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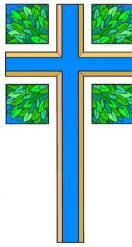


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GNM Good News Monthly



August 2017

From Pastor Dave...

Our Summer Worship Theme: "Singing from the Heart"

I hope that you have been enjoying our summer focus on some of the Psalms. We will be continuing this series through September 10! The Book of Psalms was the ancient "hymnal" of Israel, songs and prayers that reflect almost every human emotion - from joy to sorrow, from fear to anger, from praise to lament. We hope that you will join us as we listen to the psalmist "sing from the heart" and allow the psalmist's words to connect with us and lead us in "singing from the heart" as well!

Call Process Update

The Church Council finalized and approved our Ministry Site Profile at its July meeting. The council also identified potential Call Committee members. Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have our six Call Committee members in place. The next step will be receiving the names of potential Associate Pastor candidates from our synod office. We will be interviewing at least TWO candidates. If one of the two candidates seems to be a good fit for St. John's, the Call Committee will bring their name to the Church Council, and then to the Congregation for approval. A special congregational meeting will be called in accordance to our Constitution. Such a meeting will need to be announced at our worship services for two weeks prior, and in writing (either by mail or via electronic means) to the congregation at least 10 days in advance of the meeting. If neither candidate is a good fit for St. John's, or if they would happen to get another call, or if the congregation would vote not to extend a call to the recommended candidate, we will request additional names and begin the process again. Please keep this whole process in your prayers as we move forward! Pray for the members of our Call Committee as they do their important work on our behalf, and, pray for the candidates as they also discern God's call in their own lives! Also pray that we as a congregation will begin to prepare ourselves to receive a new Associate Pastor into our midst!

Campfire/Sing-A-Long

Our third and final campfire/sing-a-long for this summer will be Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm. I hope that you will make every effort to join us for this time of fellowship and

music (with some marshmallows thrown in)! In case of rain, we will move indoors! Those who have participated in June and July have enjoyed themselves, and I encourage the rest of you to come and join us on August 22!

First day of Public School

I can't believe it - seems like school just got out, and already the beginning of another school year is on the calendar, August 28! I hope that you all enjoy this last month of summer and that you will keep all teachers, administrators, and staff in your prayers as they begin to gear up for another school year!

Rear Projection

Thanks to a generous gift from Joe Bayer, you will soon see something new in the back of sanctuary (above the baptismal font). Joe has graciously purchased for us a "Worship Support Screen." Basically it's a large flat-screen that will allow us, as worship leaders, to see what's being projected on the front screens, and will allow the congregation to continue to follow the service when we turn and face the Baptismal Font during baptism. Other people have also donated funds toward our projection system, and we will be using those funds to upgrade our computer in the sound booth and other necessary upgrades. We are GRATEFUL for each of these gifts, each given in memory of loved ones! We will publicly acknowledge each of those gifts, and in whose memory they were given, once everything is in place.

Update on Diane's Dad

As many of you already know, my wife's dad underwent a second heart surgery on July 10 in Rochester. This time the surgery was successful, and Jim came through the surgery very well. He is back in Maple Grove, where he continues with therapy and healing. We would continue to ask for your prayers for Jim. Thanks!

Thanks!

I personally want to thank all who remembered me on my 35 year Ordination Anniversary and as I celebrated 10 years as Lead Pastor here at St. John's. Your caring and supportive words through Facebook, emails, and cards meant so much!

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

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Communion Service at Annandale Care Center

Our monthly service of Holy Communion will be August 4 at 1:30pm. While this worship service is intended for all St. John’s members who are residents at the Care Center and Centennial Villa apartments, it is open to ALL (residents, family, and friends).

In Need of Prayer?

