



THE CROSS

July 2, 2023

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023
9:30am Worship

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PRIME TIMERS PICNIC

Hosted by Mary Ann & John Mantey
and
Betty Erbe & Ken Rubin

TUESDAY
JULY 11, 2023 AT 1PM
4512 THOMAS STREET

Brats and hamburgers will be provided. Iced tea and lemonade will be available, but you are welcome to bring a drink of your choice.

Please R.S.V.P. to John and Mary Ann at 262-632-7262 and let them know what you will bring - a salad, baked beans, buns, or dessert.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday July 2

9:30am - One Worship Service

Monday July 3

OFFICE CLOSED

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

Tuesday July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday July 5

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

Thursday July 6

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

6pm-9pm - PEO Meeting-
Fellowship Hall

Sunday July 9

8am - Worship

10am - Worship

Church Calendar

The church calendar is constantly being updated so to see the most current events please go to our website and click on Resources and then Calendar.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Kathy Gunderson for continued progress in her health journey.

Jan Koechell as she recovers from a fall.

Our members facing long term health concerns: Myrna & Jim DeCamp, Barb Tuttle, Mardell Fisher, Shirley Alton, and Mark Wanggaard.

UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

July 2 - 9:30am

Worship Asst: Leah Krueger

Ushers: Jeff Wunderle,
Colin McKenna

Communion Asst:

Sandy & Jim Georgeson

Power Point Tech:

Stacey Robe

Sound Tech:

Livestream Tech:

July 9- 8am

Worship Asst: Jay Weiss

Ushers: Joe Kiemen,
Grace Holm

Communion Asst: Grace Holm

July 9 - 10am

Worship Asst: Jay Weiss

Ushers: Steve Dues,
Jeff Wunderle

Communion Asst:

Power Point Tech:

Carol Gavigan

Sound Tech:

Livestream Tech:

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NEIGHBORHOOD CAMP NEEDS

The Neighborhood Camp is in need of new or gently used board games, card games and books for kids 6-11 years old.

Happy Birthday!

6/30	Dean Krueger
6/30	Jill Schwartz
6/30	Aaron Skaar
6/30	Devon Smith
7/1	JoAnn Nelson
7/3	Debra Payan
7/4	Kensi Black
7/8	Barbara Blickle
7/10	Tom McDonough
7/11	John Cline
7/13	Cheryl Cieczka
7/14	Adele Helmle
7/14	Valerie Jaskulske

Happy Anniversary!

7/2	JoAnn & Mike Nelson	35
7/3	Nancy & Mark Wanggaard	30
7/10	Vicki & Dave Barke	47
7/15	Kara & Jeff Wunderle	30

Introducing “Gospel Talk” on Sunday Mornings

You are invited to “Gospel Talk” on Sunday mornings with me (Pastor Paul), beginning this Sunday July 2 after the (one) 9:30 am worship, and between the services (~9:15 am) for the remainder of the summer. The goal of these conversations is to “up our game” in articulating the Gospel to our family, friends, and neighbors. I believe that the survival of the church depends on our revitalizing our ability to share the Good News about Jesus. It’s that important! Please come!

You may have noticed that my sermons are longer than the norm these days. Partly, this is because I believe sermons are the most important place to lay the foundation for a revitalized Gospel. If we aren’t willing to put in the work of “upping our game” in sharing the Gospel, I fear we will lose our children’s and grandchildren’s generations. They look around at a messy, dangerous world and wonder if God in Jesus Christ is doing anything about it. For me, the answer is a resounding, “Yes!” God has sent Jesus into the world to launch God’s reign among us. Jesus himself, and the early apostles, all were in synch as proclaiming the heart of the Gospel in terms of God’s reign coming to earth in Jesus.

Over the centuries we lost this edge. As we focused increasingly on the afterlife, we lost sight of what is happening in this life. Brothers and sisters, we can and must retain that Good News about life-after-death. But it’s imperative that we regain the Good News about what God is doing to save us from ourselves in this life.

In short, we have a lot of work to do, if we want to revitalize the Gospel and the mission of the church. I am going to work on shortening my sermons. These “Gospel Talks” on Sundays, then, are an effort to supplement them with crucial conversations that put in the extra work we need to do to meet this extraordinary time in history. Early service folks stick around for another hour; late service folks come an hour early. Come and be part of “upping our game” on sharing the Gospel with this broken world. Grace and peace, Pastor Paul

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