



The BEACON

The Official Newsletter of Christ Church United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois
An Open & Affirming WISE for mental health congregation

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From The Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we enter June, I am filled with a mix of emotions as it marks the first anniversary of my dad's passing. Sadness washes over me, but I find solace in remembering that my parents accepted and loved me for who I am.

My parents faced challenges concerning my identity as part of the LGBTQ+ community. This concern is all too real in today's world. Pride Month serves as a reminder of this ongoing reality.

Despite these difficulties, my parents loved me for who I am. They played a significant role in shaping the person I am today. It deeply troubles me to hear stories of parents rejecting children of their own flesh based on sexual orientation. My parents, who were not of my flesh, saw beyond labels.

Let's celebrate the diverse tapestry of God's creation, a reminder that God loves us all identities equally. At Christ Church UCC, the LGBTQ+ community holds a special place in our hearts. We believe in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." This translates to equal treatment for all, ensuring the LGBTQ+ community has the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. It's not about special privileges but fairness and creating a level playing field.

Love, acceptance, and inclusion aren't just words on a page for us; they're the essence of our Christian values. We practice them daily, striving to create a safe and welcoming space where everyone feels they belong.

Let's celebrate the courage of those who have fought for the equal rights all God's children deserve. We continue their fight for a just world where everyone can live freely and authentically.

The Open & Affirming WISE Committee has some incredible events this month, and I encourage you all to participate!

- Pride Community Celebration: Saturday, June 1st at Maine West, 3-7 pm
- "5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche" Play: Saturday, June 29th at Wobbe Hall, 2 pm
- Pride Sunday Service: June 30th, 9:30 am

Ultimately, Pride Month celebrates love in all its beautiful forms. As 1 John 4:8 reminds us, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Let's continue cultivating a Christ-centered community that reflects this love, fostering acceptance, understanding, and hope for all.

In God's Love,
Rev. Gilbert

Growing In The Word of God

For all those who are following the Scripture lessons used during the Sunday Worship Services, here are the June and July 2024 Common Lectionary readings:

June 2: 1 Sam 3:1-10, (11-20); 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-2:6

June 9: 1 Sam 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 16: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; 2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 23: 1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

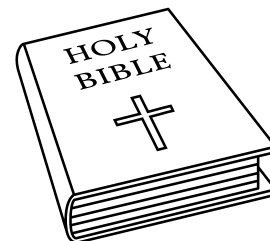
June 30: 2 Sam 1:1, 17-27; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 7: 2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 14: 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 21: 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28: 2 Sam 11:1-15; Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



Pastor's Office Hours:

Sundays: By Appt before or after worship.

Mondays: Phone, Video, or Appt.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 10 am - 3 pm*

Thursdays: By Appt.

Sabbath: Fridays and Saturdays

Finance Manager's Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Administrative Assistant's Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10 am-3 pm

STAFF MEETING: Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm

The office phone is not answered.

**Can schedule later appointments on a case-by-case basis. For emergencies, call the pastor on his cell: 224-250-9898*

COMMUNITY BACKPACK PROGRAM

Suggested items - please, no glass jars!

- Single-serve breakfast cereal
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Pancake mix (add water variety)
- Canned red beans
- One-pound bags of rice
- Pasta and pasta sauce (in cans or plastic jars)



- Canned tuna, beef or chicken
- Peanut butter and jelly (in plastic jars)
- Fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit snacks
- Individually wrapped snacks and chips
- Canned pasta (ravioli, beef-a-Roni, stew, or chili)
- Canned soup

Giving

Did you know our church offers online giving and text-to-give? They're easy to use and secure! You can give a gift of support online at <https://bit.ly/ChristChurchUCCGive> or give via text message by texting the amount you would like to give to 847-750-3007.



Kindness is free.
Let's sprinkle that stuff everywhere!



