



# THE CROSS

July 16, 2023

## 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 16, 2023**  
**8am & 10am**  
**Worship**

**CLICK below for livestream**

<https://www.youtube.com/@LCRRacine/streams>

## Hospitality Center Wish List



COFFEE  
REGULAR-GROUND-  
LARGE CANS



GRANOLA  
BARS



POWDERED  
COFFEE  
CREAMER



BAKED  
BEANS



SUGAR



SALAD  
DRESSING



CONDIMENTS  
BBQ SAUCE-  
KETCHUP-MAYO



DEODORANT

Please only bring in the items on the list above.  
We will have a bin in the gathering area for the next few weeks for you to put your donations in.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday July 16

8am - Worship  
9:05am - Gospel Talk  
10am - Worship

### Monday July 17

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

### Tuesday July 18

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

### Wednesday July 19

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp  
7pm - Book Club

### Thursday July 20

8am-4pm - Neighborhood Camp

### Sunday July 23

8am - Worship  
9:05am - Gospel Talk  
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...

**Mike Z.**, a friend of Liz & Sam Graceffa, as he faces health concerns and upcoming surgery.

**John Hewitt** as he recovers from surgery.

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

### UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

#### July 16 - 8am

**Worship Asst:** Tony Baumgardt

**Ushers:** Joe Kiemen,  
Grace Holm

**Communion Asst:** Grace Holm

#### July 16 - 10am

**Worship Asst:** Tony Baumgardt

**Ushers:** Connie Gardner,  
Joyce Christopherson

**Communion Asst:**

Kathy Anderson, Duane Huth

**Power Point Tech:**

Sydney Dues

**Sound Tech:** Erika Dorsey

**Livestream Tech:**

Heather Keszler

#### July 23- 8am

**Worship Asst:** Mary Hauch

**Ushers:** Joe Kiemen,  
Grace Holm

**Communion Asst:** Grace Holm

#### July 23 - 10am

**Worship Asst:** Mary Hauch

**Ushers:** Jeff Wunderle,  
Colin McKenna

**Communion Asst:**

**Power Point Tech:**

Valerie Nance

**Sound Tech:**

**Livestream Tech:**

### 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.

### SPONSOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CAMP CAMPER

Many of the campers who are attending the Neighborhood Camp this summer are in need of school supplies for the fall. We are asking if you are willing to sponsor one, or more, of the campers by buying them their whole list of school supplies. Here is how it will work:

- To start, the lists and the sign up are on the Coffee Bar in the Gathering Area
- Take a list, or as many as you want, and sign it out on the sign up sheet by putting the number that is on the upper left corner of the list and your name on the sign up sheet.
- If the grade is highlighted in blue it's for a boy and if it's pink it is for a girl.
- If it doesn't list a backpack, please consider purchasing one.
- The list needs to be returned with the backpack and supplies so we know which child it belongs to.
- Feel free to include a card of encouragement to the camper.
- **Backpacks and supplies are due back by Thursday, July 20 to the office.**





**What a great second  
and third week of  
Neighborhood Camp!**

## **SUNDAY'S SERMON AND "GOSPEL TALK"**

We've been reading through St. Paul's majestic Letter to the Romans for a number of Sundays now and will continue to do so until September 17. Let's be honest. Romans is often so "majestic" that it's hard to understand! Like all the talk in this middle section (Romans 8:1-11) about life "in the Flesh" vs. life "in the Spirit." What does that mean?

I propose that what I've been talking about in recent weeks ("anthropology") can help. In the first century, they didn't yet have a notion of evolution, nor a study of anthropology based on global data. So Paul was reaching for language to articulate a Christian anthropology for his time. If we translate "in the flesh" into today's language, I propose it means something like, "our human nature as we've thus far evolved." What Paul is trying to articulate, then, is that life "in the Spirit" of Jesus the Messiah empowers us to begin living beyond our evolved nature. We can begin to have our humanity transformed beyond what human beings have been able to experience thus far. Jesus came to enable us to be human in ways that lead to abundant life! Paul himself and the early Christians were examples of this! They were experiencing it!

Sunday's Gospel Reading ("The Parable of the Sower") deals, I think, with the flipside of the possibility that we might become transformed in our humanity – namely, the stubbornness of our evolved nature to yield to God's salvation. It can be like sowing seeds on rocks, thorns, and beaten-down dirt. The Good News of the Parable of the Sower is that God has lovingly and persistently and lavishly continued to fling the seed everywhere! It will bear fruit! It will transform lives!

Please join us on Sunday, including the "Gospel Talk" between services – come early (9:05am) if you are a 10:00 worshiper – as we dig deeper into a revitalized Gospel message of God empowering us to be human in new ways! Our broken world needs us to continue to sow the seeds of new life!



## *Happy Birthday!*

|      |                   |      |               |
|------|-------------------|------|---------------|
| 7/14 | Adele Helmle      | 7/24 | Harold Holm   |
| 7/14 | Valerie Jaskulske | 7/24 | Dwayne Olsen  |
| 7/20 | Jennifer Klemick  | 7/25 | Dave Weber    |
| 7/20 | Jon Nelson        | 7/28 | Ryan Jacobson |
| 7/20 | Connie Todorovic  | 7/29 | Bill Kroll    |
| 7/22 | Toni Hayden       | 7/29 | Linda Miritz  |
| 7/22 | Scott Skaar       |      |               |

## *Happy Anniversary!*

|      |                            |    |
|------|----------------------------|----|
| 7/15 | Kara & Jeff Wunderle       | 30 |
| 7/18 | Gerry & Neal Nottleson     | 64 |
| 7/20 | Marilyn & Joe Kiemen       | 55 |
| 7/23 | Donna & Keith Buska        | 35 |
| 7/23 | Amanda & Aaron Cikel       | 7  |
| 7/24 | Emily & John Israel        | 13 |
| 7/25 | Cheryl & Garret Cieczka    | 31 |
| 7/27 | Mardell & Rob Fisher       | 38 |
| 7/27 | Madeline & Matthew Kuzniar | 4  |
| 7/27 | Jennifer & Scott Skaar     | 38 |
| 7/28 | Shelly & Paul Belanger     | 33 |
| 7/28 | Julie & Colin McKenna      | 39 |
| 7/29 | Mary Ann & Dale Kangas     | 45 |

### **SCRIP CARDS ARE AVAILABLE**



Scrip cards are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. We ask at this time you pay only by check and make it out to LCR Scrip. If you are looking for a vendor OR a different denomination, you can either access the website at <https://www.raiseright.com/brands> or contact Danielle at 262-989-1999.

### **LCR STAFF**

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Racine Interfaith Coalition's



**Save the Date!**



# Food Truck FESTIVAL

St. Rita's Church  
4339 Douglas Ave.  
Racine, WI 53402

## Vendors

MM & E BBQ

Tots On The Street

Taqueria Arandas

Pawlie's

## Speaker

Dant'e  
Cottingham

## Entertainment

KR Bluegrass Band



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Donations  
accepted!