



**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 28, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Blaine Johnson

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Jachino

L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

**P: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.**

L: Jesus said, "The bread of God gives life to the world."

**P: We are hungry for eternal life.**

L: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

**P: We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.**

\*HYMN #98 "To God Be The Glory"

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) Linda Jachino

**Merciful God in this time of worship we give thanks that You are ever with us. Despite our sinfulness, You are always eager to make your forgiving and transforming presence known, You feed our hearts with compassion, and nourish our souls with the bread of heaven. As the crowd followed Jesus and were fed, gives us the courage to follow You, each day, fill us with your generous Spirit and make us one with Christ. 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 3:14-21 Linda Jachino

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-21 Pastor Fernando

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

HYMN #599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

MESSAGE "Do You Believe in Miracles" 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

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen

\*HYMN #347 "Spirit Song"

\*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), 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, Sharon Guilinger, Ennie Maria (Pastor Fernando's daughter), Bob Grissinger, Burt Prins, Jan (Karen Hoffman's friend), Lisa (LaVona's friend), Denise David (Billy David's sister), and the family of Marie "Lupe" Castro (Esther Losh's aunt).

**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 31 – Peter King  
 31 – Deeann Kramer  
 August 1 – Tom Neumiller  
 4 – Joe Guilinger

## CALENDAR

Monday, July 29  
 11:30 am – Pastor at The Table  
 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
 4:30 to 8 pm – Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for rice meals  
 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group  
 Thursday, August 1  
 9 am – Bible Study  
 9 am – Pastor in meeting  
 Sunday, August 4  
 9:30 am – Worship (Communion)

## WORSHIP HELPERS

	August 4	August 11
Acolyte	Tyson Speers	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	LaVona Grissinger	Esther Losh
Counter	Molly Andersen	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	NO Coffee hour	NO Coffee hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week's Attendance: 53 + 2 dogs

## 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.

**Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Rick Meal Packing** – will be July 29<sup>th</sup> 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!!

**Meet with Pastor Fernando** – If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor so you can get to know him and he can get to know you, feel free to reach out to the office to schedule a time or see if he is free. Free days this week are Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> after 11 am.

**August Communion Offering** – will go to Blessing Basket **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. School Supply Drive will be Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please let Molly or the office know.

**Church Conference** – will be Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm. Paperwork will be coming to all committee chairs. **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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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