



## Weekly Announcements for the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Scripture Verses for July 20<sup>th</sup>

- Jonah 1:1-3; 3:1-2
- Acts 9:4-16

### Scripture Verses for July 27<sup>th</sup>

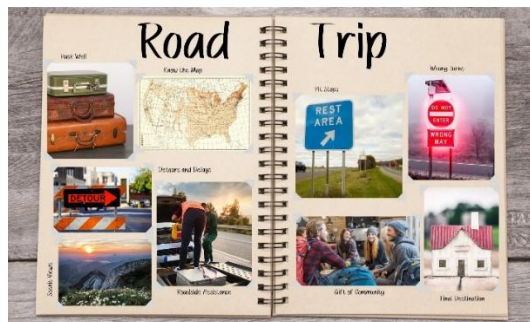
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### Scripture Verses for August 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10
- John 14:1-7

### Message Series: Road Trip

Temps are rising, school is almost out, and vacations are on the books. It's Summertime! And what better way to spend the summer than to get in the car and take an adventure. Or better yet a ROAD TRIP! Speaking of Road Trips, join us at LMC as we look for direction, rest, assistance, community and grace along the way. Join us as each week we consider a way that following God is a bit like a road trip. We will dive into the stories of those who faithfully followed God in the past and learn how it applies to our present and future. So, start your engines and make your way to LMC because the Road Trip is about to begin!



### Midweek Connect to Pause

The Midweek Connect Bible study, which meets on Wednesdays at 8:30, will be hitting the annual "pause button" until September 10th. When the study resumes, we will be exploring "The Chosen" - Season 5. We hope you can join us in September.



### National Youth Gathering Livestream

Want to experience the NYG Mass Events in the Superdome? You can see what LMC youth are experiencing through the NYG livestream. Each evening, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30pm, Mass events can be viewed at [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com). Closing worship will be livestreamed at 10:00am on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Due to production and copyright laws, no content will be viewable at a later date or time. We hope you will journey with LMC as we discover the theme - Endure!

### NYG Facebook Bible Study For Those At Home!

Friends and family at home can take part in Gathering Bible Studies! On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of the event, Gathering Bible Study leaders will be leading an online audience. Those back home are encouraged to tune in at 10 am (CDT) on Sunday, July 20, and 12 pm (CDT) on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22, on the [LCMS Youth Gathering Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/LCMSYouthGathering) to dive into the book of Hebrews and participate online! These studies will give friends and family the opportunity to connect deeply with Gathering content and prepare them for meaningful discussion with their youth.

## Weeding Wednesday!

The next weeding Wednesday at LMC will be **July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM**. Something for everyone to do. In addition to weeding, there are several bushes to prune. If you have a power trimmer and/or hand trimmer, please bring it along. THANK YOU!



## All Garden Lovers

Save the Date for our LMC Annual Garden Tour on **Wednesday, August 20th**. We will be visiting a beautiful and extensive flower garden and a square foot vegetable garden. Both men and women are welcome to attend this year! Please invite your friends. We will be starting **at 6:00 p.m.** More details to come.



## Youth Send-off to the NYG

LMC is invited to pray over and send off LMC youth to the National Youth Gathering. Those who wish to send off the youth and chaperones can arrive at **9:45** at the LMC parking lot this **Friday (7/18.)** Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

## Help with Hunger in River Falls and around the World!

You might be aware of the River Falls Community Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack that's scheduled for this fall (**Tuesday, September 9th and Wednesday, September 10th**) at the Tattersall Event Center. Our Men's Journey Team has donated to this project, so Luther Memorial members who would like to help with the meal-packing can register before the general public. **Reister at this website:** [give.fmssc.org](http://give.fmssc.org). There are also blue information cards on the table in the church fellowship area. Call/text (715-821-9327) or email Brian Schultz if you have any questions.



Besides this opportunity to serve, there is also a **large need for funds to support our River Falls Community Food Pantry**. There are many local families who need this service on a weekly basis. Many of you donate food items regularly in the shopping cart, but cash donations can be used to purchase many more needed items. **We have an anonymous donor who is willing to match up to \$500 in cash donations received by July 21st.** This would be a great way to show God's love to our neighbors. Let's Join Jesus on His Mission!

## Support 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church with Washington State Peaches

Place your order for delicious peaches:

- 1 single layer box for \$26
- 2 or more single layer boxes for \$25 each

The peaches should arrive the first week of August at 1<sup>st</sup> Congo (110 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, River Falls)

3 ways to order:

- 1.) Email: [office@firstchurchrf.org](mailto:office@firstchurchrf.org)
- 2.) Sign up on website (under "Connect") [www.firstchurchrf.org](http://www.firstchurchrf.org)
- 3.) Call: (715) 425-2052 order Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM or leave a message

Order Deadline is July 28<sup>th</sup>. When placing an order, please provide, name, phone number, and the number of boxes you would like to order.