People at St. John’s are ready to pray for and with you, in times of joy and in times of need. To activate this prayer ministry please contact the church office. Only the information you choose to share will be passed on to the Prayer Ministry participants. Please understand that if you are calling on behalf of another person, in order to respect the right of privacy, and for the sake of confidentiality, you must have that individual’s permission before we can activate the prayer ministry and pray for them by name. Also, please know that our prayer ministry is ALWAYS open to additional participants. If you would like to be included in either the Prayer Chain (where you would receive a telephone contact) or email prayer group, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Visits

Please call the church office, and let us know if you desire a pastoral visit, especially if you are going to be hospitalized. If it is an emergency, feel free to call Pastor Dave at home.

Sunday Scripture Readings

- August 6 ~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 100
- August 13 ~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 62
- August 20 ~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 42
- August 27 ~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 23
- September 3 ~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 27
- September 10~ SINGING FROM THE HEART ~ Psalm 8

Summer Worship Schedule

Our SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 8:30am & 10:00am will continue THROUGH September 10! We will return to the Fall Schedule on Sunday, September 17! Please share the word!

A Successful Septuafest Celebration

Thank you for all who prepared, served, and attended the Septuafest celebration on July 20. Fifty nine lovely ladies dined on brunch prepared by Tom Westman. Afterward, the women chuckled along with the speaker, Janet Letness Martin - author of the books “Growing Up Lutheran” and “Lutheran Church Basement Women.” Many connections were made as they reminisced about their own experiences growing up Lutheran in a rural community.

Many thanks to all those who helped make Septuafest a Success! Septuafest Volunteers: Cheri Walberg; Pat Baack; Sue, Alyssa, & Calli Hadler; Jill Wrobbel; Shannon Diers; Char, Josie, and Jack Jerpseth; Parker & Jillian Kulm; Ella Yaeger; Heather, Hally, Izzy, and Blake Jensen; Madi Otto; Cliff Franzen; Ray Lundeen, Mark Nelson; Dan Mohwinkel; WELCA; The Endowment Committee, and Thrivent Financial for their generous financial contributions!

Thank you,  
Sandy Jerpseth & Jennifer Kulm

Endowment Committee News

Have you included the St. John’s Endowment in your estate plan? There are a variety of options available to you to learn about the many ways to make a planned gift. Please contact the InFaith Community Foundation at (800) 365-4175 (where our St. John’s Endowment is held) and they would be happy to explain them to you. Gifts and memorials given to our Endowment Fund help us to enhance our mission and outreach as congregation. Please know that we are grateful for each and every gift given to the St. John’s Endowment - no matter the size whether it’s through your estate or as a gift in memory or in honor of someone. Such gifts allow us to support worthwhile ministries within and beyond our congregation!

Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion

St. Ignatius and St. John’s will participate in a joint service (approved by both ELCA and the Roman Catholic Church) at St. Ignatius on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00p.m. as we observe the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. As the title of the service states, this is a service where we will mutually confess the conflict and hurt that has been present between our two church bodies, while also celebrating the movement towards greater cooperation and communion. I can’t think of a better way to observe the 500 year anniversary. Please mark your calendars!

St. John’s Lutheran Church Council Meeting Date: 7/17/17 Start: 7:00p.m. End: 9:10p.m.

Present: Pastor Dave Nelson, Kris Nelson, Bill Berry, Peggy Bodell, Shelly Mikel, Mary Iverson, Lonnie Baack, Michelle Wang, Abby Mikel, Steve Miller, Diane Barkley, Matt Honsey Absent: Denny Abernathy & Dave Hadler

