

SEPTEMBER

Sauk Centre United Methodist Church The Messenger

Pastor's Notes

Happy September everyone! I don't know where the summer went, do you?! It seems that fall is descending upon us rapidly, and the days are getting a bit shorter. If you were in doubt about fall approaching, Starbucks and Caribou have started serving Pumpkin Spice Lattes, so there you have it, fall is here! I'm hoping that everybody had a fantastic summer and that you were able to get out and do something fun together. I was grateful to be able to travel and spend some time with family and friends.

Now that fall is approaching, things are beginning to change. Kids are getting ready to go to school and teachers and other educational staff/administrators are preparing for the school year. This year, as with last year, is going to be a challenge. We are not sure what is going to happen, but we are preparing for what might lie ahead for us. Time and time again, with my visits with educators, they have asked for prayers for strength and for the patience and kindness of others. So I'm asking all of you to keep educators in your prayers. The same goes for doctors and medical staff during this difficult time, they could all use your support.

So while we get back into our fall schedule and things begin to get busy again, I ask that you take a pause. Take a pause- take a deep breathe, relax. I recently attended a workshop that talked about the importance of rest and spiritual self centering. I'm not always the greatest at "taking it easy" but I realize the importance of allowing myself to take moments throughout the day to catch my breath and devote a few moments to prayer and thought. Since implementing those moments of pause, I've discovered it's easier to get on with my day. One such trick that I use is a breathing exercise. You breathe in the words, "Ya" and then breathe out "weh". That exercise in itself, is a prayer. Yaweh is another name for God, coming from the ancient Hebrew tradition. Try that exercise and see if it helps you become more centered and focused.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Remember, take time to breathe my friends!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jake



For the month of September, we will be collecting school supplies for local schools. The supplies are used for elementary children who come to school without the needed materials. Why not pick up a few items from the list when you're shopping and drop them in the box in the gathering area? Needed items:

Backpacks (new)
Crayons--24 pack
erasers
glue sticks
#2 pencils
washable markers
colored pencils

spiral notebooks
pocket folders
small pencil sharpener
3-ring binders
dry-erase markers
post-it-notes





CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS:

Jim Weber	September 3
Maggie Pfremmer	September 7
Carol Struss	September 16

We celebrate YOU on your special day!

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH:

Glenn & Marcia Wills Sept. 2

Best wishes for many more!



GREY EAGLE UMC'S 15th ANNUAL HOG ROAST SET FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

Last year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, inside dining was not an option so the hog roast was changed to drive-up service only. It was a tremendous success! In prior years they've served around 150, so they planned for 200 because they felt people were wanting to get out of the house, even if it was for take-out. They sold out in less than 90 minutes, and left many of our friends and families disappointed. This year they are planning for 300 so if you were one of those left disappointed they shouldn't run out this time. Because of the recent outbreak, they plan to offer both inside dining and take-out, with the possibility of shifting to all take-out if conditions worsen.

As in prior years the net proceeds will go towards future building improvements and repairs, with ten percent going to a local charity. This year's charity is "support for help with local school fees and providing coats for children in need".

We invite you to come to the hog roast to enjoy a great meal!





LATE START CLUB

Our church, along with Gradatim, will once again be hosting Late Start Club. We will need help preparing and serving the breakfast starting at 7:30. We will also need help from those wanting to supervise and play with the kids from 7:30—10:00 am. Please let Bonnie know if you'd like to help in September.

Here are the dates for the 2021-22 school year:

- September 22
- October 27
- November 17
- December 15
- January 12
- February 23
- March 16
- April 20
- May 25.

STEARNS COUNTY PIONEER CLUB, Inc.



Remember the good old days? Bring the whole family and join in the fun. Be sure to attend the 47th annual Albany Pioneer Days Threshing Show that will be held at the Stearns County Pioneer Club Showgrounds just north of Albany on September 16, 17, 18 and 19th.

This year is a four day show and we are featuring International Tractors and Equipment, Gas Engines, Trucks and related equipment. Great fun for everyone, young, old, and in between!!

Check the website www.albanypioneerdays.com for details. For Information call 320-249-0331.



LIVE STREAMING HELP NEEDED!

Looking to add to the team of people that offer our live streaming ministry. Training is offered. You can shadow a few times before going solo. We use an Apple laptop, but with practice you can do it. Ask one of the people that already help on Sunday!

The time commitment is about 15 minutes before worship starts and a few minutes after to put things away.

Take a step outside your comfort zone and try it! Contact Garry Nelson at 320-492-2588 or nelsminnesota2000@yahoo.com.



Wishing our students, teachers and administrators heading back to school a *productive* year, in whichever form that may come.

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