

Sun Prairie

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"God Knows Best"

For years I've responded to questions from individuals, including myself, regarding God's activity or seemingly inactivity in our lives and in the world by simply saying: "God Knows Best." In cases of drought or flooding or derechos I can't answer the many "why" questions I get from folks. But I believe that scripture teaches that God is in control and that He always knows what's best. "But pastor, how can a drought be good for the crops?" Well, could it be that it's not the crops that God is most concerned about? Could it be that He is more concerned about the people growing the crops than He is about the crops. And could it be that hardships test and refine our faith and draw us closer to Him? And when it comes to sickness, why does He sometimes heal and at other times He allows people to die? Or why does He sometimes allow a person to suffer so long before healing them? From a Biblical perspective, God is glorified in each of these scenarios. In immediate healing the individual's faith may grow, and God's glory is manifested. I've often seen the same results accomplished when healing comes after a long and drawn-out time of suffering. And then there is the ultimate work of divine intervention when a believer dies, is released from a life of suffering and welcomed into paradise with our Lord. The Apostle Paul declared "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Not only is it good for us to trust God in the hard times, but James also reminds us to rejoice in hardships. Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells believers to give thanks in all circumstances. Praise and thanksgiving are the weapons we must use to defeat bitterness and hopelessness remembering that "God Knows What's Best."

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9

Pastor Mark

Prayer Walk Event

Saturday, August 8 at 6:30 pm
Meet at the Courthouse in
Salem or Howard

God is at work both NEAR and FAR.

Let's gather to pray TOGETHER as we walk through our communities.

We'll pray for our local leaders, churches, our schools and teachers, our Sun Prairie Church family and our adopted Togo villages.



Hello August

On the Calendar

Sundays

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am

Worship at 10:30 am

Tues/Wed August 4 & 5 Youth to Twin Cities Blitz

August 5th & 12th

Women's Summer Bible Study at 9:30 am

Thursday August 6th at 7:00 pm

Ladies Garden Party at the home of Darla Erikson

Saturday August 8th at 6:30 pm

Prayer Walks in Howard & Salem

Wednesday August 12

Deacon Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday August 18th

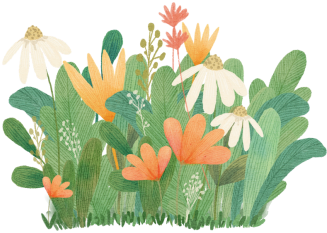
CE Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Ladies Garden Party Thursday, August 6th 7:00 pm

Enjoy a low key, relaxing evening of fellowship
and dessert at the home of

Darla Erikson

400 E Essex Ave in Salem



All ladies, all ages are invited
and encouraged
to bring friends.
Nothing fancy, come as you are!



1 Amy Sabers
2 Heather Poulson
2 Jackie Haskell
5 Lincoln Haskell
5 Priscilla Hansen
6 Brode Dennis
7 Paisley Viet
8 Joey Englebrecht
9 Earl Siemonsma
11 Hawken Olson
12 Mark Dickson
14 Dylan McGregor
14 David Skoglund
15 Callie Kaufmann
19 Kyrsten Aus
19 Brooklyn Flannery
20 Joel Weis
20 Neil Weis
20 Becky Wegener
26 Rachel Matthaai
27 Kennedy Bies
27 Roy Wilsey
28 Joan Karlen
29 Ryan Blagg
29 Jaxon Koch
29 Caleb Waldner
31 Nick Kaufmann
31 Dustin Palmquist
31 Kaiser Bruske
31 Melissa Palmquist
31 Renee Haskell



HAPPY Anniversary

2 Roger & Teresa Johnson
6 Josh & Cassie Viet
8 Dennis & Kathy Weidler
10 Greg & Rachel Jung
16 Jason & Shari Lunders
17 James & Amanda Schwader
18 Kevin & Amber Blagg
21 Brad & Des Schock
22 Mike & Lois Sebert
23 Jamie & Jerry Brech
27 Jim & Dawn Osterberg
29 Kevin & Betty Peterson

