

Congregational Tidings

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*



A weekly newsletter



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PULPIT SUPPLY

We Thank John Mardis, Craig Mahood and Keith Jorgensen
for filling our pulpit last Sunday!

Our pulpit supply for this coming Sunday will be Rev. Clark Kilgard, who was our guest in June. He will be assisted by Sue Hummel as worship leader.

Here is a little about his background and current interests:

Clark Kilgard is a retired Lutheran pastor, but has also played a pastor on TV! In Season 3, Episode 4 of the Netflix series "Bloodline" he conducts a funeral as a Roman Catholic Priest. In the failed night-time soap-opera "Grand Hotel" on ABC, he played a wedding officiant. He has also played a party guest in "Las Reinas" (also a flop) and an invisible union official in "The Irishman".

Before all of this, he served as a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for 40 years. Some of that was as a career interim minister. In that role he served United Church of Christ congregations in Council Bluffs, Cedar Falls, Elkader (all in Iowa) and Sycamore, Illinois.

He taught World Religions at Hawkeye Community College and also Kishwaukee College for several years. He graduated from Augustana College with a degree in Religion and earned his Masters of Divinity degree at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He studied Organizational Psychology and Management at the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Wisconsin at Platteville.

His favorite job was working as a carpenter in and around Galena, Illinois. Right now his "side-hustle" is playing keyboards in a local band called "Deja Blue". His short novel, Finding the Ruby Ring; Tales of the Heartland, is currently out of print, but a second edition is due soon.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



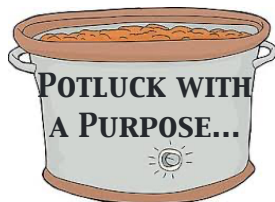
There will be a short congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 7** immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain approval for the allocation of funds to hire the Shepherd's Staff, a pastoral search firm. This search will conclude upon the hiring of a settled pastor. Additional information has been sent to members via email and snail mail.

Please direct questions to Anne Hoekstra or Diane Highnam.

TAKING CARE OF FAMILY...



- ~ Prayers for Bonnie Rickert who has been hospitalized since last week.
- ~ Continued prayers for Collene Peirce who has returned home from her recent hospitalization.



Our August "Potluck with a Purpose" will be held after the special congregational meeting on August 7. LoveINC is collecting bedding in August, so those who would like to contribute may bring items or \$\$ to the potluck. The Board of Social Causes and Justice is challenging different groups throughout the church to volunteer a couple hours each month at the Food Bank, so you'll hear more about this. "Touch of Brass" bell choir volunteered this past Saturday, and the Board of Trustees will be volunteering in August. It's a great opportunity for fellowship while we assist the Food Bank meet the needs of our community.

AUGUST TRUSTEE MEETING

Just a reminder that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.

FALL SCHEDULING:

Although we are in the midst of summer, September is around the corner and will be here before we are ready. Plans are in process to resume pre-covid scheduling--especially reinstating Sunday School prior to our Sunday service. We will need teachers for our Youth, and we will need Discussion Leaders for Adult gatherings. Abbie will be contacting folks in the congregation to help with our children and youth, so please consider how you can assist. I am looking for folks to help lead discussions around books, social issues, spiritual practices, and other topics pertinent to our Christian faith. Please consider what you might be able to offer. It could be a one-time offering, or something that is on ongoing group/class/discussion. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions!

Thanks,

~ Anne Hoekstra



ThreeHouse Block Party: ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries (at UNI) is hosting its 22nd Annual Block

Party for students, neighbors, faculty, and staff on Sunday, August 28th, 5pm-7pm. They are asking for donations from area churches in order to create an informal "Food Truck" atmosphere. Our church is signed up to provide 80 hamburgers, buns, and condiments. If you are interested in donating or helping day-of, please contact Tim Ahrens. Thanks in advance!

Seeking Sunday School Teachers! Rally Day is coming up, and we need teachers. Let Youth Director Abbie know if you are interested in helping out on a rotating basis.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:30 Men's Bkfst @ Village Inn 6:30pm National Night Out (Washington Park)	3	4	5 7:00 NA Meeting	6
7 10:30 Worship	8 5:30pm NAMI (Downstairs)	9	10	11 Meals on Wheels	12 7:00 NA Meeting	13 12:30pm Girl Scouts
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28 10:30 Worship	29	30	31			

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1

Diana Paige
John Mardis
Cathy Thiele

2

Sara Thompson

3

Michelle Holt
Katinka Keith
Bob Tefft

4

Dave Zellhoefer

7

Demi Daniels
(Slaughter)

8

Christian Petersen
Nelle Mae Clausen
(Lauterbach)

11

Marcia Johnson

13

Jimmy Meacham

16

Diane Highnam

17

Evie Waack

18

Michael Thuesen

21

Cole Highnam
Sara Holdiman Lynch
Michael Vandeventer

24

Aaron Petersen

25

Alecia Lee
Cindy Stevenson
Brian Thuesen

Crosby Prescott

Josie Clausen (Lauterbach)

26

Jim Stevenson
Ryan Waldon
Eva Daniels (Slaughter)

28

Rudy Bernhard
Mary Kay Petersen

29

Rocky Petersen

5

Duane & Kathy Franke
Craig & Karen Jensen

8

Paul & Gina Greene

18

Tim & Lynne Ensworth



You Are Cordially Invited to a Countrywide Party

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to

live. It enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

National Night Out was introduced in August of 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and national volunteers. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states.

We will be joining in at Washington Park (across from the church) on **Tuesday, August 2nd from 6:30 to 8** with kids 🧒🧒 activities, popcorn 🍿, cookies 🍪, ice cream 🍦 and watermelon 🍉. We do need some volunteers to provide 3 dozen cookies and 1 cut up watermelon. Please call/text 319-504-3212 if you'd like to help. This event combines many historic church row participants and gives us all a chance to enjoy an evening in nature getting to know our neighbors! **Bring a Lawn Chair!**



Thanks,

~ Laurie Allbaugh

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