SUNDAY CHURCH MINISTRIES

	<u>Liturgist/Lector</u>	<u>Council Greeter</u>	<u>Streaming Coordinator</u>
June 2	Holly Schmidt	Alice Barnhart	John Skibbe
June 9	Holly Schmidt	Steve Bay	Mandy O'Donnell
June 16	Alice Barnhart	Holly Schmidt	John Skibbe
June 23	Jacob Guerra-Martinez	Bob Neil	Mandy O'Donnell
June 30	Putz-Cheng Family	Mandy O'Donnell	John Skibbe
July 7	Megan Shipp	Laura Hallberg	Mandy O'Donnell
July 14	Holly Schmidt	Judy Rosedale	John Skibbe
July 21	Alice Barnhart	Steve Bay	Mandy O'Donnell
July 28	Jacob Guerra-Martinez	Alice Barnhart	John Skibbe



Ushers

June 2	Rita Barth, Gary Smith, Cathy Wiesner, George Bielat
June 9	Jan Storm, Donna Boyko, Alice Barnhart, Julie Radman
June 16	Rita Barth, Gary Smith, Cathy Wiesner, George Bielat
June 23	Jan Storm, Donna Boyko, Alice Barnhart, Julie Radman
June 30	Rita Barth, Gary Smith, Cathy Wiesner, George Bielat
July 7	Jan Storm, Donna Boyko, Alice Barnhart, Julie Radman
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POTLUCK

Come and bring a dish for the potluck dinner and join us for fellowship.



June: The dinner will be at 6:00 pm on **Wednesday, June 12, 2024.** *The theme is Summer Salads.*

July: The dinner will be at 6:00 pm on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024.** *The theme is Taco Fiesta.*



Lets Get Involved!

Men's Lunch:

Next meeting is Monday, **June 10th at 11:45 am**. Next month's meeting will be Monday, **July 9th at 11:45 am**.

Sunrise Grill: 1930 E Touhy Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60018



Women's Breakfast:

Next meeting is Tuesday, **June 11th at 9 am**. Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, **July 10th at 9:00 am**.

Sunrise Grill: 1930 E Touhy Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60018

NOTABLES: The Notables will meet again to prepare for the coming busy season. As always, in Wobbe Hall from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Kyle Speer for more details.



Christ Church Book Club: Join our Christ Church Book Club on Wednesday, June 5 at 1:00pm to discuss the book "The Last Thing He Said To Me" by Laura Dave. We hope you can join us.

TRINITY COMMUNITY LUNCHEON: Trinity Lutheran Church of Des Plaines offers a monthly drive-through community lunch on the second Saturday of each month. **On June 8th and July 13th, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm**, all are also welcome to bring their meal inside for fellowship.



MISSION COMMITTEE: On the first Sunday of every month, we collect food for the Self-Help Closet and Pantry of Des Plaines. The Red Barrels will be in the narthex. **Please, no expired food;** here are a few suggestions:

- Pasta sauce (plain)
- Flour
- Sugar
- Instant coffee
- Breakfast cereal (chocolate if possible)
- New or like-new clean bed linens and towels
- Men's stretch boxer briefs
- Women's, girls, boys, children all sizes underwear
- Toddler underwear (3-5)
- Maxi pads and tampons
- Women's Depends (size M)
- Ensure, Boost, Glucerna (generic ok)
- Clean, dozen size empty egg cartons
- New socks - women's & children's
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dog food (canned and dry)
- Cooking oil
- Juice (large bottles or boxed)
- Canned dinners (hash, chili, pasta)
- Ketchup
- Mayo
- Mustard
- Canned fruit
- White rice
- Peanut butter
- Jelly or jam



Thank you everyone for all your help.



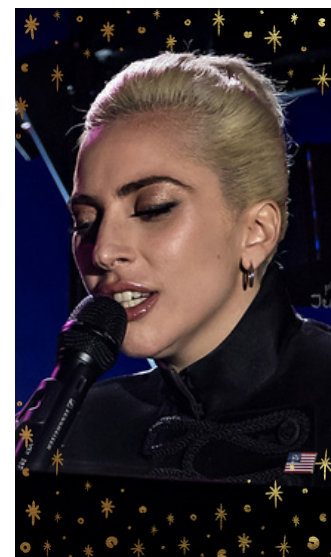
Plastic Recycling Challenge: Christ Church started a plastic recycling challenge in October. The goal was to collect 500 pounds of plastics! We are at 762+ lbs!

