



First United Methodist Church

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.

To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will

—we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

9:30 am Sunday Worship July 21, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

*CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

P: Come! Let us worship!

L: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

P: Come! Let us worship!

L: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

P: Come! Let us worship!

L: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

P: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God.

HYMN #369 "Blessed Assurance"

OPENING PRAYER Molly Andersen

Equip us, God, for the work of ministry. For the work involved with building unity of purpose and vision. Equip us with saints who will say yes to your will and yes to your way. Equip us, God, to journey with Jesus through life's uncertain paths. Equip us, God, with maturity that comes from knowing you. Equip us, God, to speak the truth in love even when it's uncomfortable. Equip us to move beyond a childish faith that whines for more while giving less. Equip us, O God, for the work of ministry that you have called us to do. **Amen**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:11-22 Molly Andersen

SCRIPTURE Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks be to God

SONG: "Forever" Worship DVD

MESSAGE "Jesus, Our Model" Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

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. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Fernando

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness

and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace.

*HYMN # 526 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Joe Jensen, Chris Falk, KimBrooke (Susan Michelle's friend), Alyssa Volkers, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Emily Medley, Lupe Castro, Sharon Guilinger, and Ennie Maria (Pastor Fernando's daughter), Burt Prins, and Jan (Karen Hoffman's friend)

Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Haiti, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, people affected by the heat, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

You can also find our online service on our church website.

We welcome all visitors to our worship time today.

We are glad you are here.

Open Hearts! Open Minds! Open Doors!

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 25 – Bruce Badtke

CALENDAR

Monday, July 22

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

5 pm – JOY Ministry meeting

7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group

Thursday, July 25

9 am – Bible Study

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am – Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS

	July 28	August 4
Acolyte	Blaine Johnson	
Liturgist	Linda Jachino	LaVona Grissinger
Counter	Vivian Eaton	Molly Andersen
Verifier	LaVona Grissinger	Mary Irons
Coffee Hour	NO Coffee hour	NO Coffee hour
Greeter	Gary & Melinda Dykema	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WC Food Pantry - Please consider giving to the food pantry for the summer as the kids will not be in school to get two meals a day. As a result, the food that parents do get twice a month will not go near as far. Food pantries will be in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

Blessing Basket – We are in need sunscreen, men's & women's shampoo, lotion, deodorant, sandwich bags, and aluminum foil. We always need paper products. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

The Women's Group is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

NO Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings - til further notice.

Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am – will continue thru the summer.

Ad Council Meeting – TODAY after worship!

JOY Ministry – follow-up meeting on Monday, July 22 @ 5pm

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Rick Meal Packing – will be July 29th from 4:40 to 8 pm. Volunteers are needed to work helping customers, picking up plates, doing dishes, etc. We receive 10% of sales plus tips! Let office know if you can help and of course, plan to go eat too!

Some Help or Know Someone Who Does? – UM Men's group is looking for people who need some help at home – cleanup, yard work, weeding, etc. If you have a project and need assistance, let Ronda know in the office!

School Supplies – are on sale right now if you are considering donating to our school supply drive for the kids. Glue sticks, wide-ruled notebooks, plastic folders and markers are always in demand and on sale now. We want all our West Carroll students to have a great school year! Please place your donations in the box outside the office.

Savanna Thrift Store – could use some volunteers to sort, straighten, and/or work during open hours. Please see Linda Stubbe if you are interested.

Nursery Room Usage – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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Sunday, July 21st, 2024
at 9:30 am

Vision Statement

**“Our faith calls us to action in the
body of Christ and in the local
community to love God and to
love others”**

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