



The Messenger

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Times of worship -

- Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
- Sunday Worship 10:00 am

The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

Next Messenger: August 31st!

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

August 9 John 6:35; 41-51

"Coming Together in Grief" - Gwen Hoffmann will lead worship

August 16 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

"When we are Weak, then We are Strong"

St Paul understood that God often works through our weakness. Sometimes God allows adversity in our life to continue to produce in us humility and dependence on Him. His grace is sufficient!

August 23 Ephesians 6:10-13

"Be Strong in the Lord"

St Paul had already understood that our true strength has to come from the Lord our God. We are weak and we are in a battle against spiritual forces in heavenly places. The battle is with darkness, fear, discouragement, temptation, and forces that seek to lead us away from God. God's protection and armor are our only defense and our offense is in his principles of trust, prayer, and praise.

August 30 Mark 7:14-23

"It's the Heart that Matters"

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that it our relationship with God really wasn't about rules but that it was about a heart relationship. He warns us to keep our heart pure and right with God. This can only come from living in communion with the Lord.



Funding of \$6,000 for our first Heifer International ark was completed by the end of May. The Vacation Bible School kids donated \$885 toward the second ark. Together with the other donations in June and July, the total for the second ark is currently \$1415. Continued donations are welcome. Checks can be made out to FUMC and marked with the word "ark" on the memo line. Carol Winterboer, Missions



"Finally brothers and sisters.....if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

During WW II Dr. Victor Frankel, author of the book "Man's Search for Meaning" was imprisoned by the Nazis because he was a Jew. His wife, his children, and his parents were all killed in the holocaust.

As the Gestapo made him strip, he stood totally naked. And as they cut away his wedding band Victor said to himself, "You can take away my wife, you can take away my children, you can strip me of my clothes and my freedom, but there is one thing no circumcumstances can ever take away from me - and that is my freedom to choose how I will react to what happens to me!"

No matter what the circumstances are in our life we have the ability to choose. We can choose worry and fear, discouragement and despair or we can choose to trust in God for our needs and our hopes, knowing that He always has our best interest in mind. We can choose to focus on fear, or we can choose to focus on faith, joy, and peace.

When Handel wrote the "Hallelujah Chorus" his health and his fortunes were at the lowest possible point. His right side had become paralyzed and all of his money was gone. He was heavily in debt and threatened with imprisonment. He was tempted to give up the fight. The odds seemed too great. Yet it was in the midst of these circumstances that Handel wrote his greatest work - the Messiah. Many experts say that as he turned to God in praise the Spirit filled him with great joy. It is joy that we hear in the Messiah. Joy and peace often come in the times of greatest adversity as we choose to trust in God!

May God be with you,
- Pastor Dennis Bailey -

Ingathering Kits

We have received all of the supplies needed to fill the Ingathering School Kits! Thanks so much for your generous donations.

Our focus now is on the layette kits and health kits. The items most needed for the layette kits are packages of cloth diapers. Please note that the diaper pins have already been ordered in bulk so we have enough of those.

Other items for the layettes are receiving blankets, baby washcloths, small sleepers and small onesies. The 0-3 month size works best for the sleepers and onesies.

Donated items can be placed in the basket in the east entry to the church.

Items needed for the health kits are adult size toothbrushes (1 per package in original sealed wrapper), bath bars of soap in wrapper (3 oz. or larger), fingernail clippers, plain band-aids (3/4"), new hand towels (size 15"x25" up to 17"x27"), with matching washcloths. We already have all the combs needed for the health kids. There is a second basket in the entry for the health kit items.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, the members of the mission committee will do the shopping for you.



Our Sympathy to Amy Carpenter and family in the death of her father.

And to Roy Osterlund and family in the death of his mother.

Presented For

Baptism
Myla Jean Pudenz,
daughter of Josh & Ashlee Pudenz.



FOOD PANTRY-- Items from the grocery cart in the east entrance for the Carroll County Community of Concerns Food Pantry were delivered in July. We were made aware that the greatest needs at this time are canned fruits and deodorant.

Life Serve Blood Center will be here August 17, 12:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Schedule your appointment online at: lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 800-287-4903 and earn donation points for a limited-edition can koozie in your choice of school colors.

Caring for Caregivers Information meeting, Aug. 6th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1844 Highland Dr. 6:30 p.m. Come and learn about this wonderful ministry and how to support it!

Please note that the Carroll Co. Family Development Center has items needed for local children. This list includes the same as the Ingathering list but also includes back packs, colored pencils, pencil cases, scotch tape, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, index cards (3x 5) pocket folders, 3 ring binders 1", 2" or 3", Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Kleenex, and Ziplock bags (gallon). These items may be placed in the basket in the hallway under the bulletin board.



IT'S A BOY!
CONGRATULATIONS to Pat & Jadee Lybyer who have a baby boy, Grayson Michael.

THANKS - Elizabeth and I want to thank our friends for your thoughts and prayers. We really appreciate your love and concern. Jody & Elizabeth Jones.

And THANK YOU from Glenn & Lucy Lockhart for cards and thoughts received for their 60th anniversary.

POP UP BOUTIQUE at the hospital atrium. Aug. 5th (9-5) and 6th (8-3). All items \$6.00.