Keep bringing your plastic!

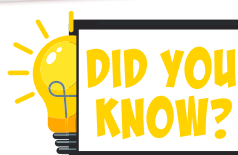
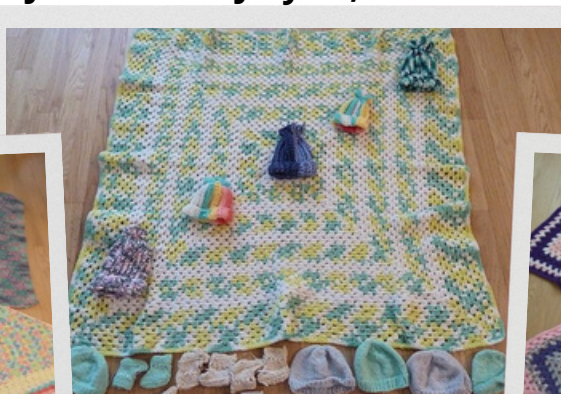
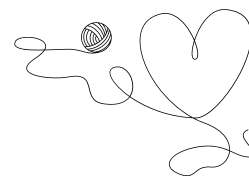
June Sermon Series:

Join us for a sermon series exploring faith, identity, and acceptance through the lens of Lady Gaga's iconic music. Each week, we'll delve into a scripture passage alongside a powerful Gaga song, finding unexpected connections and messages of love, resilience, and the strength found in our true selves.

- June 2: Mark 2:23-3:6 – **Alejandro: Finding Faith When Love Feels Foreign**
- June 9: Mark 3:20-35 – **Telephone: Can We Hear Each Other?**
- June 16: Mark 4:26-34 – **Bad Romance vs. Radical Growth: Finding Faith in the Unknown**
- June 23: Mark 4:35-41 – **Poker Face: Faith in the Face of the Storm**
- June 30: Mark 5:21-43 – **Born This Way – Finding Strength in Faith and Identity**



GET IT TOGETHER: Tiny Toes & Big Hearts! Our Get It Together group crafted these blankets, hats & booties for Project Baby Blanket! They'll bring a little love to NICU babies. Can you crochet or knit? Consider joining our group! The third Wednesday of each month. The next meetings will be on **June 19 and July 17, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.**



The number of UCC ONA certified church is rapidly approaching 2k!

Mission Committee Organizations

What is Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)?

OCWM is a way for UCC congregations to financially support the broader work of the denomination. Donations to OCWM go towards four key areas, known as Covenanted Ministry Partners:

1. Office of General Ministries:

- Oversees the leadership of the UCC (President and General Minister)
- Manages national meetings (General Synod)
- Handles communication and publishing efforts for the UCC

2. Local Church Ministries:

- Provides resources and support for local UCC congregations
- Helps with ministerial development and training
- Offers resources like sermon outlines and music for worship

3. Wider Church Ministries:

- Supports UCC outreach efforts, including disaster relief
- Promotes inclusivity within the UCC (multicultural, LGBTQ+, accessibility)
- Global Ministries (in partnership with Disciples of Christ)
- Works with international partners to address global issues

4. Justice and Witness Ministries:

- Advocates for justice, peace, and compassion in society
- Provides resources and training for UCC leaders on social justice issues
- Operates immersion centers focused on social justice education

Overall, OCWM allows UCC congregations to contribute to a wider range of ministries beyond their local church. It supports leadership, resources, outreach, inclusivity, and social justice efforts within the UCC.



Holy Joe's Cafe isn't your typical coffee shop. Founded in 2006 by members of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, Connecticut, it's a ministry of the United Church of Christ (UCC) with a caffeinated twist.

