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Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:30 am, Monday, August 28, 2023, 6:00 pm

13th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Please complete a Connection Card and place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

The Church's One Foundation

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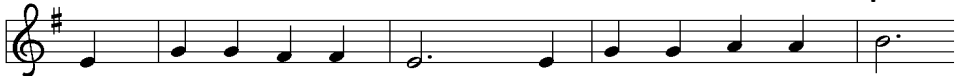
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

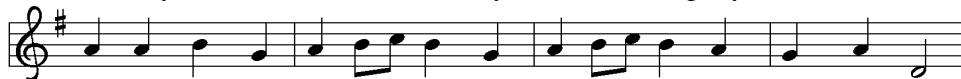
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, **we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Word of God.

Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

*O LORD, your
steadfast
love endures
forever.
(Ps. 138:8)*

*In response
to God's
merciful
activity, we
are to
worship by
living
holistic, God-
pleasing
lives. Our
values and
viewpoints
are not
molded by
the time in
which we live
but are
transformed
by the
Spirit's
renewing
work. God's
grace
empowers
different
forms of
service
among
Christians,
but all forms
of ministry
function to
build up the
body of
Christ.*

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Renew our lives that we may welcome and care for one another and that we may live and serve within the greater community of Negaunee and the world, witnessing to others your abundant love, grace, and welcome.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, and administrators so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please be seated.)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

OFFERING SONG

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring (v. 1, 2)

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

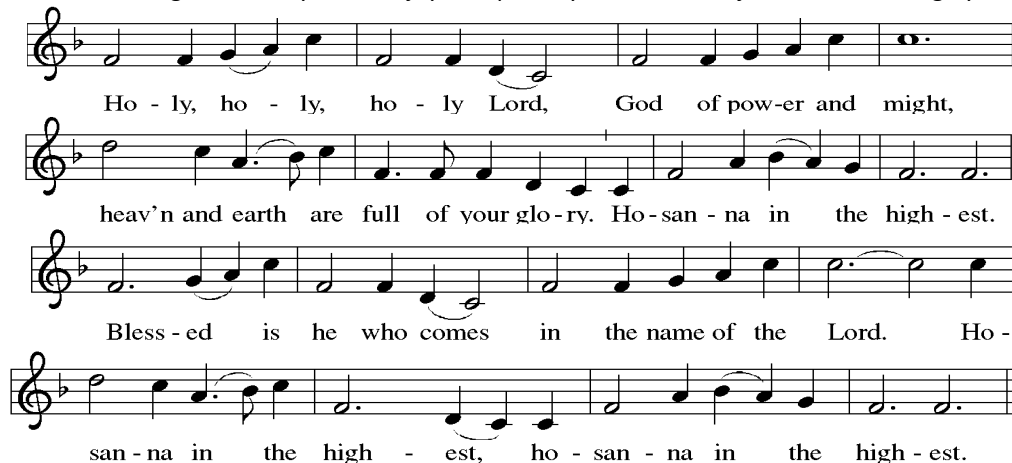
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.



We believe that the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is in/with/under the bread and wine.

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Holy Communion today. Parents, please assist your child(ren) if you wish them communed.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Faith of Our Fathers #812

O Holy Spirit, Enter In #786

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fall Classes Now Open for Registration

Registration is quick and easy for the interesting variety of classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Join the bible studies and conversations on topics that are important to your congregation, your community, and the church. Beginning in September and October, Lifelong Faith Formation courses will meet online via Zoom. Two of them will also meet in-person. Go to the synod website -- <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> -- for details and to sign-up for classes by September 15. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynd.org if you have any questions.

More information will appear in the September/October Beacon to be mailed out next week. Check it out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 27 - September 3, 2023

***SYMPATHY & GOD'S PEACE TO:** James Vercoe and John Vercoe on the loss of their uncle, **Charles S. 'Charlie' Stolnack**, on Wednesday, August 16th. Also, condolences to all of the Stolnack / Vercoe Family.



***BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy 83rd Birthday to **Judy Hallgren** on August 28th.

Happy 85th Birthday to **Don LaForest** on August 31st.

Happy 88th Birthday to **Roy Tossava** on August 31st.

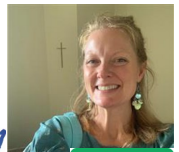


***FALL WELNESS RETREAT** Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is offering a 'Nature Inspired Fall Wellness Retreat' from September 14th - 17th. The registration deadline is September 7th. If you are interested, either email www.fortunelake.org, or call 906-214-2267 for more information.



***YOUTH RETREAT** There will be a Youth Retreat for Grades 3-6 on October 20th and October 21st at Fortune Lake. For more information, call 906-214-2267 or email www.fortunelake.org.

***INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BREANNE KINNUNEN** Pastor Bre will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 24th at 3 pm** in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar. *We all welcome Pastor Bre to Immanuel!!*



***AED TRAINING:** There will be an AED Training session held **TODAY**, August 27th, from 2-5pm.



***YOUTH/PARENTS/GUARDIAN MEETING:** **TODAY**, August 27th, @ 6 pm for those planning to go on the up-coming 2024 New Orleans Trip. Call Stacy McEachern (906-361-9123) for more information.