Topic	Discussion	Action
Faith Talk:	Postpone Peggy Bodell to share at August meeting	N/A
Scripture & Prayer	Pastor Dave	N/A
Approval of Agenda	Motion: Approve July Council Agenda	M/S/P Shelly/Mary
Secretary’s Report	Motion: Approval of June Council Minutes	M/S/P Diane/Peggy
Treasurer’s Report	Motion: Approval of Treasurer’s Report: June YTD we are up \$3,192. Income is \$14,000 above last year at this time.	M/S/P Bill/Lonnie
Executive Committee Actions	*Exit interview completed with Lisa *Approved Property Committee proposed expenditure of \$1,000 to clean carpets.	N/A
Pastor Dave’s Report	*Mt. Hermon mtg 7/20/17 at 7:00pm. Pastor Tom will attend. 3-4 other council members will attend. Segner benefit was a successful event! *Pastor Dave’s upcoming vacation: 7/17 to 7/23 and 8/7 to 8/21	N/A
Old Business	Motion: Appoint David Burd as council representative to fill Denny Abernathy’s position. Motion: Use Thrivent money to pay for Security System. *Security System: Property team recommends purchase a system from SimpliSafe not to exceed \$3,000. Monthly fee approximately \$45 a month.	M/S/P Lonnie/Shelly M/S/P Peggy/Diane
New Business	Motion: Accept recommendation of Property Team to replace CYF lights with LED and replace outside sign lights. Payment will be financed. *Details & Discussion: Property team recommend replacing light system in CYF with LED. Estimated cost \$6,480 with rebate of \$1,074, annual savings of \$1,912, payback is 2.8 years. New lights outside needed as well, not included in estimate. Motion: Transfer \$500 from Benevolence to Caring Neighbor Fund. *Will celebrate Pastor Dave’s anniversaries this fall. Date TBD *Approve Mission Site Profile to move forward with process of calling a Pastor. Candidate we are interested in, Alex, is assigned to our synod. Motion: Accept the completed Ministry Site Profile and send to synod. Appointed potential Call Committee members. Council members will contact list & share updates.	M/S/P Diane/Bill M/S/P Peggy/Diane M/S/P Shelly/Lonnie
Ministry Updates	Any updates	N/A
Council Reminders	Faith Talk in August - Peggy Bodell Offering Duties - SIGN UP PLEASE	N/A
Mark Your Calendar	7/20/17 - Mt. Hermon meeting at 7:00p.m. at St. John’s	N/A
Upcoming Agenda Items		N/A
Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn at 9:10p.m.	M/S/P Matt/Mary
Announcements & Prayer	Pastor Dave	N/A

Treasurer's Report		Monthly Income	Monthly Expense	General Fund Balance
General Fund (1)	June 2017	\$31,317.41	\$357,366.96	\$38,279.67
	Monthly Average 2016	\$35,808.85	\$34,651.80	
Building Fund (2)			Monthly Mortgage	Building Balance
		\$8,623.14	\$9,587.00	\$15,202.16
Precious Gifts Preschool (3)			PG Expense	PG Balance
		\$0.00	\$1,039.57	\$6,746.0245
Notes:		1. The General Fund Balance has grown since December 31, 2016. June had a loss of (\$5,989.55) Year-to-date we are up by \$3,192.40 - let's try and see if in July we can resume the positive year-to-date monthly trend		
		2. We still maintain a positive balance; our next mortgage payment will be \$9,587.00.		
		3. Precious Gifts Preschool balance is still positive, and has grown slightly since December 31, 2016.		
		Remember our mission at St. John's is supported by your talents and generous gifts.		
		THANK YOU!		

ATTENTION: There will be NO Salad/Hotdish Luncheon in August.

Outreach Ministry Volunteer Opportunity's

One of the many Ministry teams at St. John's is Outreach. Outreach has 2 primary tasks:

- 1. Hospitality
- 2. Outreach to our community near and far

Hospitality includes promoting a welcoming environment where all people are made to feel included and welcomed. In doing this, we organize Greeters/Welcome Center staff, Coffee Servers, and Treat Providers.

Outreach to our community includes organizing service projects, and sharing knowledge of community needs. Outreach provides and encourages participation so that we may be God's hands in the world.

Our team has had several resignations and we are looking for new members to join us!!

On August 20 between the services we will meet in the Library to share what we do and what we hope to tackle in the upcoming months. Please join us to learn about Outreach and to help continue to fulfill our mission to "experience, Live and Share the Love of Christ".

Questions? Call Marilyn Hallstrom 274-5641

Save The Date - Women's Fall Gathering  
ELCA Crow River Conference

God, Girlfriends, & Chocolate!

