



OUR CHURCH

Fourth of July

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the celebration July fourth! The set up crew was amazing, we had 20 plus people show up and we were finished in less than an hour, our custodian had tables preset for us, thank you Randy. We had donations come in early for the fourth. Then on the fourth, we had people cutting pie early in the morning, the sign was put out in the street, the parade was wonderful, then we started selling chicken dinners. We had servers, table cleaners, pie monitors, ticket sellers; money counters, greeters and lots of warm smiles for those that came in to eat. We also took meals to Beacon of Hope. I am reminded of the foundation of the Body of Christ is love. Our relationships with each other should be characterized by an unwavering love that mirrors Christ love for us. This love is not just a feeling it's an action that compels us to serve, care for, and uplifts one another. Our community sees this and we display Gods Character. Thank you!

Your friend in Christ,

Gary Vosberg, Gowrie UMC Lay Leader

UpperRoom Devotionals

Just a reminder, we as a church purchase the UpperRoom Devotionals for your use. The cost of these wonderful devotionals has recently gone up. Currently our cost per devotional is \$2.29 for Large Print and \$1.86 for Regular Print. Please remember when you pick up a devotional to place a donation in the box to help cover the cost of that devotional.

We are thinking about only purchasing the Large Print from here out. If you have any input regarding this change please let us know.

Yours in service,

Carrie Dalley, Secretary



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SERVE

- **Council** August 6 6:30 PM
- **UWF** No Meeting August
- **“Singing the Favorites”- Joint Choir**
August 10, during Community Worship in the Park, Practice will be on Aug. 6 at 6:00 PM Zion Lutheran Church
- **Flower Beds** out front need grooming. Feel free to assemble a group to do so at any time. It feels good to work together!

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**
9:30 Coffee and Conversation
10:15 am Worship Service
Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575
- **Bible Study** Tuesdays 1:30 - at Joan's
- **Holy Spirit Study** Wednesdays 1:30pm in the Church Narthex
- **Facebook Devotion** Thursdays 9:30 am
- **August 10th - Community Worship in the Park** 10:00am
- **August 17th - Camp Sunday**
During Worship youth will share their meaningful camp experiences

Serving Opportunities Book

Please pick up your Serving Opportunities Book from the Narthex. There are names on the top to indicate those whom are scheduled for any positions during Worship. Thank you for your Service!

PRAY

Please call in or email your prayer request, changes and updates to the office.

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Colleen Traster and George Anderson.

Health Concerns: Denny Tucker, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those suffering from chronic pain. All those fighting cancer. All those receiving therapy. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: The families of all those who lost loved ones in Texas flooding.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for those affected by flooding in Texas. Pray for all people in war zones. The Middle East, Ukraine and those countries the Spirit has placed in your heart.

Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.

Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

CELEBRATE



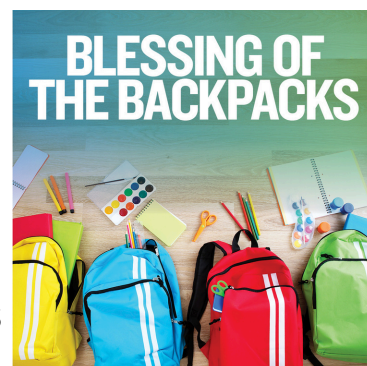
**August 10
at 10:00 AM**

August 24

Blessing Backpacks
during Worship.

August 27

Southeast Valley Schools
1st Day



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



Grace and Peace,

Glenn and I are so pleased to be back home! In our church, home with our animals and summer tasks and as we often say, in our own bed. It is after being away that we realize how precious "home" is. We learned so much and feel so blessed to be able to return home to share it. To tell our story.



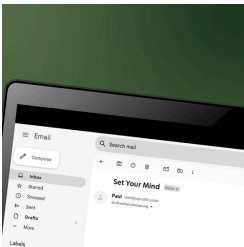
So often our stories remain untold. I mean the story of God's work in our lives. So often we talk to one another but God is left out, because we have convinced ourselves that it is hard and maybe even offensive to others. As Christians, this is the very story we are to tell. This is the story that will show God's love and grow God's church. This is the story, that will reach people's hearts. This is not a complicated story that is condescending or prideful. This is a humble story that simply inserts the truth of God in our lives. That all we have comes from him, our opportunities, our joys, our challenges, our gifts, our families etc. When we give praise to God, we witness to God's work in our world. For me, it is the statement I often make, "God is Good!" I say it with joy, reverence, hope and gratitude. What is the statement you add to your story to give God the glory?

Pastor Susan

Sermon Series Sunday's in August 2025

Dear Children of God

Let's dive into Paul's letters and explore what message he has for us!



August 3 Set Your Mind

Hosia 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



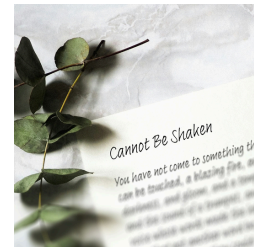
August 10 Worship in the Park

Isa 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40



August 17 For the Sake of Joy

Isa 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56



August 24 Cannot be Shaken

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



August 31 Let Mutual Love Continue

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Jane Frahm

August 3 & 17

Gary & Kendale Vosberg

August 10

Gail McCloud

August 24 & 31

August 3

Communion:

Worship Leader:

Music:

Nuss Family

Mary Patterson

Colleen Palmer &

Jeff Patterson

Tech:

Bergan & Carrie Dalley

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online: Don & Paula Wiklander

August 10

10:00 AM

Host:

**Worship in the Park
Choir**

Gary & Kendale Vosberg

August 17

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online: Don & Paula Wiklander

Camp Sunday

Bergan Dalley

Jeff Patterson

Keith & Dena Sytsma

August 24

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Backpack Blessings

Eric Adam

Jeff Patterson

Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden

Dave & Judi Tjepkes

Dennis & Barb Tucker

August 31

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

John Lizer

Jeff Patterson

Lincoln & August Akins

Dennis & Barb Tucker



Through your generosity...

- we served 225 guests on July 4th. We provided 10 meals to carnival workers and brought chicken and pie to Beacon of Hope.
 - We opened our church basement to campers in the park so they have a safe place to go during storms.
 - Our kids participated in joint VBS.
 - We continued to share God's message in Word and Song!!!
- Because of you, we are a consistent source of God's presence in our community.**
- We are alive.**
- We are God's church!**



Extravagant
Giving



Automatic Payments and E-payments are a great way to give on your schedule. You can set frequency and date of all gifts to fit your budget.

**July Offerings
\$8157.00**

**4th of July
Hospitality Lunch
\$1153.00**

Thank you!

Outgoing Automatic
Bill Withdrawals
Per Month
Approximately \$9000

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor's Prep Day	2 Happy Birthday! Emma Sytsma Jenny Ganeff Steve Tucker
3 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	4 Pastor's Sabbath	5 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	6 9am Office Open 6pm Joint Choir @ Zion 6:30pm Council Mtg.	7 Happy Birthday! Randy Johnson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	8 Pastor's Prep Day	9
10 10:00am Community Worship in the Park & Luncheon w/Zion Bring a Dish to Share!	11 Happy Birthday! Sue Crouch Pastor's Sabbath	12 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	13 9am Office Open	14 Happy Birthday! Emily Joyce 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	15 Pastor's Prep Day	16
17 Camp Sunday 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:00am Worship Committee Mtg.	18 Happy Birthday! Ben Johnson Graydon Gustofson Pastor's Sabbath	19 Happy Birthday! Max Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	20 Happy Birthday! Lisa Willardson 9am Office Open 12:45 Pastoral Interview	21 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	22 Pastor's Prep Day	23 Happy Birthday! Bruce Long Everly Scott
24 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Backpack Blessing	25 Happy Birthday! Pat Lomicka Pastor's Sabbath	26 Happy Birthday! August Akins 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	27 Happy Birthday! Judi Tjepkes 9am Office Open First Day of School	28 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	29 Pastor's Prep Day	30
31 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship						

WORSHIP LIVE ON FACEBOOK AND ON LATER CHANNEL 575 AT 11:00 AM

"God is Good"



United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward No Meeting August

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105 (NIV)



Join us at 10:00 August 10th for Worship in the Park with Zion! We will have a light luncheon after Worship at the Shelter House. Zion is bringing sandwich makings. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share!



STUDENT KIT SHOPPING LIST

- ☐ 3 Notebooks - 1 Subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- ☐ 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- ☐ 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- ☐ 1 Pencil Sharpener
- ☐ 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- ☐ 1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils
- ☐ 1 Box of 24 Crayons
- ☐ 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- ☐ 1 Handmade One-Handled Bag

(pattern at midwestmission.org/patterns)



Scan the code to learn
how to assemble this



Midwest Mission goal is to make 2,500 Student Kits during Serving September.

