



Edison Lutheran Church

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Dear People of God,

When I was in college, there was a great deal of talk about finding our vocation.

A vocation, we were told, was more than just a career; it was a calling from God. While decisions about our career would involve practical matters like pay and advancement, decisions about our vocation would involve listening for God's call on our lives and trying to follow to the best of our ability. While career and vocation would not always line up, the hope was to find a way to integrate them: to find something that mattered and get paid doing it.

While there is some truth to this picture of vocation, it paints far too small a picture, excluding most of our lives and most people from God's call.¹

First off, if you describe vocation as the "one big thing" in your life, you exclude all of the "little things" from being a part of God's call. Consistent with our modern obsession with the heroic individual, we paint God as only being concerned with the extraordinary things we can accomplish. All of the ordinary faithfulness that makes up the majority of our lives is seemingly beneath God's concern. After all, if God's call is found only in "the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet,"² then the daily interactions you have with your family, friends, and neighbors are, at best, preparation for the main event of your life. Ironically, in the attempt to inspire us to meaningful lives the majority of our lives are robbed of meaning.

A second problem with this description of vocation is not *what* is excluded, but *who* is excluded. As much as we insist that everyone is special and will do great things, the fact is that most people are ordinary and will live ordinary lives. Most people do not attend college, and most people don't have the privilege of being picky about their livelihood. If we speak about God's as always calling us to be exceptional, then we exclude those millions of people who faithfully carry out their ordinary lives without notice from the wider world. To insist they conform to our modern idolatry of the heroic individual is to ignore the God-given dignity with which they live their lives.

Rather than speaking of Vocation (with a capital "V") as the "one big thing" in our lives, I find it more helpful to talk about the many vocations into which God has placed us. These are the ordinary relationships that make up the fabric of our lives, and they are usually not ones that are chosen by us, but rather ones that are given. We are all born into families of various kinds, and we grow up in communities we don't choose for

¹I am indebted to David W. Loy's excellent essay *Luther, Vocation, and the Search for Significance* (Lutheran Quarterly, Vol. 35 No. 1, Spring 2021) for the following critiques as well as the inspiration for this article.

²Buechner, Frederick. 1973. *Wishful Thinking : A Theological ABC*. New York (Osv.): Harper & Row.

ourselves. Even when we become adults and make the sorts of choices that impact the rest of our lives, those choices are still constrained by forces outside our control.

This does not rob those vocations of significance, however. The significance of our callings depends not on us and our choices, but on the God who calls. Rather than those unchosen vocations being secondary or insignificant, they are as important as our chosen vocations, all of which ultimately come from God, “prepared beforehand so that we might walk in them.”

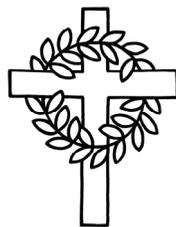
Let me offer myself as an example. I imagine most people, if asked what my vocation was, would answer that I was called to be a pastor. And while they would be right, that would not even be half of it. It is true that I chose to be a pastor, but my ordination in 2015 was not the start of God’s call on my life. Before I was a pastor, I was a father. Before I was a father, I was a husband. Before I was a husband, I was a voter. Before I was a voter, I was a student. Before that, I was a friend, a brother, a son, a grandson, a nephew, a cousin—the list could go on and on. I still am every one of those things and many more, and every one of those relationships is a vocation, a calling from God and part of the “good works which God prepared beforehand.”

These good works which God has prepared for us are not puzzles to solve or tests by which to prove ourselves, nor are they traps to catch us unawares. Instead, they are the web of responsibilities which make up our lives, and we are called to be faithful to God as we go about them to the best of our abilities. They are not often extraordinary or heroic, but rather are the basic stuff of God’s commands: worshiping God, honoring our parents and those in authority, being faithful in marriage, protecting the lives, livelihoods, and reputations of our neighbors, loving God, and loving our neighbors.