COMMUNITY MEAL -Free to all people of our Community at St. John Lutheran Church - August 12, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Home Made Ice Cream
Come One & All

Sunday - August 30
3 - 5 P.M.

Bring Your Family & Friends

Attendance

July 18 - 18 July 19 - 75
July 25 - 21 July 26 - 91

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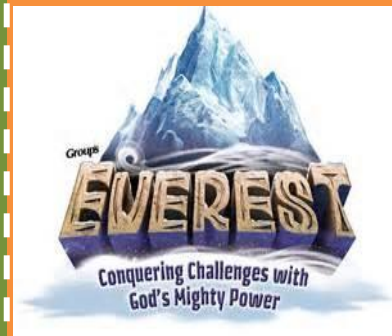
NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Calendar for August 4th to 31st

TUESDAY	Aug. 4
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
WEDNESDAY	Aug. 5
THURSDAY	Aug. 6
9:30 a.m.	Friends Breakfast at the Family Table
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Aug. 7
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Aug. 8
9:30 a.m.	Carroll Co. Historical Society
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship Gwen Hoffmann, leader
SUNDAY	Aug. 9
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Gwen Hoffmann, leader
MONDAY	Aug. 10
4:00 p.m.	German Club
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
TUESDAY	Aug. 11
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Devotions @ Hawkeye Care Center
WEDNESDAY	Aug. 12
7:00 p.m.	WEteam Meeting
THURSDAY	Aug. 13
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Aug. 14
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Aug. 15
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	Aug. 16
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	Aug. 17
12:30-5:15pm	LifeServe Blood Drive
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
TUESDAY	Aug. 18
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Devotions @ Hawkeye Care Center
11:00 a.m.	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
WEDNESDAY	Aug. 19
10:30 a.m.	Swan Place
6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Admin. Council
THURSDAY	Aug. 20
Noon	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Aug. 21
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Aug. 22
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	Aug. 23
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	Aug. 24
4:00 p.m.	German Club
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
TUESDAY	Aug. 25
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Devotions @ Hawkeye Care Center

WEDNESDAY	Aug. 26
THURSDAY	Aug. 27
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Aug. 28
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Aug. 29
8:30 - Noon	Girl Scouts 458
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship Communion
SUNDAY	Aug. 30
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Communion
3:00-5:00p.m.	Ice Cream Social for Everyone by WEteam
MONDAY	Aug. 31
4:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA

Can't attend church but still want to be a part of worship? Download a free App from the App Store called: Livestream. Then look for FUMC Carroll and you can see the Sunday service as it happens!



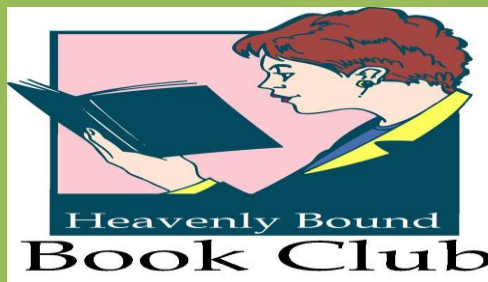
VBS has come and gone for another year. It is exciting to look back and see all the different lives that our church touched in that one week, from young 3 year olds to the 70 year olds. From those that attend our church, to those who come from the Catholic faith or no faith at all.

Everest had 91 registered kids. We had some kids that brought different friends or relatives throughout the week and those would be in addition to the 91. We had over 40 different volunteers that helped throughout the week. Not all of them were from our church, but many who were from other churches are ones that keep coming back to help us because they love sharing God's love to others through the VBS format.

Of the 91 kids that were registered 40% were United Methodist. 23% were unchurched or had no church home. 19% were from our Catholic community.

One of the exciting things we saw during the week was the amazing way that God reached these kids. We found an awesome letter that was written by one of the unchurched children addressed to God. It talked about going to church to learn about God and how He is with you all the time and how important it is to pray. What an exciting thing to see and know our church had a hand in developing his faith.

During the week we collected an offering to go to a 2nd ark. The kids raised \$825. For their efforts we always do something that is a little crazy and fun. This year we got to pie Christena Miller with 4 different pies. Sammie Walsh tried dry and wet cat food. Alexa and Emma got their hair colored with colored hair spray. Every year lots of work, time and money go into our VBS. Every year we make a difference in this community through our VBS and it shows how important all that time, energy and money is. We are making disciples of Jesus Christ!



The Heavenly Bound Book Club
is such fun. You won't want to miss it. We laugh, we cry, we are serious, we are funny!

The **August** dates are **Tuesday the 18th**, at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come **Thursday (the 20th) at noon** also at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The August book is
The Hiding Place
by Corrie ten Boom.

From Amazon:

"Every experience God gives us . . . is the perfect preparation for the future only He can see."--

Corrie ten Boom

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil.

Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people. For 35 years millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still. Now *The Hiding Place*, repackaged for a new generation of readers, continues to declare that God's love will overcome, heal, and restore.

"A groundbreaking book that shines a clear light on one of the darkest moments of history."--Philip Yancey, author, *The Jesus I Never Knew*

"The Hiding Place is a classic that begs revisiting. Corrie ten Boom lived the deeper life with God. Her gripping story of love in action will challenge and inspire you!"--Joyce Meyer, best-selling author and Bible teacher

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WORSHIP
10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays