



# THE MESSENGER



Gladbrook Methodist Church

August 2025

**AD COUNCIL MEETING** will hold its next meeting on August 25 @7:00pm. Please have any agenda items to Dana by August 22 by 2pm.



**Sunday School** will begin in September. For more information contact Pastor Gideon or Nancy Keiser.



## Gladbrook Methodist Women News ...

### We will be collecting school supplies during August.

These items will then be offered to our families with school aged children. Any items left over will be donated to several area schools. Please do not feel you have to purchase everything on this list.

**Spiral notebooks- Wide ruled, single subject Rulers**

**Erasers- 2 inch pink or white type**

**Colored pencils box of 12**

**Crayons box of 24**

**Student scissors- round or safety tipped**

**Plastic pencil box or pouch**

**Kleenex**

**Please have your donated school items to the church by August 17th.**

**We do not need pencils this year. We have received a generous donation of hundreds of pencils.**



**August 11th 4-6pm**

**August 25th 4-6pm**

The local Food Pantry is open to anyone in need. We are open to the public the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 4-6pm.

Or at other times due to an emergency, by calling Dana @ 641-750-2219.

### Items needed in the food pantry

The food pantry is in need of donations of...

baked beans,  
canned fruit,  
flour,  
sugar,  
baking soda,  
corn starch,  
cake mixes,  
muffin mixes,  
jelly,  
crackers of any kind,  
breakfast bars,  
toilet paper,  
paper towels,  
dish soap and laundry soap.

## **“A Biopsy Of Your Heart”**

- <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!  
<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

**-Psalm 139:23-24-**

When David wrote this psalm, in a way he was asking God to take a biopsy of his heart, the kind that a cardiologist cannot do. When God diagnoses one's inner thoughts, He makes no mistakes. He sees the true condition of the heart.

What are some of the dark spots that can be detected by a spiritual biopsy? Here are some possibilities: *pride, arrogance, hatred, jealousy, coldness, envy, lust, an unbridled tongue, and a host of others.*

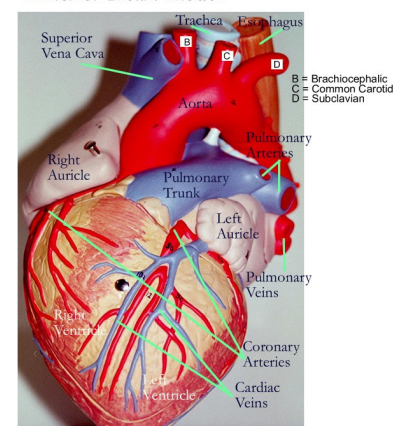
If God should do a biopsy of your heart and have the angels in the laboratory of heaven put it under the microscope, what do you think they would find?

God already knows what is in your heart. He knows it all. He sees it all, and He takes note of the true condition of your life. The flip side of this truth is that He also knows your love for Him and others that flow from your heart. The New Testament writer of Hebrews put it like this: *“He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we must explain all that we have done”* (Hebrews 4:13).

Instead of thinking of God as a policeman, a judge with a book recording our failures, David thought of Him as a loving Father who will forgive and who will guide us into the path of righteousness. *“But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared,”* David wrote in Psalm 130:4.

**Pastor Gideon**

Anterior Heart Model



# KIDS' CLUB

Gladbrook Community Kids' Club invites children (kids) in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grades in the Gladbrook area to participate in Kids' Club.

Kids' Club meets monthly after school from September through April at Gladbrook Methodist church or Peace UCC church and is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the community. The program for 2025-2026 will be Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23 The following Kids' Club dates (Wednesdays) and location:

September 10 Methodist church

October 1 Methodist church

November 19 Methodist church

December 10 Methodist church (family pizza night)

January 14 Peace UCC church

February 11 Peace UCC church

March 11 Peace UCC church

April 1 Peace UCC church

If there is an early dismissal or cancellation due to weather, at either GMG or GR, on a scheduled Kids' Club date, Kids' Club will also be cancelled. For details, please follow

Facebook page:

Gladbrook Community Kids' Club

sept 2025



The Gladbrook Community Vacation Bible School was held June 17 - 19 and June 21, 2025. Bible school met on June 21 rather than June 20 due to inclement weather and a power outage on June 20. We appreciate the flexibility of our families and leaders in making this change.

