

"Where the Word of God is preached and people come to know the Lord"

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From Pastor Karen

2 Corinthians 8:13-15

¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

These verses from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth were part of our lectionary readings the last Sunday in June, and while I didn't preach on them, they have been ringing in my head ever since. In discussing how we are to go about living a Christian life, Paul is saying that our blessings, our abundance, our gifts don't exist solely for our own benefit. In fact, they don't even exist primarily for our own benefit. When we are blessed with an abundance- an abundance of wealth, of time, of talents- they are to be used to bless others. They exist to be a blessing for others. Our abundance exists to meet the needs of others. Likewise, should be able to rely on the abundance of others were we to ever find ourselves in need.

I know this way of living flies in the face of what the world teaches us. It is utterly at odds with the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" and "look out for #1" mentality that is so prevalent in our culture. But as Christians, we are often called to things that are counter-cultural because we are called to follow Christ, to put God's will ahead of our own.

The other day I came across a meme on Facebook that said something like, "No one should ever have a billion dollars. If you get close to having a billion dollars, you should get a plaque that says, 'I won capitalism' and everything else you make gets donated to charity." It is a both funny and sad commentary on the world in which we live. I know it can be really hard for us to always identify what "too much" or "too little" is. Certainly, a world where some people can buy whole islands while millions die of starvation qualifies, but the lines get murkier where most of us are. It might be hard for us to truly see our own abundance or the needs we could meet around us. Still, I think our faith calls us to try. So, prayerfully, look for the abundance in your own life, and when you find it, give thanks. And then look for ways that your abundance might be able to meet the needs of another. None of us can do it all on our own. We all need each other. Paul knew that. God certainly does.

In Christ, Pastor Karen

As we move into the beautiful days of summer and the season of vacations and BBQs, it can be easy to forget those that struggle on a daily basis to make ends meet and to put food on their dinner table. Food insecurity does not take a vacation and we are sincerely grateful that you are always here for us Your friendship means more to our clients than you will ever know.

The wish list for the month of July is as follows:

Juice, brownie mix, hot chocolate, cream of chicken or mushroom soups, chicken noodle soup, green beans, corn, canned chicken or tuna, egg noodles, men's and ladies deodorant.



We hope you can support the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project this summer. Many children in other countries are in need of supplies in order to attend school. You can return all items to the church in the school supply box in the Narthex by September 1st.

- 5 unsharpened pencils
- 5 black or blue pens (not gel pens)
- 1 2 1/2 inch pink eraser
- 1 ruler with centimeter & inch markings
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 box 24 crayons

(the completed kits will also include notebooks and scissors that are being purchased)



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Andrew, Louise & David Winger, Diana Kowalka, Betty Harper, Charles Winger, Lois Vanhorn, Barbara Hower, Sandy Moherman.

The family & friends of Louie Smith as they mourn his passing.

The family & friends of Janice Yeater as they mourn her passing.

***In Our Continued Prayers:** Bonnie Wuthrich, Joanne Offhaus, Lyn Sorensen, Jonathan Baltes, Taryn Wolfe, Natalie Anderson, Pat Hamler, Curt Hall, Mike Austen, John Wolfe.*

FFP Work Day

We need YOUR help! There is a Fleming Falls Preserve, (FFP) Work Day, (formerly Camp Mowana), located at 2276 Fleming Falls Rd. which is "near and dear" to many of your hearts...this work day is scheduled for Saturday, July 10 from 8:30-3:30PM. Come out and see the changes and improvements that will preserve this treasure for many years to come. Come to work for an hour or come for the whole work day. To register for the work day and if you plan on joining us for a brown bag lunch, you must email Deb

McKee-FFP Volunteer Coordinator, djmckee53@yahoo.com or call or text: 419-566-5091.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

07/01—Pastor Karen Liddy and Pastor Randy O'Donnell

07/09—Dave & Diana Kowalka

07/21—Rich & Pat Carlisle

07/23—Raymond & Karen Warren

07/23—Tom & Jane Reed



JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/02—Diana Kowalka

07/08—Ron Boyd

07/13—Maisy White

07/21—Barb Dreher

Audrey Breault

Evan DaHinden

07/29—Jeff Davidson

07/30—Jane Reed

Pastor John Wanamaker

Birthday High Light:

July 2 Diana Kowalka
433 Buena Vista Ashland

July 30 Pastor John Wanamaker
845 Mowry Dr.
Ashland



June/July Lectors

4-Jul Dave Kowalka

11-Jul Erin Schaefer

18-Jul John Byron

25-Jul Dan Bishop

1-Aug Natalie Anderson

8-Aug Javier Garcia

25-Aug Craig Hovey

22-Aug Dave Kowalka

29-Aug Wendy Wasnich



Dorcas Circle

Dorcas circle resuming our quilt-making on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:00. We are looking for people to help....no sewing skills required. (At various times we are looking for people to cut, iron and tie knots!) Come every time or come occasionally. Happy for any and all help. Contact Cindi Twining or Freda Cook with any questions.



Saturday, July 10 @ 7pm

Guy C. Myers Memorial Band Shell

(209 Parkside Dr, Ashland, OH)



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#FreeConcert
ShineFMOhio.com




New Directory

I am working on a new directory to come out in July. Please let me know if you have a new address or phone number.

You can put a note in my office door or send me an email at peace2office@zoominternet.net.

Thanks!
Tabatha

July 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10-Worship/Comm.  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 <i>Pastor Karen on vacation</i> | 9 | 10 RED CROSS Blood Drive 10am-2pm |
| 11 Pastor Wanamaker 10-Worship | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 10-Worship/Comm. | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 10-Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Pastor Karen on vacation</i> | 30 | 31 |