School Supplies are on sale. Purchase bulk of whatever you feel moved to purchase. Whole kits or just pieces. If you are unable to purchase school supplies please donate \$20 in the jar! Thank you.

We will put together school kits in worship September 21st!



Midwest Missions Ingathering Kits

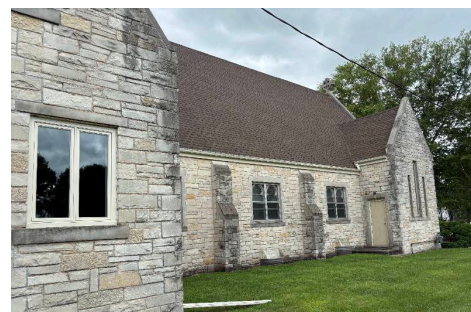
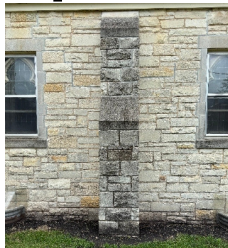
Ingathering will be November 1st at Fort Dodge Trinity.

In addition to the School Kits we are putting together in September, we will also put together Personal Dignity Kits, Birthing Kits, etc. There will be brochures in the Narthex for anyone wanting to make or donate toward making a Kit. There is also shopping list available on Midwest Missions website:

<https://www.midwestmission.org/collect-donate>

Board of Trustees Updates

Before



The Board of Trustees routinely maintain, update and prioritize a “To Do List” of items that they feel is necessary to keep our Church safe and easily accessible for our members and parishioners. two significant items on that list have been recently completed:

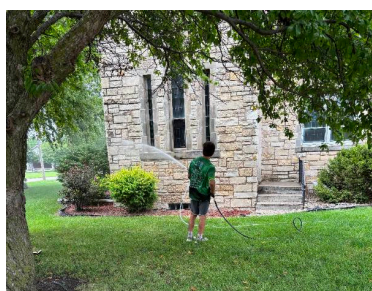
WINDOW REPLACEMENTS- the installation of eight(8) windows has been completed. Ben Johnson Construction has done a great job and the window replacement project is now up-to-date and our committee was happy to scratch that top-priority job off our list. most of you remember Ben (Marj Johnson’s son) from his childhood activities growing up in this Church. THANK YOU to all who donated towards the Windows Project.

EXTERIOR WALLS AND DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE POWER-WASH- numerous areas on the outside walls of our church were showing some unsightly black mold that accumulated over the years. additionally the driveway and walks had some dirt. grease and oil stains that distracted for the beautiful entrance area into our church. two recent graduates from our local high school, Drake Warland and Brady Hanson, started a yard maintenance business, and were retained to undertake that significant cleaning job. They did a great job and that allowed us to remove another priority item from our “To-Do-List”.

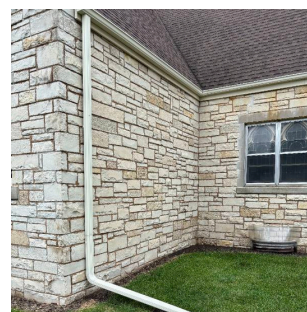
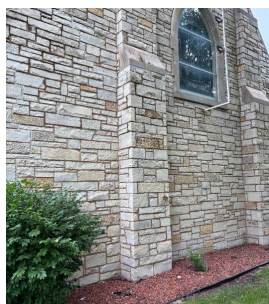
REMAINING ITEMS STILL ON THE LIST-our priorities now have shifted from outside projects to several inside projects. Replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary is one of our next priorities in addition to some painting and plaster repairs. Our main challenge to the ceiling fans project is retaining/renting a scissor-lift to enable the necessary professional workers to reach the highest levels inside our church where the fans are located. Other on-going projects include pruning several trees and bushes.

The Trustees welcome any and all suggestions that you would like addressed at some point to help keep our Church as one of the more beautiful, accessible and well-maintained houses of worship in our area.

Our Church Trustees include: Judi Tjepkes, chair, Paula Wiklander, Keith Sytsma, and Ryan Rice. We really miss Trustee Dale Brandt who was such a valuable member of our committee and his passing has created a vacancy on our committee that needs to be filled.



After





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Thank You!

Because of you,
we served 225 guests on
July 4th, welcoming young and old.
We provided 10 meals to carnival
workers who are so necessary for the
days events and who are often
forgotten. We brought chicken and pie
to Beacon of Hope as a way to love
others through our many gifts. God
charges us with the command to love
others and to give. Praise God.

We are God's church!