In our modern society, we idolize heroic individuals, those who stand up against overwhelming odds and make a name for themselves. But God’s call is far too important to limit to just a few heroic individuals. Our vocations are not confined in some future heroic act, but in the here and now of our daily lives. Some of these vocations will be recognized and lauded by the world, but most of them will not. Their value and worth, however, does not come from the world’s judgment or even our own feelings of satisfaction, but from the God who has given them to us.

This God sees you as you are. This God has created you and placed you in this web of vocations we call life. All that you do and all that you are takes place in God’s presence. No matter how important or insignificant you appear in the eyes of the world, God’s call is upon you, working through you in the vocations God has prepared beforehand.

Your brother in Christ,
-Pastor John



Pastor John’s Bible Study -- Mondays at 7 pm (except August 15 and 22)

Join Pastor John and others for Bible Study via Zoom (zoom.us/join).

Weekly text and Zoom link are posted on the church website.

Meeting ID: 859 5506 0430

Passcode: 274209



Please Join Us For Worship
at
Edison Lutheran Church
Every Sunday at 10:30 am

We offer many ways to worship:

- ◆ **In-Person:** We offer worship **inside every Sunday**. Masks are welcome. The Narthex and Fellowship Hall are available for seating to give a little more distance for those who would like some space. Children are always welcome in worship. They may use the Children’s Worship Bulletins and activity bags, available in the Narthex, quietly during the service. We are continuing to broadcast our service on FM radio 98.7 if you would like to attend from the church parking lot. Honk your horn and the greeters will bring you a bulletin and communion pack. In July, we had an average of 68 people attend Sunday worship.
- ◆ **Livestream Worship:** Livestream is available through our website (www.edisonlutheranchurch.org) or Facebook. You can be a part of our live service regardless of where you are in the world. On our website we have added a Livestream tab. Just click it and you will see the livestream screen and the link to the bulletin. If the wrong bulletin is on the livestream tab, please refresh your browser just before the service. On Facebook, follow Edison Lutheran Church and you will get a notification when the livestream service starts or search for the church Facebook page. We also post a link to the bulletin on the Facebook livestream. We have between 8 to 10 people join us for the livestream each week.
- ◆ **Recorded Online Worship:** A recording of our service is on the church website blog or our YouTube channel. We have all of our worship videos posted. The videos are posted a few hours after Sunday worship and are available to all. The bulletin and announcements are posted in the Sunday blog on our website. We have about 20 people view our recorded online videos each week.



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Edison Lutheran Church Announcements

Lutheran World Relief School Kit project is Changing! We normally put together backpacks for LWR School Kits. Although it is fun to shop for school supplies and put the backpacks together, it's much better to use local suppliers to source the school kits. Not only does more of your money go directly to purchasing school supplies since shipping is significantly cheaper, it also helps the local economy of the recipient community. Plus the additional benefit of saving natural resources by reducing shipping. This year, please consider giving the money you would normally spend on school supplies directly to LWR. To make it even easier, give a check to our church with "LWR School Kits" in the memo and we will ensure it gets to LWR School Kits.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday: We are looking for a volunteer to organize our efforts for ELCA's "God's work. Our hands." On **Sunday, September 11th**. We need someone to come up with a plan for our involvement and organize the details. This is a great way to get involved and meet other people in our congregation. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

Blood Drive Results: Edison Lutheran Church hosted a Bloodworks Northwest Pop-Up Blood Drive, **June 14 and 15**. Overall we were able to register **63 donors** and collect 53 units of blood. Since each unit of blood can support up to two local patients, we helped **106 patients** live to see another day. Great job Edison Lutheran!

Family Promise Dinners: We are responsible for preparing dinner, serving dinner, and overnight host for **August 21, 22, 23, and 24**. We need help preparing food, serving, and hosting overnight. We will be at Burlington Lutheran Church. If you would like to help, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

We Need Sunday School Teachers: Sunday School teacher is the **best job** in the church! The kids are fun and very funny, you never know what they will say. It's very rewarding and helps our Congregation. Team teaching a class makes the commitment much smaller and gives the students a chance to get to know another adult. Please consider volunteering to be a full or part-time teacher for this school year (mid-September to mid-May). Contact the church office for more information.