This unique outreach program delivers free coffee to chaplains serving on military bases around the world. By providing a taste of home and a warm beverage, Holy Joe's Cafe aims to bring a bit of comfort and support to troops stationed far from loved ones.

Mission Committee Organizations

Northwest Suburban Day Care Center

The Northwest Suburban Day Care Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a heart for children. They offer subsidized care for children ages 15 months to 5 years old from low-income families. More than just childcare, they provide a nurturing environment where:

- Children learn: Their engaging programs promote early childhood development through play-based learning and age-appropriate activities.
- Friendships blossom: They foster a warm and friendly atmosphere where children can build social skills and make lifelong connections.
- Potential is unlocked: They believe in each child's potential and strive to prepare them for future academic success and a bright future.

By supporting Northwest Suburban Day Care Center, you're investing in the lives of children and the strength of our community.



Bring Your Blanket & Spirit to Lake Opeka's Music Night!

Join us for a delightful evening under the stars at Lake Opeka on Wednesday, June 19th, at 7PM! Pack your picnic basket, grab your favorite lawn chair, and settle in for a night of fantastic music—perfect for the whole family! Make memories, sing along, and enjoy the beautiful summer air! Keep an eye out for our church banner!

SAT. JUNE 1, 2024 | 3-7 PM

MAINE WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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THAT COMES FROM EMBRACING WHO YOU ARE.**

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An open & affirming WISE for mental health congregation.

May 19, 2024

Dear Jake,

On behalf of the congregation at Christ Church UCC, I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for your outstanding work on your Eagle Scout project. Your dedication and skill in refurbishing the benches in our church garden and installing solar-powered lights along the walkway are commendable.

The refurbished benches now provide a welcoming and comfortable space for our members to gather, reflect, and enjoy the garden's serenity. Additionally, the solar-powered lights significantly enhance the walkway's safety and accessibility, especially during evening hours.

Your project, a shining example of the core values of the Eagle Scout program – service, leadership, and responsibility- has contributed significantly to the beautification and functionality of our church grounds. You have set a positive example for younger scouts who aspire to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, and we are proud to be associated with your achievements.

Your selflessness and dedication, Jake, have not only improved our church grounds but will also touch the hearts of our congregation and visitors. Your Eagle Scout project has become a symbol of community spirit and service, and we are truly grateful for this lasting gift.

Thank you once again, Jake. As you embark on your future endeavors, we are confident that you will continue to make a positive impact. We wish you all the very best.

Blessings,

Rev. Jon Gilbert Martinez
Pastor



CHRIST CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2024**Call to order:** 7:03 pm**Roll Call:**

Holly Schmidt, Judy Rosedale, Bob Neil, Mandy O'Donnell, Laura Hallberg, Steve Bay

Also present: Pastor Gilbert

Prayer**Approval of March 2024 meeting minutes:**

Motion made, seconded and carried by the council

Financial Report

- Information was sent out to the Council members
- Question on the cost of the internet from Comcast as seen in the February report (\$500 for internet and phone). Will follow up with Kyle.
- Motion and second made to approve the financial report as sent out – the council approved the report

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Missions:** No report**Finance:**

The Finance Committee met on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Gary Smith was named Chairman of the Finance Committee. We have a new position in the Church – Church Financial Secretary – Rita Barth is filling this position. The next Finance Committee meeting is April 29, 2024. Rev. Gilbert is serving as committee secretary.

Outreach:

The Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Jacob for heading it up.

- April 13 is the Community Clean Up at Chippewa Woods from 11 – 1 pm. Christ Church is the event sponsor.
- April 18 is the Faith Forward Christ Church UCC Speaks presentation by Rev. Gilbert. The presentation is at the Des Plaines Library from 7- 8 pm. The topic of the presentation is "Strangers in a Strange Land: How Can the Church Stay Relevant in Today's World of Immigration and Refugees."
- Des Plaines Faith Community Plastic Recycling Challenge – We are at approximately 600 lbs. collected. We have added a new business partner – Pesches Flower and Garden. We are aiming for 1000 lbs. by October.

OUTREACH CALENDAR 2024

May 16	Faith Forward CCUCC Speaks at Des Plaines Library 7 – 8 pm
June 19	Faith Forward Music presentation at Lake Park Optimist Pavilion 6:45 – 7:45 pm
July	no event planned at this time
August 4	Outdoor Worship Service and Clean up at Lake Park
September 8	Rally Day and Music at the Back Lot
October 19	Des Plaines Plastic Recycling Project celebration and potluck
November	no event planned at this time
December 5	3 rd annual Des Plaines Community Sing Along
7	Empty Bowls event at Oakton Community College

Building:

- New lights should be installed in the front of the church (outside) within the month. The cost to cap off the current electrical will be up to \$1700.
- The organ is not working. Bradford will be contacted for repair.

- We have a leak in the roof. We are in the process of obtaining bids. If the leak is caused by hail damage, it should be covered by insurance.
- Fire suppression system was checked and is approved – it is in working order
- The key for above the organ was found

CURRENT ISSUES:

- Building
 - The floodlights in the bushes are not working. They will be replaced with new ones we already have. They will be on timers from dusk to dawn. They should light up the front of the church nicely.
 - Replacing the back light with a new fixture that will also be timed dusk to dawn.
 - Will be following up to address the cracks in the parking lot to see if they need to be sealed. Will also finish where the garden currently resides.
 - Future plan for the removal of carpet in the lounge and replace with Luxury Vinyl Plank and paint the office.
- Finance Committee New Structure
- Now a working committee
 - Purpose is to go through the financial records and provide questions for Kyle with responses to go to the Council
 - The Finance Committee are the “new trustees” for the Trust Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Will have a new member on Sunday.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

Worship & Arts:

- Regular Worship services – Five (5); One with Communion

Christian Education:

- Lenten Study Series – Three (3) Sessions

Pastoral Care:

- Pastoral contact (pastoral care-related calls/texts, emails, in-person visits, greeting cards) = 44±
- Welcomed one (1) new member
- New Support Group Meeting (1)

Administrative/Personnel:

- Staff Meeting – Four (4) (includes three (3) short mtgs w/maintenance technician on Sundays)
- Continue to manage all social media.
- One committee meeting.
- Ordered new Mac minis approved in the annual budget
- Attended and hosted the Exodus World Services’ annual gala dinner with several congregants and staff
- Staff lunch for Easter

Wider UCC & Community:

- Pantry Board Meeting
- Church & Ministry Committee Meeting (CMA)
- Mission & Spiritual Care Committee for the AHC Board
- Attend the Pantry during service hours

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm

Financial Report

10:10 AM

05/23/24

Accrual Basis

Christ Church UCC Statement of Financial Position March 1 through May 23, 2024

	Mar 1 - May 23, 24	Mar 1 - May 23, 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
General Fund	19,876.75	33,254.15
Total Income	19,876.75	33,254.15
Expense	56,397.21	54,649.01
Net Ordinary Income	-36,520.46	-21,394.86
Net Income	<u>-36,520.46</u>	<u>-21,394.86</u>



Christ Church United Church of Christ
Welcomes Mosaic Players,
who proudly present...



5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Saturday, June 29
2:00 pm
Performance followed by
Q&A with the cast
and light refreshments



by Evan Linder & Andrew Hobgood

Christ Church
UCC
1492 Henry Avenue
Des Plaines
Tickets: \$20*



5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche is presented by arrangement
with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.



*Small number of scholarships available.