***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations are needed such as bakery, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for **August** is **FORTUNE LAKE / YOUTH**. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee hour**. Or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Stacy McEachern (906-361-9123)** with your date and any item you wish to bring. Help in the kitchen is also appreciated. **OUR CONTACT FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE 'CHOIR', CONNIE LINDBLOM (906-475-6139).**



***"GOT SNEAKERS??"** We are collecting used ATHLETIC SNEAKERS which are then sent to a company that reuses those that are still usable and recycles those that aren't. There is currently a bag in the Stewardship corner at Immanuel Lutheran Church where they can be deposited. Thank you for any you may have to donate.



***SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CONVERSATION** Each Sunday morning at 11:00 am, a group meets for a discussion on the Bible lessons from the morning's worship service. They will be meeting in the Youth Room (downstairs) for 1 hour. A group has volunteered to lead this group. Today, August 27th, **Ben Raymond** will be the leader. The group continues meeting each Sunday until further notice.



***ELEVATOR 'OUT-OF-COMMISSION':** The elevator **WILL NOT BE USEABLE** for 3 weeks start-ing Friday, August 18th. Work is to begin on it to replace it with the new lift. Thank you for your patience.



***MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST** will be NEXT Saturday, September 2nd, from 8 am to 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for nourishment of your mind and body and join others in this casual fellowship gathering. If you have questions, please call Walter Scanlon @ 906-235-2294.





***COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** The Wesley United Methodist Church, 801 Hemlock Street in Ishpeming is hosting a Community Fellowship Dinner from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on the following Thursdays: September 7th, October 12th, November 9th, December 14th. For more information please call 906-486-4681.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Renae Carlson, Karen Couture, Dan Hendrickson, Michael Holman, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Stephanie Penhale, Shirley Pizziola, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Tim Romback, Louise Spickerman, Bob Walker.*



Our Shut-ins: *Bettie Ahola, Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Leo Nirva, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Lynne Tossava.* (NOTE: Betty Lukkarinen & Leo Nirva are now in Eastwood Nursing Center. They would appreciate visitors occasionally.)

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Dennis Koski, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: - *Connie Scanlon*

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9:30 am / Monday @ 6:00 pm

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

- 9:30 am GREETERS - *Dean Patron*
- *Walter Scanlon*
- 6:00 pm GREETERS - *Diana Hetrick*
- *Jim Hetrick*
- 9:30 am USHERS - *Dean Patron*
- *Walter Scanlon*
- 6:00 pm USHERS - *Diana Hetrick*
- *Jim Hetrick*
- 9:30 am LECTOR - *Paulette Patron*
- 6:00 pm LECTOR - *Gary Suardini*
- 9:30 am COMM ASST'S - *Ben Raymond*
- *Kaitrin Raymond*
- *Deb Moyer*
- 6:00 pm COM AST - *Katie Ritzenhein*
- 9:30 am Tech Team - *Tyler Moore*

(Communion Set-up for August is *Paulette Patron.*)

AUGUST'S MONTHLY MISSION

IN AUGUST, we will focus on Scholarships for Liberian (Africa)

Children, which is educational in nature. We all take education for granted. We pay our taxes and all of our children receive a high school education with no additional charges to the parents. Parents in Liberia pay for their children's education. Any kind of financial crisis for the family leads to the kids dropping out of school.

Pastor Albert (former Pastor of Mitchell Methodist Church here in Negaunee) has personally identified three children who need help with education expenses:

- Danlette is the daughter of a Christian minister who has passed away and is still in school. Her mom, Promise, is struggling to meet the educational needs of three children.



- Simeon has completed the lower grades but cannot continue because his father was laid off by his mining company. Simeon has dropped out of school because the funds to pay the school authorities are not available.

- Obey is an extended family member of pastor Albert. His dad passed away six years ago leaving an uneducated mom with five children. He is continuing his education beyond high school.



Any help with education expenses will be helpful. We have all heard the expression, "*A mind is a terrible thing to waste*". Additional information regarding these families is available by contacting Pastor Albert Barchue, Salem United Methodist Church, 23 Mable Street, P.O. Box 438, Pigeon, MI 48755, "*Liberian student-Albert*" in the comment line (if you wish to send a check directly to Albert).

If you wish to give above-and-beyond to this mission, use August's mission emphasis envelope from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift.

**Thank you for giving \$ 931.00 in July to
Habitat for Humanity for Marquette County.
The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity!
Thank you!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 27, 2023 - September 3, 2023



YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

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 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation
 (Today's leader is *Ben Raymond*)
 - 2-5:00 pm - AED Training (1st session)
 - 6:00 pm - Youth/Parent/Guardian meeting for
 those planning to go on the 2024 trip.
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)
- Monday** - 6:00 pm - Worship Service
- Tuesday** - 10:00 am - Bible Study
- Wednesday** - 6:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thursday** - 10:00 am - Quilting
- Friday** **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10:00 am - Women's AA Group Meet
- Saturday** - 8:00-10:00 am - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Sunday** ***14th Sunday after Pentecost***
- 9:30 am - Worship Service - Baptism
 - 10:30 am - Coffee & Fellowship
 - 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Bible Conversation today
 (Today's leader is TBD)
 - 7:30 pm - AA Group Meets (men & women)