

Joy Letter - August 2026

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Mark Your Calendars:

***Sunday August 30th**, Annual Backyard Worship Service and Potluck Picnic, held at Don and Gloria Everhard's home in Medford. There is a potluck signup sheet at the welcome table of the Church, for anyone wishing to share some food goodies. Please contact the Church office or Everhards with any questions. Plan to join in the Food-Fun-Worship! 🍷✝️

Updates and Reminders:

*Continue to pray for all of the communities in Wisconsin devastated by the summer storms - Ringle and Menasha were both shaken by tornados this year. This week Samaritan's Purse brought in their Disaster Relief buses to assist in the Fox Valley area. Prayers for comfort and guidance as they navigate through such devastation. 🙏

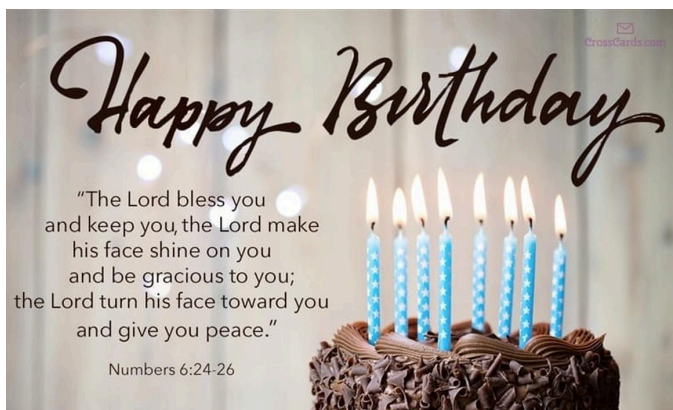
***Questions from your Church Secretary:** I am in search of a small (2 drawer) file cabinet that has a lock. Also wondering if anyone recycles used ink cartridges? Please email the office if you would have information on either request - thank you! ❓

*The Upper Room daily devotionals booklet for July/August is available at the Narthex table. Please take one. 📖

*The Abbotsford Lions Club is collecting clean, clear, empty prescription bottles, informational flyer is at the bulletin board and a bucket for collection is at the Church Narthex table. The bottles collected are redistributed so that medicines can be safely dispensed around the World. 💊

*Fresh Eggs are available at the Narthex table to support the Heifer International project. Aluminum cans are also collected by John & Tineke to help furnish the Heifer donation fund, please continue to collect and bring to Church. 🥚

*Sunday School Classes will be on a "summer break". Class schedule will resume September 13th. There will be some exciting updates to the Sunday School schedule, so please watch and listen for updates from Gloria and the Church office. 📢



AUGUST Birthdays

Happy Birthday Blessings to:

Matthew Fischer-9th

Shannon Miller-10th

Janice Gumz-15th

Tom Ruppert-21st

Keegan Yeager-28th

Edythe Hanson-29th

When we had our powerful "Testimony of Faith Service" on May 31st and Trinity Sunday, My testimony started with a word of prayer. The second line was: "Lord, Thank you for your beautiful creation!" The next day, I was cutting hay; the first field, there was a deer with a fawn going into the woods, a bit later in the other corner, again a deer with a fawn. When I was almost done, there were 4 deer in a row crossing in back. Then in the next field, we have a pond on the east side, woods on the west side and a strip of corn on the south side. Right away there was a deer with a newborn, nursing her fawn and trying to go into the woods, but she had to wait several times for her fawn. Then in the other corner a deer with a bigger fawn, and later 3 more deer coming from the pond into the woods. Never seen so many deer before, I got the feeling that God wanted to show me how truly beautiful His creation is!! This "show of nature" made this special day of cutting 1st crop, extra special and unforgettable. Our God is still giving signs, just like in the Bible in the time of Gideon and others. Watch for signs from our God, to give you guidance in your daily lives, so that you can use your talents to the max and may fulfill your destiny.

Submitted by: John Boschma

Soon, many children will be starting another year of schooling, after what seems like a (too short) summer break. Please continue to keep them in your prayers - for their learning, socializing, travel, mentality, and all that is placed on their tiny shoulders.

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6 (RSV)

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN