

# The Weekly Update

## JULY 18, 2025



# SPARK'DWELL

On Sunday, our youth will give a wrap up to their week at The Dwelling. Here's a peek into what they will talk about!

If you've been following us on social media this week, you've seen daily video updates from our youth sharing their powerful "God Moments" from the mission trip. It's been an eye-opening, spiritually enriching experience for them!

Throughout the week, they learned about an organization called Deep Time—a specialty coffee roasting company in Asheville, NC. Not only did they enjoy incredible coffee and meaningful work, but they also learned about community, purpose, and service in a new way.

Here's a glimpse into their story...

Deep Time is a specialty coffee roaster with a powerful mission: to foster a faith community for individuals who have been incarcerated. They provide meaningful employment and workforce development through coffee roasting—with dreams of expanding into cafés, food trucks, publishing, media, and more. Their work is rooted in the belief that everyone carries God-given dignity and potential. Born out of the stories of their West Asheville neighbors, Deep Time responds to the real barriers faced by those re-entering society: being turned away from churches, denied housing and jobs, or left without shelter.

Their message is clear and full of hope:

**God offers deep time, not hard time.**



Here is what our leaders and youth have to say about what they've learned about this ministry...

*"On Tuesday, we met with Dustin Mailman from Deep Time Ministries, and I haven't stopped thinking about it since. It started with coffee. What amazed me was how something so ordinary, brewing a cup of coffee, became the foundation for something extraordinary. Dustin shared how he's using coffee to create connection, community and opportunity for people who've been unhoused or incarcerated. Folks who've face some of the hardest roads. Through this ritual, he's giving them ore than just warmth in a mug—he's offering job skills, stability and a sense that they matter. His approach moved me deeply. It reminded me that healing starts with dignity. That something as simple as being seen can anchor someone back into the world. I left that meeting feeling inspired, more committed to the belief that compassionate action- no matter how small- can ripple outward in powerful ways.*

*It's not just what Dustin is doing, it's how he's doing it. With integrity, warmth, and an unwavering belief in people. It gave me hope. And it affirmed what I've always felt in my heart; love, when it shows up consistently and without an agenda, it changes everything!"*

If you'd like more information about Deep Time Ministries, or to support them by buying their excellent coffee, scan the QR Code or go to their website- [www.deeptimeavl.org](http://www.deeptimeavl.org).





# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a time of honest conversation, encouragement, and spiritual growth as we dive into Proverbs 5—a chapter that speaks directly about wisdom, temptation, and the importance of faithfulness.

Come ready for meaningful discussion and connection with other men seeking to walk faithfully. We meet every other Thursday at 7:45 am @ the church. Our next meeting will be July 31<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you!

Questions? Reach out to Leon Rock at [runningrock82@gmail.com](mailto:runningrock82@gmail.com).

# GOD'S BIG BACKYARD



# NEXT SUNDAY



Scan to  
Register

**God's Backyard is almost here!**  
**This isn't just any summer gathering—it's fun with purpose**

- Water slide for the kids
- Cornhole tournament for adults
- Burgers, hot dogs & more for everyone
- Sorting food donations for Common Heart (pickup at 1 PM!)

**Bring your donations, your appetite, and your whole family.**  
**Let's make some memories while serving our neighbors!**

You've done an amazing job so far—let's keep the momentum going! Let's see just how much we can collect for Common Heart and make a big impact together!

**No time to shop? No problem! If you'd prefer to give financially, we'll do the shopping for you. Just be sure to mark your donation "Common Heart Food Drive."**

Thanks for being part of this meaningful effort to care for our neighbors!

## Item's we are looking for:

This food drive will focus on items that kids especially need during the summer, but we gladly welcome all donations—nothing will be turned away! The most needed items: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, macaroni, canned fruit, healthy snacks, granola and cereal bars, instant oatmeal and grits, SpaghettiOs, canned ravioli, juice boxes, and other drinks. The healthier the items, the better!

## FIRST ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



COMMON  
HEART

a small revolution of kindness

**We need tents! If you have a 10x10 or larger tent we can borrow for the event, please see Laura or Pastor Melody!**

**WHO  
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# PRAYER list

## MEMBERS:

JENNY BOOTH  
JUNE BROOKS  
JIM BURNS  
DENNIS DOWNEY  
LINDA FARIES

KATHI & FRANK MACARINE  
BILL SCHWINDLER  
**JOE & CRISS UCMAN**  
JD WINFREY

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law  
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans  
Sue Azukas, friend of Jerry Putnam  
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father  
**Ellis Baldwin, Julie Rutkowski's brother-in-law**  
Ann Bauer, friend of Kathi Macarine  
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer  
Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother  
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother  
**Mark & Leigh Ann Duda, friends of Larry Stratemeyer**  
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland  
**Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet**  
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son  
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson  
Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter  
Jarmo Forsblom, Jouni Forsblom's brother  
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother  
Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl  
Kelly K. Prayers for healing  
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband  
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz  
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father  
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend  
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband  
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin  
Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl  
**Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation**  
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister  
**Victoria Pollard**  
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends  
Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law  
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri  
Burt Sweet, June Brooks' son  
Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents  
Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans  
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter  
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm      Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm      Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm  
Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

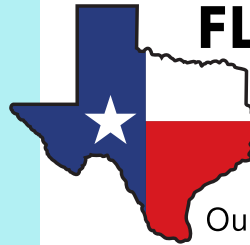
## 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Bratschie- President      Lori Meath  
Jill Jurgensen- Vice President      Chris Frisina  
Felicia Eybl- Secretary      Jerry Putnam  
Kati Goode

# Happy Birthday

Gabe Simpkins  
Nate Taylor  
Keith Whitener  
Sonia Moore  
Declan Wellborn

JULY 19  
JULY 20  
JULY 23  
JULY 23  
JULY 24



## FLOOD RELIEF FOR TEXAS HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Our hearts break with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas.

We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to "pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property. As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work. If you would like to donate to Lutheran Disaster Response, go to <https://give.elca.org> or click the link below.

## Coming up this week...

Sunday, July 20- 8:15 am Traditional Worship  
9 am Coffee Hour  
9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Contemporary Worship  
11:30 am- Celebration of Life Planning Party  
Monday, July 21- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday, July 22- 12 pm Staff Meeting  
1 pm Congregational Care Team Mtg.  
2 pm Community Care Team Mtg.  
6:30 pm Council Mtg.  
Table Talk  
Friday, July 25 - 9 am Weight Watchers  
4 pm Family Meet Up @ the Simpkins' House  
Saturday, July 26- 8-10 am Weight Watchers