Calling all singers! With the fall fast approaching, I want to invite any and all interested folks to consider joining our **wonderful choir**. Whatever your voice part or ability, there is a place for you if you enjoy singing and working with a team to create something beautiful. We know that music is an essential part of worship at Edison and we need people to keep our choir strong and confident! Please consider joining us starting **September 7th from 6:30 -8:00**.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Psalm 100



Happy Campers at Camp Lutherwood: From Left to right: Trigve, Jacob, Cameron, Grady, James, Drake, Hayden, Malia, Eliana, and Lydia.

Edison Lutheran Church Announcements Continued

Welcome Home Skagit: We are supporting Welcome Home Skagit, which provides a safe place for homeless people to park overnight at local churches. They will be at our church for two weeks, until **August 5th**. We are filling a short-notice need for their program and are not on the usual rotation. The main support they need from us is water, electricity, and a parking lot. Contact the church office if you have questions.

Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf: We have restocked the Sharing Shelf and moved it to the south side of the church (on the steps near the door to the old office). The Edison Lutheran Sharing Shelf is open to all. Please let your friends and neighbors know the shelf is open and needs to be used. With the Sharing Shelf, no one needs to ask for help. It's always open and unmonitored. No one will know if you or anyone you know takes food.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be gathering in-person. We will meet in the Parish House on **Thursday, August 18th at 10:00 am**. If you like knitting or crocheting and would like to help make prayer shawls, please join us. For more information call Linda Johnson (360-708-2481) or Cheryl Conner (360-391-2743).

We have an Intern!

Her name is **Lori Cavender** and she will be joining us on **September 1st**. She currently lives at the south end of Oak Harbor, about 1.5 hours away. In order to make her life much better, during her work week she will be living in the Parish House, and staying at her home on her days off. She is very excited to meet everyone and learn all she can during her internship.

We will need some help with painting, minor house repairs, moving furniture, and moving her in on September 1st. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office. Stay tuned for more information.



Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your loving support after my recent open-heart surgery. We have read and reread and treasured every card and note we have received from you. We have felt strengthened and encouraged by the many prayers you have prayed.

Please know how grateful we are to have the support of the loving community that is Edison Lutheran Church.

God bless you one and all! Larry and Terri Olsen

Dear ELC Congregation,

Our family would like to extend our deepest thank you for providing such a meaningful graveside service and church reception for Christine. Having Pastor John come over to our home to visit and give us his support during this hard time was very thoughtful. Also, a special thank you to the women of the church who served everyone a delicious lunch. Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness and support.

Sincerely, the Woll Family

Dear Edison Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the scholarship to go to Camp Lutherwood. It was so much fun! We inner tubed, swam, did the Blob, and learned so much about God and Jesus. We also sang lots of songs like the "Camp Lutherwood Anthem." I appreciate the opportunity more than you can know. From, Karson Englund

Updates From Our Ministry Partners

Camp Lutherwood

There are Openings in August! There is still time to register. Do you remember all the fun you had at summer camp as a kid? Now is the time to get your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children all registered for Camp Lutherwood. They now even offer an H2O Camp with water skiing, tubing, and other water fun. Go to www.camplutherwood.org for more information.

Camp Lutherwood Open House: Celebrating 75+ years! Mark your calendar for **September 10, from 10:00 am—2:00 pm**. Food, Fellowship, and Carnival Games. Fun for all ages. Please come celebrate with us! For more information, contact Camp Lutherwood at 360-734-7652.

Helping Hands Food Bank

Re-Opening Celebration: On **August 1st**, we are re-opening our Sedro-Woolley Solutions Center to the public—we are bringing back our grocery-style shopping and celebrating our **4th anniversary** in our building! Please join us for this special milestone. Contact Helping Hands for more information at 360-856-2211.

Stuff The Bus: Helping Hands Food Bank is hosting a "Stuff The Bus" campaign in support of Cutting Hunger on Weekends (CHOW) program which provides school age children with food for the weekend. Drop off is **Saturday, August 6th, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm** at Cascade Mall. Please either take food directly to the bus or drop it off in the Narthex. We will make sure your donations don't miss the bus! They are looking for kid-friendly items: peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, cans of soup or chili, canned tuna or meat, granola bars. Helping Hands is in need of cleaning supplies, toilet paper, feminine products, shampoo, body wash, soap, and disposable shavers. Contact the office for more information.

Family Promise

Family Promise Volunteers Needed: Many of our churches need help finding volunteers to stay overnight. It's not difficult and you do get to sleep. Please call Millie at Family Promise, (360) 854-0743, if you can help or contact the church office for more information.

Family Promise Dinners: We are responsible for preparing dinner, serving dinner, and overnight host for **August 21, 22, 23, and 24**. We need help preparing food, serving, and hosting overnight. We will be at Burlington Lutheran Church. If you would like to help, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

Friendship House

Outdoor Benefit Concert: Do you like great music, great food, great drinks, and supporting a great charity? This is the event for you! On **September 4th from 12:00-7:00pm** at Christianson's Nursery & Greenhouse come out to enjoy live music with multiple bands performing throughout the day, plus food trucks and a beer garden. Go to www.skagitfriendshiphouse.org for more information or contact the church office.

Friendship House Dinners: Please **keep the cookies coming** to ensure all our guests get a home made treat. We continue to deliver dinner to Friendship House on the **last Monday of every month**. Thank you for your donations and Thrivent for grants to help with this ministry. Contact the church office for more information.

Edison Lutheran Church Ministry Partners

Our church is partnered with many non-profit organizations. Since not everyone knows who we are partnered with or what they do, here is a quick page to explain our partner ministries. Edison Lutheran Church is both doing great things in our community and helping others to do great things!

- ◆ **Helping Hands Food Bank:** Has multiple programs to address food insecurity, including: C.H.O.W that provides 2,500 kids weekly with backpacks filled with food to get them through the weekend; Grocery Rescue that collects food from grocery stores that would have been thrown out and gets that food to people who need it; Food Bank, mobile food bank, and small 24/7 food shelves located around the community, to provide food without questions or judgment directly to those who need it; and Job Internships to help those who need to build a resume before fully entering the workforce.
- ◆ **Family Promise:** Their mission is to come together as a community to support homeless families as they work to provide their children with loving homes. Family Promise partners with local churches to provide shelter and food for families. The family gets to stay together, unlike homeless shelters where men and women are housed in different rooms. They also provide training and assistance to help them find work and a home. Edison Lutheran prepares/serves dinner and serve as overnight host for **3-4 evenings quarterly**.
- ◆ **El Camino de Emmaus:** Provides adult and youth Lutheran pastoral services to our local Spanish speaking community. They are currently holding worship Services at Burlington Lutheran Church every Sunday at 12:00pm.
- ◆ **Friendship House:** The mission of Friendship House is to reflect the heart of God by feeding, sheltering, clothing and healing...to empower those in need. They serve almost 100 meals daily mostly at the Friendship House Café to those in need in our community. They also have two clean and sober emergency shelters, one low barrier shelter, one transitional house, one permanent low income shared living house, plus First Step, the tiny house village in Burlington. Edison Lutheran prepares and serves one dinner the **last Monday of every month**.
- ◆ **Josephine Caring Community:** Provides transitional rehabilitation, assisted living, long-term care, and early learning and childcare. They provide healthcare, spiritual care, and emotional support for all residents. Edison Lutheran always ensures the residents receive Christmas gifts every year.
- ◆ **Camp Lutherwood:** Provides summer programs for youth for fun and to help them in their faith journey. Camp Lutherwood also serves as a meeting place for church groups and lay organizations. In addition to monetary benevolence, our church provides scholarships to attend summer camp.
- ◆ **Lutheran Campus Ministry at WWU and PLU:** Campus Ministries provide spiritual support, guidance, gatherings, and worship opportunities for college students.
- ◆ **Lutheran World Relief:** Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Our church donates money, self-care kits, and school kits.
- ◆ **Wycliff Bible Translators:** No one should have to learn another language to understand God's Word. And yet millions of people are still waiting for a single word of the Bible's life-transforming power. Their goal is to translate the Bible into every language ... until all the nations worship!

