational Care Ministry

Sign up: QR Code or Welcome Desk

What if one conversation, prayer, or visit could remind someone they're not alone? Our ministry shares Christ's love with those facing illness, loneliness, or hardship. Want to help? We'd love for you to join us.



Annual Picnic & Baptism | Sunday, August 23

Join us at **Arrowhead Bible Camp**, New Auburn, following the morning service. There will be no coffee and donuts at the church, as fellowship will be held at the camp.

Potluck lunch will begin around **noon**, followed by the **Baptism Service at 1:00 p.m.** Please **sign up at the Welcome Desk** with your guest count and the dish you plan to bring, and remember to bring your own lawn chairs.

If you are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Tony or Pastor Jeff.

Playground Dedication | Save the Date

August 30, 2026

Join us as we celebrate God's provision and dedicate our newly renovated playground _ More details coming soon!

Men's Boundary Waters Trip | Save the Date

September 17-20, 2026

This is a primitive canoe trip into the Boundary Waters—portaging, fishing, campfires, and time away from distractions to enjoy God's creation and brotherhood. Contact Pastor Tony if interested.

Women's Fall Retreat | Save the Date

October 9 - 11, 2026

It's early—but mark your calendars! Featuring speaker Jennifer Dougan

Thirsty | Psalm 63
Pastor Jeff MacLurg

Wilderness Living

What's on the mind?

People thirsty for God...

- ... keep _____ (v. 1).
- ... love to experience _____ (v. 2).
How?
- ... are wowed by _____ (v. 3).
How to be:
- ... spill over with _____ (v. 4).
Why?
- ... find that God _____ (v. 5).
- ... choose to _____ (v. 6).
- ... see God _____ (v.7-8).
(1 Peter 1:4-5)
- ... confidently _____ (vv. 9-11).

Lessons from the Wilderness

1. You get spiritually deeper only by _____.
When reading your Bible, look for _____.
When you come to worship, _____.
2. Grow trust in the wilderness, by _____.
3. _____, _____.