Get your tickets at christchurchuccdesplaines.org/quiche

Memorials/Honors for *May*

In memory of my husband, Ralph, *by Carol Borris*

In memory of our Moms, Dorothy Bas, Myrtle Hudson & Grandmas on Mother's Day, *by Bud Hudson*

In memory of Mary Hangey, *by John Hangey*

In memory of LaVerne Thackaberry, *by Irving Hallberg*



June

- 1 - Jack Storm
- 2 - Henry Thorson
- 3 - Hunter Busse
- 3 - Julie Fritz
- 4 - Maddie Cheng
- 6 - Styx Staggs
- 7 - Karen Harkovich
- 8 - Alice Barnhart
- 11 - Rogan Busse
- 12 - Hope Tschappat
- 13 - Napoleon Tecson

- 14 - Murphy Putz
- 17 - Annalise Borris
- 17 - Elaine Hudson
- 20 - Carol Borris
- 23 - Carl Malone
- 28 - Lori Fabian
- 29 - Diane Cooney
- 30 - Grace Pastor
- 30 - Nancy Seils
- 30 - Leslie Thomas

July

- 4 - Donna Boyko
- 7 - Katie Skibbe
- 8 - Cathy Speer
- 11 - Lanie Tecson
- 16 - Charlene Dohse
- 20 - Jack Branding
- 22 - Gary Smith
- 28 - Andrea Cheng

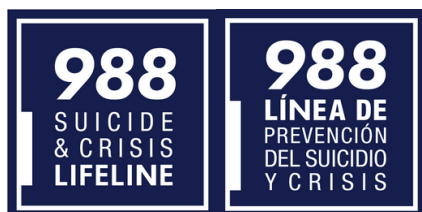
^{HAPPY} *Anniversary*

June

- 2 - Jack and Jan Storm (62)
- 17 - Allen and Elaine Angsten (57)

July

- 10 - Stephen and Barbara Bay (48)
- 29 - Karen and Nicholas Harkovich (35)



**LAST MONTH'S AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE:**

41±



COMING UP IN JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
June	Pride Month: Sermon Series based on Lady Gaga's song aligned with lectionary.	Sanctuary	9:30 am
June 1	Pride Celebration	Maine West High School	3:00 - 7:00 pm
June 5	Christ Church Book Club	Lounge	1:00 pm
June 8	Trinity Community Luncheon	Trinity Lutheran Church	11:00 am- 12:30 pm
June 9	New Member Sunday	Sanctuary	9:30 am
June 10	Men's Breakfast	Sunrise Grill	11:45 am
June 11	Women's Breakfast	Sunrise Grill	9:00 am
June 12	Potluck	Wobbe Hall	6:00 pm
	Council Meeting	Lounge	7:00 pm
June 16	Father's Day	-	-
	Memory Lane Caregivers Support Group	Lounge	10:45 am
June 19	Get It Together	Lounge	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Lake Opeka Music Night	Lake Opeka	7:00 pm
June 22	UCC Polity & History Class	Wobbe Hall	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
June 23	Finance Committee Meeting	Lounge	10:45 am
June 25	Mission Committee Meeting	Wobbe Hall	7:00 pm
June 29	5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche Play	Wobbe Hall	2:00 pm
June 30	Pride Sunday! 🏳️‍🌈	Sanctuary	9:30 am

COMING UP IN JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Time</u>
July 1	Office is Open		
July 4	Independence Day	-	-
July 5	Office is Closed (July 4 & 5)		
July 9	Men's Breakfast	Sunrise Grill	11:45 am
July 10	Women's Breakfast	Sunrise Grill	9:00 am
July 13	Trinity Community Luncheon	Trinity Lutheran Church	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
July 17	Get It Together	Lounge	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

"Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul." - 3 John 1:2

*Please keep the church office informed when you hear of someone needing prayers. During the month of **May**, our thoughts and prayers were with:*

William "Bill" Shipp*	Jean Henschke*
Marion Meseth*	Marilyn McCown
John Nix	Dorothy Zemke*
Dawn Mashek	Kelly Roberts
Linda Steckel*	Helen Harney
Ally Enter	Marianne Wolf
John Hangey	Marilyn Hoover*
Al Angsten	Sue Prunty

Hope & Bruce Tschappat*
Roy Sove*
Dolores Tomsheck*
Cindy Georgoulis
Homebound*

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