Semi-Annual Meeting

On June 26th we had our Semi-Annual Meeting. Here is what happened, just in case you missed it.

- **Candidates for Council:** **Cheryl Conner, Jean Miller, Judy Bendsten,** and **Christie Peterson** were nominated and approved for three-year terms. **RuthAnne Pockock** volunteered and was approved to serve the open one-year term. Thank you for volunteering to be Councilmembers! Outgoing members are **Cathy Smith, Brooke Tyler, Brad Wyman,** and **Gordy Dahl.** Thank you for serving as Councilmembers! Edison Lutheran Church relies on volunteers to make our Congregation strong. We all appreciate your time and efforts.
- **Church Siding, Roofing, and painting:** Two years ago we had some work done on the exterior of the church. The Property & Management Committee received three bids to complete the work. The total estimate is approximately \$52,000. Unfortunately, this is required maintenance if we want our church to continue standing for another 100 years. The proposed work was approved by the congregation.
- **2022-2023 Pastoral Intern:** The Synod has asked that we host a Pastoral Intern from September 1, 2022 until August 31, 2023. Hosting an intern will cost \$30,000 for the year in a stipend for the intern as well as a cost for housing, since she lives 1.5 hours away. The congregation approved the required stipend. Please see Page 5 for more on our intern.
- **Dancraig Pre & Primary English Medium School in Tanzania:** Pastor John presented information about the school, their need for support, some of its history and linkage to Edison Lutheran.

The mission of the school is To enable Children from Poor Families have an Opportunity for the Best Education. The level of education provided at the school is normally only available to children from rich and high class families in Tanzania. The costs of education is so high that poor families cannot afford school. Dancraig Pre & Primary English Medium School is determined through its donors and partners to help children from poor families to also have an opportunity to best education. They believe this is the best way to bring about genuine social transformation.

There are about 100 students at the school, all from poor families with almost half requiring full sponsorships in order to attend school. The congregation approved support of the school with \$500 per month through December. We plan to use the time to get to know the school better to ensure that our donations are being put to good use. As of printing, with support from Edison Lutheran, the children can now have three meals a day rather than only two, and they have been able to pay the teachers.

Some of the students who attend the Dancraig Pre & Primary Medium English School in Tanzania.





By **Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee**, NWWA Synod

From the August 2022 Edition of *The Spirit*

From the Bishop:

We are extravagantly blessed in this state to be surrounded by amazing nature. Not far from us, on the Olympic Peninsula, there is a rainforest that has trees over 300 feet high and which are over 1000 years old. In human history, when those trees broke through the ground, Christianity was just beginning in the Scandinavian countries of Europe, the Charter of Liberties was signed by Henry 1 in England giving some rights to landowning men (revolutionary for its time), Islam was in its scientific golden age with many of the preeminent scholars and scientists of the Middle Ages, the person we know as Genghis Khan united about half of the Mongol clans under his leadership, and, in the area we now know as the Hoh Rainforest, indigenous people laughed and argued, loved and fought, hunted and fished. And there, on that land, tiny, fragile trees peeked through the ground.

One thousand years ago.

Since then, there has been love and birth, illness and disease, heartache and abandonment, war and rumors of war, laughter and joy. Pandemics have ravaged populations. Peace has been declared and lived into and broken. Nations have risen and nations have fallen and other nations have taken their place. Millions upon millions of people have come and gone. As long as those trees have been growing, there has been life and death and new life again. For one thousand years.

When life gets too fraught - when I worry about pandemics or elections or the state of many congregations or my children's future or humanity's future or this planet's future - when I begin to believe that I'm to save the church or humanity or the world - when I simply don't know what to do next - I think of the trees. One thousand years old and still growing.

And I take a breath. I breathe. And I trust in God's Holy Spirit.

For, as hard as it sometimes is to believe, dear beloved people of God, neither you nor I am called to save the church. Nor are we called to save the country. Nor are we called to save the world. As we have heard many times (I hope!) in church, Jesus died for the world already, you don't need to. And this world is redeemed through Jesus.