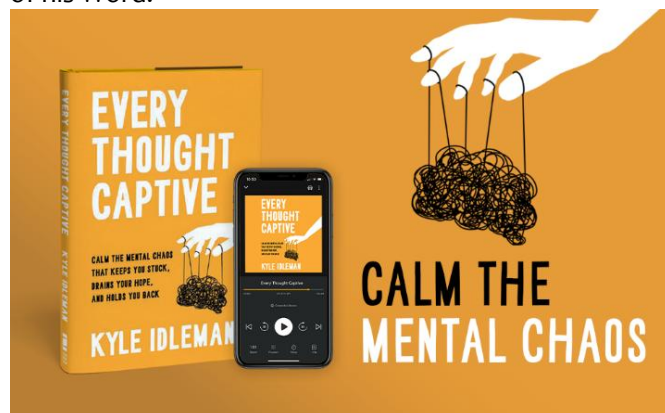
## FREE Concert on the Lawn: (1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church)

- Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00-8:00 PM
- Slapdash Bluegrass Band & Rollin River Mobile Hospitality Food Truck
- 110 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, River Falls WI

**75th Anniversary Trivia** - The anniversary planning committee is asking for your help in coming up with some trivia questions. If you can think of some good trivia, please place it in the drop box. If you know the answer, please include it, but if you don't, we can probably find it! Thanks for your help!

## NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Chad:

Are your thoughts leading you toward transformation or conformity? Are they building you up or tearing you down? Are they drawing you closer to God or pulling you away? In Every Thought Captive, you will explore a topic crucial for your spiritual growth: the battle for your mind. In Romans 12:2, we read these words: "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Just like molten glass, our lives are constantly being shaped and molded by the thoughts we think. Join pastor Kyle Idleman for a five-session journey where you will learn to actively and intentionally challenge your thoughts. This isn't a study on the power of positive thinking—or how you have the power to change your life—but about learning how God made your brain. He will transform your life as you learn to take every thought captive and submit it to the truth of his Word.



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RSVP NEEDED!

Our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service and lunch will be at **Kilkarney Golf Course** on **September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

- 10:00 Worship Service
- Noon: Program & Lunch
- **RSVP DUE BY AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

There is a significant cost associated with the lunch being catered at Kilkarney, so we need to know how many people to plan for. (A free will offering to help offset the cost will be received.) **AN RSVP WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

Please click the [LINK](#) to RSVP, use the QR code, or feel free to email Monica

([ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org](mailto:ministrycoordinator@lmcrf.org)) if you prefer.



**Babysitters Needed!** We want to support the Young'ish Adult group by providing childcare for the 90 minutes that they meet on **Mondays**. If you are able to assist, please sign-up [HERE](#). For any questions, please contact [Chad Schuermann](#).



### Youngish Adult Missional Community:

If you are a young'ish adult and have been looking for a Bible study group, and/or some fun folks to hang out with that also love Jesus, check out the LMC Young'ish Adult Group! They are now meeting every week on Mondays at 5:00 for a meal and then study, beginning around 6 pm. We will be diving into *Practicing the Way* by John Comer Mark Comer as we learn practices for Following Jesus everyday. Want to know if this group is right for you? Call/text Brandon: (715) 781-6063 or Bekah: (612) 806-6718. Childcare is provided.

**Coffee for a Cause!** We are serving "Promised Grounds" coffee on Sunday morning during "Sweet Jesus" time. We will have the coffee available for purchase (whole bean only). Proceeds will go toward C4 continents missions and every ounce sold is an ounce of clean water for someone in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country through "Filters of Hope!" [BUY HERE](#)



**Giving at LMC:** We recognize we have givers from every generation at our church, so whether you're still writing a check faithfully, or if you give online, we're excited to announce we recently added four new ways to give using digital wallets:

1. PayPal
2. Apple Pay
3. Google Pay
4. Venmo



When you go to the Give Now Link, Choose my account and then payment method. You can then choose from your bank account (ACH) or one of the other above methods listed above.



### Raise Right Cards: Gifting that gives back!

Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Luther Memorial. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands. Whether you buy the gift cards

to give as presents to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts— Luther Memorial earns with every gift card purchased. You may also pick up a retailer list and order forms at the Raise Right table on Sunday mornings. You may also order cards in the church office. Refer to the dates below for ordering dates. Scan the QR Code to order from the entire online catalog.