Saturday, September 30 from 8:30a.m. - Noon

Come enjoy delightful speaker Gaye Lindfors, who will also be selling her books! The conference will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Cosmos, MN. We are hoping to have a couple car pools for the conference. There is a sign up on the Welcome Center. We will also be bringing the personal care kits that we will be collecting during September at St. John's. Grab a friend or two and make up a personal care kit together or on your own! Please do not bring your kits to the church until September.

Personal Care Kits

- ~ One light or medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ~ Two bath size bars (4oz -5oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- ~ One Adult toothbrush in its original packaging \*
- ~ One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ~ One metal nail clippers, remove packaging

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be separated by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business size envelope; no plastic bags.



Precious Gifts Preschool

Precious Gifts has a few openings remaining and would love to reach as many young kids as possible. Your child's experience will be top-notch learning and lots of fun! Our curriculum is child centered, theme based, and prepares children for their elementary success!

August 31: Preschool Open House and Orientation at 6:30p.m.

September 6: First Day of Preschool from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m.

We are in need of drivers Mon., Wed., and Fri. for preschoolers needing transportation before and/or after preschool sessions. Call Marilyn Hallstrom if you are able to help or have questions.



Vacation Bible School is under way! (VBS)

July 30 - August 3 from 6:00p.m. to 8:30p.m.

Kids are participating in memorable Bible-learning activities, singing catchy songs, playing team-building games, experiencing Bible adventures, and testing out Science -Fun Gizmos they'll take home. Plus, kids are learning to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

VBS Meal served each night from 5:30p.m. - 6:00p.m.



Backpack and School Supply Drive

We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for Annandale Elementary and Middle School. Supply lists are available on the Welcome Center. Please place items in the marked bins under the coat rack for each school building (AES & AMS) by Sunday, August 20. Thank you for your support and donations. On Sunday, August 20, please bring your backpack or supplies to the front of the church for a Blessing during the Worship Service.



Calling all Holiday Fair workers! (Including people who are interested and have never helped before)

When & Where: Wednesday, August 16, 10:00a.m. - In the Church Library.

What: Review what was good at last year's fair and what needs to be changed for this year. Please bring your opinions and good ideas! Please try to attend this initial meeting to get this organized and help us plan a great Holiday Fair this year. I look forward to meeting with all of you! If you cannot make this meeting, please email your suggestions to me at [pattybehrends@hotmail.com](mailto:pattybehrends@hotmail.com).



- ~ Care Center Communion Service - Sept. 1 at 1:30p.m.
- ~ D-Way Guide Training & Parents Meeting - Sept. 6
- ~ God's Work, Our Hands Sunday - Sept. 10
- ~ St. John's Leading Worship at the Care Center - Sept. 10 at 1:30p.m
- ~ Crow River Conference Rostered Leaders Meeting at St. John's - Sept. 12
- ~ D-Way Classes Begin - Sept. 13
- ~ ELCA 2018 Youth Gathering Registration Opens - Sept. 15
- ~ Rally Sunday - Sept. 17 (Fall Worship Schedule Begins!!)
- ~ Tenth Graders Gathering - Sept. 27
- ~ Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion Lutheran - Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation Service at St. Ignatius - Oct. 1 at 4:00pm



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

So far, ten youth have pre-registered for next summer’s ELCA Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, Texas. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The theme of the 2018 gathering is “**This Changes Everything**” based on Ephesians 2:8, “By grace you have been saved...” All youth who will be a part of the graduating classes of 2018-2022 are eligible to attend. There is still time to pre-register and join in what will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. To pre-register, we ask you to pay 1/2 the registration fee (\$75) now, and the second half (\$75) will be due the beginning of September. If you have any questions, or if for some reason you cannot pay half of the registration fee, please contact Pastor Dave.