So, when we worry and stew and lose focus, what are we called to do and to be? As followers of Jesus, we are called to live and love in this world. As followers of Jesus, we are called to love the beautiful broken beloved people around us (even those you might not agree with or like). As followers of Jesus, we are called to love this beautiful broken beloved world and work to be good stewards of it. As followers of Jesus, we are called to leave this world and all of its inhabitants better because of us. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live and love in grace and move towards justice together.

When I think of the root systems of the trees in the Hoh rainforest - the roots that started shallow and individual but now go deep and wide, tangled up with other root systems, drawing from the same water source, burrowing as deeply down into the soil as much as they soar above the ground, interdependent with one another, needing one another - I think of how we are called to draw strength from one another, live together with each other, and deeply draw from the resources around us so that we all may thrive.

When I think of the Hoh Rainforest trees, peace comes over me. For I truly believe that, through the Holy Spirit, the Church will continue with deep roots and soaring heights. In one thousand years, the Church will not look the same as it does now (much like it has changed from 1000 years ago) and yet, Christ will continue to save through grace – of this I am certain.

I am thankful that in this time and place, we are called to live into the good news of Jesus' radical acceptance together. I am thankful that God is living and moving and being in me and I am living and moving and being in God. I am thankful that God is living and moving and being in you as you are living and moving and being in God. And, together, we look to those thousand-year-old trees. We look to seedlings and saplings. And we remember these words from Psalm 90:

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

May the beauty and blessing of God be with you always.

+ *Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee*
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Northwest Washington Synod/ELCA Events

Hunger Team: Are you interesting in finding solutions for hunger in the US and around the world? Then you should join the Synod for their monthly meeting via Zoom, **Thursday, August 25th at 5:30 pm.** Find more information on their website, www.lutheransnw.org or contact the Edison Lutheran Church office.

Evangelical Church of America's (ELCA) "God's Work. Our Hands." is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor. These acts of service allow us to explore one of our most basic Lutheran convictions: All of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. This year "God's Work. Our Hands." will be Sunday, **September 11, 2022.** Please let the church office know if you are interested in leading our participation in this worthwhile event.

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly: The Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, convenes **Aug. 8-12 in Columbus, Ohio.** This year's theme is "Embody the Word," based on Luke 24:45. Voting members will participate in plenaries, discussions and worship while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports and updates on the work of the church. *Living Lutheran* provides an overview of the agenda and upcoming elections. In advance of the Churchwide Assembly, ELCA members are encouraged to participate in a series of online Bible studies on Sundays in July. To follow the assembly from home, **livestream the proceedings at ELCA.org/cwa.**

Prayer Requests



Remember in your Prayers: We pray for the family of Bob Fisher, the family of Jerome Chandler (friend of Barb & Al Fredrickson), Dustin King, Jerry Butterfield, Nancy Bussard (Pastor John's grandmother), Larry Olsen, Kris Merritt, Shirley Lee, Ken Nelson (brother of Barb Fredrickson), Marian Knutzen, Jeanne Youngquist, Gary Englund (father of Alex), Jim Forbes (Debbie Conijn's step-father), Judy Eitrem, Edith Nichols, Barry Christensen, Chris Isaacson, Taylor Isaacson, and the ministry of El Camino de Emaús Congregation.

The Homebound: Arlene Omdal, Roberta DeMarre, Ruth Sexton, and Wanda Peterson.

Those in the Military: Dustin and Rocio King.

Please keep the church office current on your loved ones who are (or need to be) named on our prayer list.
 Office: 360-766-6920 Email: edisonlutheran@live.com

August Birthdays

8/1	Hannah Miller
8/2	Doug Jensen
8/2	Karma Larson
8/3	Brad Wyman, Jr.
8/5	Jonathan Larson
8/7	Scott Conner
8/7	Mike McCutchin
8/8	RuthAnne Pocock
8/10	Gregory Ormsby



8/11	Michael Larson
8/13	Camden Schutte
8/15	Mia Omdal
8/17	Jennifer Sheahan
8/21	Linda Johnson
8/22	Trygve Knutzen
8/26	Tisha Schutte
8/27	Jacob Leander
8/28	Alexander Schutte



We Need Your Help!

