

PASTOR'S LETTER FOR JULY 2021

Greetings Friends!

Happy Summer!

What a joy it is to worship together! I know summer is the time for travel and vacation plans. After the awfully long year, it is nice to visit family and friends. I hope if you miss church, you are still tuning in to worship our Facebook page when you get home.

We have a few fun events this month that I hope you will participate in:

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Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul Riggs, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of June: Sheryl Scholer, Ann Driver, and Kristy Johnson. Thank you to Diane Krejci, Jane Heser, Sharon Law, and Ann Riggs for setting up coffee. Thank you to Quinita Kase for providing us with beautiful music while Dan was out of town.

My verse for us this month comes from Paul's letter to the Galatians, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." Let us be grateful for the freedoms that we have and serve one another in love.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda

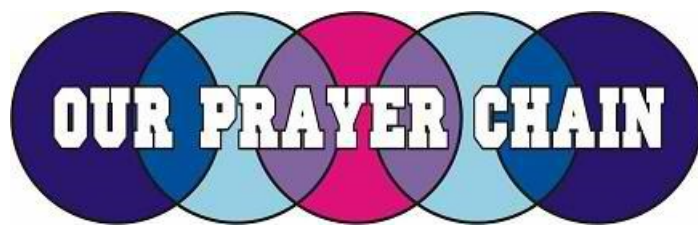




July 1	Julia Breza
July 2	Brock Bexell
	Dylan Dutton
July 4	Troy Andrisc
July 6	Josie Gruhn
July 7	Devyn Borgstrom
July 8	Aaron Wilke
July 9	Steve Johnson
July 10	Leah Brogan
	Conner Pogalz
July 12	Michelle Willert
July 14	Libby Prenzlou
July 19	Jaden Abbott
July 21	Justin Lynde
	Laurel Prenzlou
July 22	Stella Gransee
July 24	Rosalie Trom



July 12	Arlin & Marsha Brigham
	Bill & Roma Stromme
July 17	Aaron & Nicky Wilke
July 23	John & Kirsten Rausch
July 25	Paul & Ann Riggs



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B,
Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

Please keep Dusty Heiserman in our thoughts and prayers.

Keep Carol Prenzlou in our prayers as she recovers at Fairview Nursing Facility in Dodge Center.



There will be no Session Meeting in July.

There will be no Worship Committee meeting in July.



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Pastor Office Hours Wednesday 9am-noon, and by appointment.

Secretary office hours

Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Worship 10:00 am

PW CORNER

Greetings Ladies,

We all know summer is here and it seems the weather has been a little unusual with very high temperatures much earlier than usual and a lack of rain. Mother nature is testing our endurance and patience, but as always, we will persevere and hopefully the rain will come before too much damage is done to our lawns and crops.

For an update on the Virtual Salad Luncheon, we have received a total of \$455.00 dollars. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to this project; this money will be helpful in December when we make donations to local charities. There are no events for PW in the month of July but our church will once again be responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels July 19 – 23, and again, if you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please contact Sharon Law. As always, many thanks to those who volunteer to deliver these meals.

Our prayers for healing are really needed for Carol Prenzlow. She recently fell and fractured her left shoulder and right leg. Carol is recovering at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center. Lots of well wishes, cards, and many prayers would be very much appreciated. Due to the restrictions on visiting at the Center, it is quite difficult for Carol to have visitors, so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

And, as always, please continue with prayers for an end to the coronavirus which we all happens soon. Also continue praying for all health care workers, all who are in service to our country, government officials, educators, law enforcement and religious leaders as well as those who have lost loved ones.

We have a major holiday coming, the 4th of July. On July 4 1776, The United States of America proclaimed its independence from England by signing the Declaration of Independence. The signing of the Declaration itself was not completed until August, but the Fourth of July is seen as the official anniversary of U.S. independence. The first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" wasn't until 1791, and Independence Day celebrations only became common after the War of 1812. By the 1870's Independence Day had become the most important secular holiday on the American calendar and has transformed into what is known as the 4th of July today. In 1941 Congress declared Independence Day to be a paid federal holiday.

OUR FLAG by Patricia A. Fleming

She waves for my attention, So free upon the breeze.
The sun reflects her stars and stripes, As proud as she can be.

She tells a tale of people lost, Who came to find their way
And carried on through every loss, To bring us here today.

She reminds me of the brave who fought, To keep our country strong
And shouts at me of victories, To right egregious wrongs.

She whispers to our children Of all this country has to give
And begs that they stand up for her, And give thanks for how they live.

She cries to me of apathy, Of prejudice and hate,
Of disrespect for what she stands, And a Constitution we forsake.