Last Summer Campfire/Sing-A-Long

Our third and final Campfire/Sing-A-Long of the summer is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 here at the church. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket (and bug spray), and marshmallow sticks. We’ll supply the song sheets and musicians! We’ll also provide the marshmallows! We will start at 7pm. Share the word! If you play guitar, banjo, or percussion (we have the drum box) - let Pastor Dave know that you would like to participate! In case of rain, we’ll just move inside and sing around candles! If there is someone who has extra firewood and would be willing to donate some for this final event, please contact the church office.



Recycling Volunteer

We are looking for someone to take over the can recycling beginning with the new school year. This involves checking the can drop area weekly and bringing the cans to a recycling center. Someone with a truck would be best suited for this job. Contact the church office to volunteer!



Taco Booth and Firecracker 5K Report

Another July 4th Celebration has come and gone, and our two events again were successful! A BIG thank you needs to go out to Bonnie Schmidt and Hope Sykora for overseeing all the planning details regarding the details regarding the Taco Booth! And, thank you to Shannon Diers and Jennifer Kulm for overseeing the Firecracker 5K. Jennifer will be assuming leadership of this event beginning next year. We do not have final figures of the money raised for each event, but the Taco Booth (after expenses) should net about \$6,800! The Firecracker 5K had 61 participants! We are grateful to all who helped with each of these events! Thank you to those that donated pop and/or water, and to all who either participated in the 5K or purchased food or drink from the Taco Stand. The Taco Stand proceeds will support both our Precious Gifts Preschool, and provide financial support to the youth attending the 2018 ELCA Gathering in Houston, TX.



MARTIN LUTHER ON A STICK???

In honor of the 500 year Anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation we are having some FUN with Marty this summer. It’s been fun to see the pictures thus far and hopefully there are many more to come! On the Welcome Desk you will find “Luther on a Stick” figures. We invite you to pick one up and take it with you on vacation, to the lake, on a family outing, etc. Then take a picture of you with Marty! Then, either post it to Pastor Dave’s Facebook page or email it to the church so that we can post them on our Church’s Facebook page. Let’s see how much fun Marty can have with the people of St. John’s this summer!!! Let’s put a smile on Marty’s face!!!

August	Greeters/ Wel- come Center	Readers	Acolytes	Coffee/Treats Servers	Audio/ Video Techs
August 6 8:30am	Dave & Mary Holmgren	Jo Heyd	Brock Campbell Brooke Bianchi	Jim & Roxanne Weege	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
August 6 10:00am	Bruce & Robin Jacobson	Peggy Bodell	Jacob Nilson Jonah Peterson	Ryan & Michelle Wang	A: Arthur Kjaer V: Ethan Nilson
August 13 8:30am	Herschuel & LaDonna Howell	Diane Bar- kley	Allison Benjamin Trevor Potter	Dottie Dammann Carole Gertgen	A: Jim Peterson V: Denise Schultz
August 13 10:00am	Bill Berry Janell Nilson	Patty Behrends	Isaak Rust Anna McClelland	Tim & Karen Wolf	A: Ethan Nilson V: -----
August 20 8:30am	Erling & Charlene Jerpseth	Jo Heyd	Mason Boos Trevor Potter	Joyce Dahl	A: Jim Hallstrom V: Denise Schultz
August 20 10:00am	Matt & Tina Honsey		Carson Cooper Carson Wiles	Don & Karla Wold	A: Gavin Wang V: Michelle Wang
August 27 8:30am	Bryan & Jennifer Kulm	Sharon Hermanson	Jack Nelson Josie Jerpseth	Dan & Nancy Berg	A: Jim Framstad V: Phyllis Framstad
August 27 10:00am	Dave & Penny Hogberg	Peggy Bodell	Jacob Nilson Isaak Rust	Dean & Jill Wrobbel	A: Shelly Mikel V: Ethan Nilson

**Ushers**

**8:30 Service**

Denny & Sam Harmoning  
Dolores & Warren Hogberg

**10:00 Service**

Scott, Lori, & Sam Fleischacker  
Drew & Donna Jacobson

**Altar Guild**

Dan & Ruth Mohwinkel

**WELCA Circles:**

**Sarah Circle:**  
Hostess:  
Bible Study Leader:

**Rachel Circle:**  
Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am  
Hostess: Bev S. – *At her home*  
Bible Study Leader: Shirley D.