## Opportunity to Submit Prayers to

**Pastor Chad:** Submit a prayer to Pastor Chad with this [LINK](#) or scan the QR Code. All prayers will be anonymous unless indicated otherwise. If you'd like the church to pray for them, please indicate that. The power of prayer is SO GREAT!



## This Week at Luther Memorial:

Sunday 7/20	LMC YOUTH (& Staff) @ NYG 8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship
Monday 7/21	LMC YOUTH (& Staff) @ NYG 2:00 PM Schultz MC (@LMC) 5:00 PM Youngish Adult Group 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:15 PM Church Softball Game (Hoffman Park) 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 7/22	LMC YOUTH (& Staff) @ NYG 5:30 PM Options for Women Meeting 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community
Wed 7/23	LMC YOUTH (& Staff) @ NYG 8:30 AM Mid-Week Connect
Thursday 7/24	LMC YOUTH (& Staff) @ NYG 8:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM NAMI
Sunday 7/27	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship
Monday 7/28	2:00 PM Schultz MC (@LMC) 5:00 PM Youngish Adult Group 5:00 PM Warner Shepherd Group Party 6:30 PM Slate Missional Community 7:15 PM Church Softball Game 7:00 PM Brace Missional Community
Tuesday 7/29	9:30 AM Snack Bag Packing 11:00 AM LMC Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ross Missional Community
Thursday 7/31	8:00 AM Bible Study
Sunday 8/3	8:00 AM Sunday Worship 9:15 AM Sweet Jesus Time 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 11:30 AM Shepherd Council

## Worship Assistants: July 20<sup>th</sup>

July 20th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Crystal Halverson	Crystal Halverson
USHER	Ryan Schumacher	Valdi Magstadt
GREETER	Bishop Family	Sandy Bowen
CLICKER	Jill Wurdell	Levi Schuermann
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gunderson's Anniversary	
READER	Kris Strub	DeAn Krey
VIDEOGRAPHER	Tony Brace	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Linda Kirk & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Linda Nowak	
ALTAR GUILD	Lana Meyer & Marilyn Anderson	
LAWN MOWING	Dean & Katie Mielke	
SWEET JESUS	Tony Bylander & Family	

## Worship Assistants: July 27<sup>th</sup>

July 27th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Ellen Schultz	Ellen Schultz
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Chad Schuermann	Chad Schuermann
USHER	Greg & Jill Wurdell	DeAn Krey
GREETER	Jeff & Lana Meyer	Marilyn Anderson
CLICKER	Curt Leighty	Stacia Turchin
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	Bobbi Jo Lierman	Elaine Sorenson
VIDEOGRAPHER	Ben Wurdell	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Pat Armstrong & Sally Martin	
FOOD SHELF	Linda Nowak	
ALTAR GUILD	Lana Meyer & Marilyn Anderson	
LAWN MOWING	Terry Ross	
SWEET JESUS	Turchin Family	

## LMC Softball Team Schedule 2025

Date	6:00 PM	7:15 PM
7/21/25		LMC vs Abundant (Field 1)
7/28/25		LMC vs 1st Cov (Field 1)
8/4/25		LMC vs Spirit of Grace (Field 2)
8/11/25	LMC vs St. B's (Field 1)	

## Worship Assistants: August 3<sup>rd</sup>

August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Anita Slate	Anita Slate
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Crystal Halverson	Crystal Halverson
USHER	Ed Swenson	Sandy Bowen
GREETER	Carol Olsen	Sandy Brace
CLICKER	Brian Schultz	Donna Taranto
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	Jill Wurdell	Candy Bettendorf
Videographer	Gabe Wurdell	NA
Raise Right	Pat Pierce & Greg Wurdell	
FOOD SHELF	Julie Swenson	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Roger Buchholz	
SWEET JESUS	Halverson Family	

## Worship Assistants: August 10<sup>th</sup>

August 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
MUSICIANS	Praise Team	Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Melody Boersma	Melody Boersma
USHER	Michael Guell	Pat & Susan Pierce
GREETER	Dan Halverson Family	Clint Riese Family
CLICKER	Jeff Meyer	Anita Slate
ALTAR FLOWERS		
READER	Crystal Halverson	Felix Wahlquist
VIDEOGRAPHER	Curt Leighty	NA
RAISE RIGHT	Heide Bishop & Lise Klingler	
FOOD SHELF	Julie Swenson	
ALTAR GUILD	Catherine Elzinga & Denise Guell	
LAWN MOWING	Corbin Halverson	
SWEET JESUS	Anne Ross	