Our Sunday School Teachers have been a great team for **six years**. It's time for a few of them to move on to other things. **We need Sunday School Teachers.** Ideally, we would **team teach** with two teachers per class. Committing to teaching is so much easier when you know you can take a weekend off occasionally. Of course, you can have a class all to yourself if you prefer. Our school year runs from the middle of September to the middle of May.

Working with our students is an amazing experience! Please consider volunteering to team teach this school year. **We need at least 3 more teachers.** Please contact the church office if you want more information or to volunteer.

Serving in Worship - August

	7 August	14 August	21 August	28 August
Assisting Minister	Chris Omdal	Alexia Englund	Mark Johnson	Darla Jensen
Lector	Karma Larson	Patsy Martin	Keith Peterson	Gailyn Ploeg
Usher	Mark & Linda Johnson	Tom Wake Dan Martin	Larry & Susie Forsythe	Keith & Christie Peterson
Greeter	Jerry Sells Jenny Sheahan	Joanne Berentsen Inger Conner	Debbie Conijn Karen Fisher	Judy Sheahan Linda Larson
Altar Guild	Nancy Nygren Judy Sheahan	Judy Sheahan Janet Wyman	Janet Wyman Susie Forsythe	Susie Forsythe Debbie Conijn
Fellowship Host	Jean & Mike Miller Darla Jensen	Judy & Vic Jensen Lynn DenAdel	Dan & Patsy Martin Jenny & Jerry Nelson	Glenda & Keith Gundersen Judy Bendtson Roger Taxdahl
CMD	Karen Fisher	Chris Omdal	Cathy Smith	Linda Johnson

Assisting Minister is a Great Job: It is always special to be able to participate in worship. We need a few more people to sign up for 1 service every other month. You don't need to sing well. We can mute your microphone for the singing. And we do have a very forgiving audience for public speaking, so no need to worry about that either. If anyone complains, just hand them the binder and microphone. I guarantee you will not have any complaints after that. Contact the church office for more information.

Church Directory Update

We tried the online directory. Please remember that every experience provides an opportunity to learn. Having said that, we are delaying our online directory dream for a little longer. We are currently updating the directory in the office and will have a draft for people to check for accuracy available at church later in August. More information will go out via weekly announcements and email. Thank you for your patience.

Are You Smarter Than a Confirmation Student? Below is a question that our Confirmation Students can answer. Can you?

What was the name of the Judge who led her people to victory over their Canaanite oppressors? She even has a song in the book of Judges.

See page 13 for the answer.

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <i>Pentecost 8</i> 10:30 a Worship**	1 7:00 p Bible Study*	2	3 10:00 a Altar Guild Meeting** 5:30 p Worship & Music	4	5	6
7 <i>Pentecost 9</i> 10:30 a Worship**	8 7:00 p Bible Study*	9 7:00 p Church Council**	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Pentecost 10</i> 10:30 a Worship**	15 <i>No Bible Study</i>	16	17 10:00 a Women's Bible Study*	18 10:00 a Prayer Shall Ministry	19	20
21 <i>Pentecost 11</i> 10:30 a Worship**	22 <i>No Bible Study</i> <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Pentecost 12</i> 10:30 a Worship**	29 6:00 p Friendship House Meal 7:00 p Bible	30	31	1	2	3

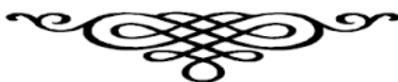
* Drive-in or Zoom ** In-person

Women's Bible Study -- Wednesday August 17th at 10 am

Join Linda Larson for a monthly Bible Study via Zoom (zoom.us/join).
She will be using the current issue of Gather Magazine. Zoom link is on the church website.
If you need a copy of the Gather magazine, contact the office or ask a greeter on Sunday.

Meeting ID: 899 1858 0521

Password: 287649



Smarter Than A Confirmation Student from page 12:

Deborah was the Judge who led her people to freedom. Judges 5:2-31 has the Song of Deborah. It's definitely worth a read.



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