**Mary Circle:**  
Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:30pm (*new date*)  
Hostess: Lajla Hood – *At her home*  
Bible Study Leader/Hostess: Frieda G.

**Ruth Circle:**  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm  
Hostess: Sue N.  
Bible Study Leader:  
*Meet at the Care Center for the August Birthday Party.*

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>1:30pm</b> Mary Circle <b>5:30pm</b> VBS Meal <b>6:00pm</b> VBS	<b>2</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Roman. s Bible Study <b>5:30pm</b> VBS Meal <b>6:00pm</b> VBS <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting Ed. Bldg.	<b>3</b> <b>5:30pm</b> VBS Meal <b>6:00pm</b> VBS	<b>4</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Care Center Communion Service	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>8:30am</b> Traditional Worship w/Communion <b>10:00am</b> Contemporary Worship w/Communion	<b>7</b> <b>8:00am</b> Carpet Cleaning <b>6:00pm</b> Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>8:20am</b> Carpet Cleaning Ed. Bldg. <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:30pm</b> Exex. Comm. Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>9:30am</b> Rachel Circle <b>1:00pm</b> Romans Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting Ed. Bldg.	<b>10</b> <b>9:30am</b> Annandale Christian Women's Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:30am</b> Traditional Worship w/Communion <b>10:00am</b> Contemporary Worship w/Communion	<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> Hands for Hope <b>2:00pm</b> Ruth Circle <b>6:00pm</b> Boy Scouts <b>8:00pm</b> Boy Scouts Venture	<b>15</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>10:00am</b> Holiday Fair Meeting <b>1:00pm</b> Romans Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting Ed. Bldg.	<b>17</b> <b>9:30am</b> Annandale Christian Women's Club Exec Board Mtg. <b>10:00am</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>Backpack Blessing</i> <b>8:30am</b> Traditional Worship <b>10:00am</b> Contemporary Worship	<b>21</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Boy Scouts <b>6:30pm</b> Min. of Outreach <b>7:00pm</b> Church Council <b>8:00pm</b> Boy Scouts Venture	<b>22</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30pm</b> Property Team Meeting <b>6:30pm</b> Brownie Mtg Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Romans Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting Ed. Bldg.	<b>24</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Writing Group <b>6:30pm</b> Min of Support & Stewardship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>8:30am</b> Traditional Worship w/Communion <b>10:00am</b> Contemporary Worship w/Communion	<b>28</b> <b>9:30am</b> Hands for Hope	<b>29</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study <b>10:00am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>1:30pm</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:00pm</b> Min of Worship & Music	<b>30</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Romans Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting Ed. Bldg.	<b>31</b>		

August 2017

Dear Friends,

At their last meeting, the Church Council put together a Call Committee to select a candidate for Pastor at our church. There is a lot to be done before the Congregation is ready to vote on a candidate. Materials are gathered that describe our church and community. These are presented to the candidates. Information about the candidates and their references are checked. During that whole process there is a whole lot of praying that needs to be done. Please join the Call Committee in praying for discernment. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in choosing the right candidate for your church.

After the selection has been made and the candidate has accepted, pray for God's blessings as you work together. Always remember that Pastors are a lot like people! No church has ever called the perfect Pastor. The perfect Pastor does not exist. But each Pastor has much strength and some weaknesses. A church once wrote up a resume of the Apostle Paul, gave it a name and presented it to the Call Committee. The Call Committee did not select him.

One key to a good ministry is to work together to maximize the strengths, and then the weaknesses won't matter. Another key is to surround your Pastors in prayer.

I have had great joy in serving with you. I look forward to transitioning with you from Pastor to forever friend.

Yours in Christ,  
Pr. Tom  
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