



# THE CROSS

July 30, 2023

## 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**JULY 30, 2023**  
**8am & 10am**  
**Worship**

**CLICK below for livestream**

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**LAST WEEKEND TO BRING IN DONATIONS  
FOR THE HOSPITALITY CENTER**

### Hospitality Center Wish List



COFFEE  
REGULAR-  
GROUND-  
LARGE CANS



GRANOLA  
BARS



POWDERED  
COFFEE  
CREAMER



BAKED  
BEANS



SUGAR



SALAD  
DRESSING



CONDIMENTS  
BBQ SAUCE-  
KETCHUP-  
MAYO



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Please only bring in the items on the list above.  
We will have a bin in the gathering area until  
July 30 for you to put your donations in.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday July 30

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

### Monday July 31

7pm-9pm - Lighthouse Quilters  
Meeting

### Thursday August 3

9am-3pm - Pieceful Quilters  
6pm-9pm - PEO Meeting-  
Fellowship Hall

### Sunday August 6

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...

**John Hoffman**, for comfort and healing after sustaining multiple injuries resulting from a fall from a roof.

**Ken Fehl and his family**, as Ken has now entered home care hospice.

**Joyce Christopherson**, as she mourns the loss of her brother Wayne Geyer and her aunt Dorothy Geyer.

### UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

#### July 30 - 8am

**Worship Asst:** Mary Hauch

**Ushers:** Joe Kiemen,  
Grace Holm

**Communion Asst:** Grace Holm

#### July 30 - 10am

**Worship Asst:** Mary Hauch

**Ushers:** Steve Dues,  
Connie Gardner

**Communion Asst:**

Danielle Smith, Rachel Petrach

**Power Point Tech:**

Jakob Mohalley

**Sound Tech:** Chuck Petrach

**Livestream Tech:**

Gayle Wint

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#### August 6- 8am

**Worship Asst:** Tony Baumgardt

**Ushers:** Joe Kiemen,  
Grace Holm

**Communion Asst:** Grace Holm

#### August 6 - 10am

**Worship Asst:** Tony Baumgardt

**Ushers:** Colin McKenna,  
Joyce Christopherson

**Communion Asst:**

**Power Point Tech:**

Sydney Dues

**Sound Tech:** Chuck Petrach

**Livestream Tech:**

Zeke Petrach

**Mary**, who is hospitalized at this time.

**the Call Committee:** Kristin, Parker, Mary Ann, Harold, Jay, Bradley, Steve for guidance, wisdom, patience, discernment and to follow the mission of the church as they go through the call process.

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

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

I'm not exactly sure what my sermon will be about this Sunday, though I want it to ring out a more hopeful note, like the ending of Romans 8 (the Second Reading). I may seem pessimistic in my preaching, speaking out about the many crises which face us as human beings in the world right now. It's not so different from St. Paul in Romans, who begins the first seven chapters laying out the dire situation due to human sin. But he does turn more hopeful in Romans 8, which I would like to do this week, too.

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

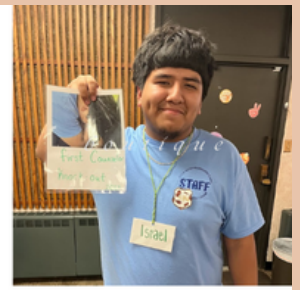
I believe I'm following Paul in having hope in the face of realism about the human condition. In this time and place, I would describe my preaching as a "survivalist gambit." In one instance, there are anxieties about our survival as a species. We are coming to the end of what might be the hottest month on earth ever recorded – another sign of global warming. The latter is already inducing mass migrations across the globe because more places are becoming uninhabitable. Mix that with the rise of racist nationalism, authoritarianism, militarism, and weapons of mass destruction, and what do you get? Anxiety about our survival.

When we gather at church, we often become aware of another instance of survival. Numbers in churches are dropping so fast, especially post-COVID, that many question the survival of the church as we have come to know it. Can we somehow go back to doing what we've been doing at church for centuries and expect to grow again? My answer is, "No, we must change significantly."

This is my "survivalist gambit": these two instances of survival depend on each other. The church must change to meet not only its own crisis. But the change we undertake must be in the direction of helping humanity and the earth meet its crises. I strongly believe that we need a revitalized Gospel message and mission that stops talking about religious conversion and starts focusing on human conversion. Jesus came to lead us into a more faithful and true way of being human. And, behold, that's exactly what the world needs right now to face the crises of its survival! As St. Paul said in last week's installment from Romans 8, the whole creation is groaning and waiting for the children of God to get their act together – to finally begin to realize their true freedom by following in the Son's Way of loving, self-giving service.

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 – hopeful! – Gospel message and mission. One hint: we will feature our favorite song from Neighborhood Camp this summer.





**What a great  
fifth and final week of  
Neighborhood Camp!  
Enjoy these pictures  
of the camp staff!**

## *Happy Birthday!*

7/28	Ryan Jacobson	8/4	Mary Sporer
7/29	Bill Kroll	8/6	Thea Baylor
7/29	Linda Miritz	8/7	Kim Mohalley
8/1	Steve Gaskill	8/9	Mary Ann Fehl
8/2	Jacki Kirt	8/9	Nancy Kroll
8/2	Luann Vacek	8/10	Brittany Noe
8/3	Nancy Wanggaard	8/11	Colin McKenna

## *Happy Anniversary!*

7/28	Shelly & Paul Belanger	33
7/28	Julie & Colin McKenna	39
7/29	Mary Ann & Dale Kangas	45
8/1	Mary Lou & Jim Nielsen	36
8/4	Audrey & Frank Studrawa	22
8/7	Jamie & Lynn Doe	35
8/9	Sue & Glenn Napier	37
8/10	Linda & Melvin Miritz	76

### **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.

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