Our theme this year was True North. At True North VBS, children and adults used their imagination to explore the wonders of Alaska as they learned about our true north, Jesus. Jesus is our unchanging loving guide. When we wonder, when we are lonely, when we are powerless, and when we need hope, we can trust Jesus.

We are grateful to the parents, grandparents, and others for bringing their children to share in vacation Bible School. Thirty two area children attended VBS this year.

During VBS the children rotated to different activities, which included Sing and Play Peak, Wild Bible Adventures, Sticky Scriptures, Tundra Treats, Glacier Games, Imagination Station, and Closing Compass.

We are very thankful for our creative, enthusiastic leaders who shared their faith, time, talents, and resources. Leaders this year were Beth Koester, Dave Koester, Marcia Koester, Paul Koester, Becky Fish, Linda Schneider, Kay Lowry, Terri Lamb, Susan Strohbehn, Joshua Gallo, Kevin and B.J. Williams, Anna Hancock, Adel Dorsey, Pastor John Granchie, and Jhona Lyn and Pastor Gideon Gallo. We also are very grateful to our crew leaders that rotated with the children to various activities. Thank you Ari Pierce, Deb Granchie, Donna Brisson, Ruthie Gallo, and Pastor John Granchie. We extended our thanks to Steve Moe for helping with our audio visual needs and to Dana Brown and Alannah McHenry for helping with publicity, registration, and our production needs.

Our mission project was Operation Kid to Kid, which this year is helping to raise money for winter clothing and blankets for children in North America. A total of \$180.70 was donated. Through a partnership with World Vision, each \$5 donation will provide \$70 worth of winter clothing or blankets to children in need.

Treats were provided each day and a meal was prepared for our VBS children and their families following our final closing worship services. We thank the members of the Gladbrook Methodist congregation for donating food for refreshments and the family meal. We also appreciate the help we received with decorating and preparation.

A special thank you to the Traer VBS for sharing their animal buddies, scene setter, and sticky scripture decorations.

We are grateful for all that prayed for Vacation Bible School. We ask you to continue to pray for the children that attended. We pray that the seeds of faith that were planted continue to grow.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving.

Nancy Keiser, 2025 VBS Coordinator

**PRAYER CORNER:** Pray for God's peace and reconciliation to overcome all hatred, conflict, and war, people under persecution everywhere, and our many unspoken concerns, our military families, our law enforcement and safety professionals, those experiencing mental health concerns.

**Pray for comfort and healing for all those in its need:** Larry Pieper, Dwight Surber, Deb Koester, Avriel Koester, Nina Wadsworth, Ruth Lamca, Jim Quisberg, Don & Carolyn Anker, Kari Groth, Janell Gienger, George & Galene Groves, Carolyn Groth, Dale Haack, The entire Vint/Teny family.

## Lectionary Readings for the Month

### August 3

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

### August 10

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

### August 17

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

### August 24

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

### August 31

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### **Psalm 119:105**

**<sup>105</sup> Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path.**



Let's get social!

The GMW would like to invite every woman of our church family to join us for social time August 20st at 9:30 am.

We will be enjoying refreshments and good fellowship together as we reconnect with each other in person.



### **Farmers Market has begun!**



**We are meeting on Monday evenings starting at 5pm until 7 pm.**

**"Like" our Facebook page for weekly updates for when the freshest produce will be available in our church parking lot.**

**Anyone who has something to sell in a farmers market/ vendors fair format is welcome. There is no charge to become a vendor.**

**Contact Dana 750-2219 for more information.**

**Facebook: Gladbrook Farmer's Market for weekly updates**



The **H.A.N.D.S.** Gladbrook Area Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Independent Living. **August 6th** is their next meeting. Come join us to knit, crochet, and short devotional. Visitors/new members are always welcome, even if you don't knit or crochet. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Moe or Rose Russell or Dana Brown.