The Flag*-continued*

She demands that I acknowledge her And what she means to me
And dares me to imagine life If she should cease to be.

And still in Glory she unfurls And gives me hope again
For a people reunited, And a country on the mend.

So each time I see her wave at me, I'll stop and gaze above
And take a moment to respect This country that I love.

May God bless us all, and grant that we may, each and every one, enjoy a safe and
happy 4th of July, and the rest of the month as well.

Many blessings from Carol & Sue,
PW co-chairs

Our Memorial Funds at Work

You may have noticed a few new things at the church since we've gotten back into the building for Worship and Fellowship. You also may be wondering how we were able to make these improvements while our congregation was not meeting in person for worship.

Some committees worked remotely through the pandemic, and the gifts listed below are the results of those efforts. Feedback received from various members of our congregation prompted some of the changes. All of the recommended improvements to our church were prayerfully considered by the members of the committees and by the Session and were paid for with special memorial donations; neither general offerings nor budgeted funds were used.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the new Glory to God hymnal that is now at home in our pews was a purchase made using funds designated for music by the Delores Himle Memorial account. The new air filtration systems seen at the rear of the sanctuary and in the Golden Room were purchased to provide a healthier environment for our congregation while in the building, again, a gift from the Delores Himle Memorial account.

The new blue pew cushions, the church's redesigned website by a professional company, and the updated sound and camera equipment for recording our services were donated by the Dan & Marie Kaufeld Memorial account. The sound and camera equipment was also funded by a memorial gift for John Schwen.

We have also received two grants that Pastor Amanda applied for through our presbytery that will be used to improve our technology systems at the church. One was for \$200 and the other was for \$2,500.

To recognize these generous gifts purchased to glorify God, we will have a special Dedication Service to receive them on Sunday, September 19th. It will be a day of celebration with Sunday School once again being in session and the choir singing joyfully for worship.

Please mark your calendars and come celebrate the day that the Lord has made!

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Kaufeld, Elder

A Thank You from "Faith in Action"

The Session approved a \$500 donation to Faith in Action. We are glad to contribute money from local missions to an organization that enhances the quality of life for seniors in our community.

"Thank you so very much for your generous donation of \$500 to Faith in Action. Such donations help our organization to continue our mission to keep seniors in their own homes as long as possible." Faith in Action Secretary Diane Krecji

*** HELP WANTED ***

Help wanted! We are looking for people interested in helping run the updated AV system we use to record church services. With the new camera, there is no need to physically adjust it, all you need to do is press a button to have the camera automatically switch between views for various parts of the service. Talk to Paul Riggs or Dan Kaufeld if you'd like to do this, we'll give you guidance and a "cheat sheet" with instructions.

EXCITING NEWS

There will be Vacation Bible School this summer.

Mark it on your Calendars!!

Vacation Bible School

When: Sunday July 11- Tuesday July 13

Time: 5:30-7:30pm (Dinner Included)

How to Register: Go to Presbykasson.org and click on the Sign-Up Genius to register.

- Please put the number of children attending on the sign up.
- In the comment box please list the t-shirt size of each child.
- If there is not enough room to list them in the box, please email Ally the t-shirt sizes.

Questions: Contact Ally Holtz

aholtz@kmtel.com or 507-273-8977.



Fellowship Events!

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Help the Son Get Home

Follow the path to help the son return home as he did in Luke 15:11-32.



God waits for you with open arms!



I have walked in
Your truth
Psalm 26:3



Train up a child in
the way he should go
Proverbs 22:6



We make it our
goal to please Him
2 Corinthians 5:9

The Lord's Prayer

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V	T	M	O	H	N	M	E	L	R
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L	G	J	D	T	B	A	X	O	W
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FATHER
HALLOWED
KINGDOM
WILL

DAILY BREAD
FORGIVE
SINS
TEMPTATION

EVIL
GLORY
POWER



Be strong and
courageous



Joshua
1:9

I PRESS ON
TOWARD THE GOAL



PHILIPPIANS
3:14

He will make
your paths
straight



Proverbs
3:6



They will soar on
wings like eagles
Isaiah 40:31



ice cream cone



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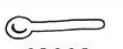
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apple



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paintbrush



July 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 Vacation Bible School July 11-13 5:30-7:30 pm (Dinner Included)	12	13	14	15	16	17
			Dodge County Free Fair			
18 Dodge County Free Fair	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Meals on Wheels			
			Deadline for Newsletter			
25	26	27	28	29 Honkers Baseball Game 6:30 pm at Rochester Honkers Field	30	31

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Notes There will be NO Worship Committee or Session Meetings in July.