1 Bob Knaack  
 1 Erin Murty  
 1 Kevin Williams  
 2 Doug Bruene  
 6 Emily Putney  
 9 Corrine Jensen  
 10 Joan Appelgate  
 12 Janell Gienger  
 14 Cael Carlson  
 16 Carolyn Anker  
 16 Samantha DeWitt  
 18 Steve Keiser  
 21 Bonnie Murty  
 24 Bob Murty  
 25 Kathy Herink  
 27 Brianna Strohbehn  
 30 Dan DeWitt  
 31 David Brown



4 Cornell & Cathy  
 Gethmann  
 15 Steve & Marcia Koester  
 19 Larry & Corrine Jensen  
 20 Dave & JoAnn Ruopp  
 26 Bob & Marcy Knaack  
 27 Paul & Avriel Koester  
 27 Don & Carolyn Anker  
 29 Dan & Samantha DeWitt



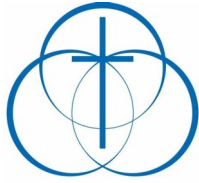
***For your participation in our  
church activities during the  
month of July***

Ushers, Acolytes, Projectionists,  
 Liturgists, Organists, Singers,  
 Committee Leaders & Members,  
 Communion Stewards, All those that  
 work tirelessly behind the scenes to  
 make our church a special place.

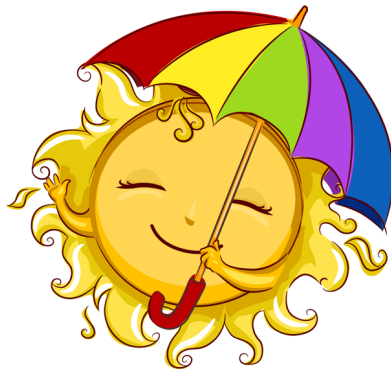
**Pastor Gideon**



Aug. 3 Doug & Ashley Bruene family  
 Aug. 10 Katie Chizek  
 Aug. 17 Dan & Sam DeWitt family  
 Aug. 24 Mike & Barb DeWitt  
 Aug. 31 Becky Fish  
 Sept. 7 Cornell & Cathy Gethmann  
 Sept. 14 Duane & Kari Groth  
 Sept. 21 Nancy & Steve Keiser  
 Sept. 28 Bob & Marcy Knaack  
 Oct. 5 Paul & Avriel Koester  
 Oct. 12 Matt & Beth Koester family  
 Oct. 19 Dave & Lisa Koester  
 Oct. 26 Logan & Emma Koester  
 Nov. 2 Phil, Deb & Kyle Koester  
 Nov. 9 Mark & Angie Knaack  
 Nov. 16 Paul & Avriel Koester  
 Nov. 23 Steve & Marcia Koester  
 Nov. 30 Rob & Kathy Herink  
 Dec. 7 Caleb & Alannah McHenry  
 family  
 Dec. 14 Jeff & Cheryl Bruene  
 Dec. 21 Pauline Flamme  
 Dec. 28 Bob & Bonnie Murty



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## AUGUST 2025 WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### **ACOLYTES**

Aug. 3 Tate Koester  
Aug. 10 Beau DeWitt  
Aug. 17 Charlette Bruene  
Aug. 24 Cade DeWitt  
Aug. 31 Codi DeWitt

### **GREETERS**

Aug. 3 Doug & Ashley Bruene family  
Aug. 10 Katie Chizek  
Aug. 17 Dan & Sam DeWitt family  
Aug. 24 Mike & Barb DeWitt  
Aug. 31 Becky Fish

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Aug. 3 Carolyn Moe  
Aug. 10 Kevin Williams  
Aug. 17 Dave Koester  
Aug. 24 Paul Koester  
Aug. 31 Carolyn Moe

### **PROJECTION**

Aug. 3 Jhona Lyn Gallo  
Aug. 10 Steve Moe  
Aug. 7 Steve Moe  
Aug. 24 Roger Luehring  
Aug. 31 Roger Luehring

### **PIANIST**

Aug. 3 Sam DeWitt  
Aug. 10 Ann Vibbard  
Aug. 17 Sam DeWitt  
Aug. 24 Sam DeWitt  
Aug. 31 Sam DeWitt

### **USHERS**

Steve Keiser, Al Vibbard,  
Josh Gallo

### **COMMUNION STEWARDS**

August 3— Scott & Kathy Vavroch

### **Messenger**

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