



July, 2025

July Worship Assistants Ushers: Monica Sogard and Nancy Tjaden Altar Guild: Nicole Ferguson Acolytes: Brant Barquist, Addison White Tech Assistant: Alyssa Knutson			Tues, July 1 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 2:00 pm Worship at Timberland – all are welcome 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS	Wed, July 2	Thu, July 3	Fri, July 4 	Sat, July 5
Sun, July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Bible and Brew	Sun, July 6 Scripture: Janis Heeren Greeter: Josh Hilfiker Family Treats: Board of Trustees	Mon, July 7 10-am Coffee 1-2 pm Lord's Cupboard is open 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tue, July 8 12:00 Tuesday Together Time potluck - the community is invited 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS	Wed, July 9	Thu, July 10	Fri, July 11	Sat, July 12
Sun, July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Community Worship Mission Sunday: Back to School 10:00 Fellowship	Sun, July 13: Scripture: Guinevere Dial Greeter: Nic Johnson Family Treats: Board of Deacons	Mon, July 14: 10-am Coffee 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tue, July 15: 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS	Wed, July 16:	Thu, July 17: 	Fri, July 18:	Sat, July 19
Sun, July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Bible and Brew	Sun. July 20: Scripture: Greeter: John Schlafke Family Treats: Board of Education	Mon, July 21: 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tue, July 22: 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS	Wed, July 23	Thu, July 24:	Fri, July 25:	Sat, July 26
Sun, July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Worship with Kid's Church 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Bible and Brew	Sun. July 27: Scripture: Janis Heeren Greeter: Mike Hill Treats: Board of Worship	Mon, July 29: 10-am Coffee 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tues, July 30 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 3-pm Worship Service on Channel 14-CCS	Wed, July 31			

While pondering differences between patriotism and nationalism, Ryan Hamm looks to Jesus' example in Luke 19:41-44. "Jesus, it seems, loved his people, his city, his nation — so much so that he cried over it," he writes in Christianity Today. "He didn't despise his country or wish ill upon it — instead, he wanted nothing but the best for it, and it grieved him to see how his people had rejected his teachings."

This example of "patriotism perfected" can serve as a guide for modern-day Christians, according to Hamm. "It's an example that's both pragmatic and romantic, shot through with justice, truth and love. It's not a nationalistic patriotism — it's a love for nation that doesn't pit it against other nations. Instead, it's a recognition of love followed by a mournful recognition of shortcomings."

PUT ANOTHER WAY, GOD DOESN'T LOVE AMERICA MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATION. AND HE DOESN'T WANT US TO WORSHIP OUR NATION ALONGSIDE HIM, BECAUSE THAT IS IDOLATRY. INSTEAD, WE ARE TO LOVE AND PROCLAIM GOD ABOVE ANY EARTHLY REALM.

July Birthdays

2 Dede Henderson
 3 Gene Hanson
 4 Lori Peterson
 5 Sophia Nibe
 Mark Wheeler
 Lei'Lani Tyanna-Rae Sexton
 6 Parker Watson
 Tristin Stouffer
 8 Duane Hendrickson
 Calley Rohloff
 Ellie Taylor
 10 Regina Hendrickson
 11 Monica Sogard
 13 Doris Peterson
 Mason Engelby
 14 Bella Orr
 Rowan Sego '21
 15 Leo Reiter
 16 James Swenson
 17 Adam Muller
 Amber Widick
 Ethan Christensen
 18 Sam Hanson
 21 Wade Miller
 22 Bryan Wicks
 Casey Samuelson
 23 Dawn Ringstad
 25 Patty Widick
 27 Kevin McGonigle
 Judith Greve
 29 Jordan Lamp
 30 Marilyn Schlafke
 Genevieve Jensen '16
 31 Rebecca Ray
 Ingrid Nesbit
 Maycee Henderson '15
 Keyla Gomez Alanis



July Anniversaries

1 Karl & Joy Corbin
 3 Richard & Roxanne Herrman
 9 Duane & Regina Hendrickson
 12 Ryan & Kris Flaugh
 13 Hans & Darci Koehnke
 14 Gene & Jeri Hanson
 Jeff & Jodi Heeren
 Eric & Roxie Young
 19 Dick & Sylvia Steffen
 20 Rick & Margie Knoll
 Kent & Joyce Erickson
 21 Dennis & Pat Samuelson
 22 Rich & Julie Heeren
 23 Doran & Cathy Stakey
 31 Arlon & Pam Samuelson

The Board of Worship would like to thank everyone who came to worship at Little Wall Lake on June 1 and bringing their pets. Thanks to all who helped with the preparation. We had a good crowd and pets. It was a very nice service and the weather was great. The donuts were quite delicious. Marcia Wheeler, Chair

THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE

- Certain parts of the Bible are hard to understand — and even harder to explain to children. But the late Rachel Held Evans made a start, and then coauthor Matthew Paul Turner completed *What Is the Bible?* This picture book can help adults as well as kids receive the gift of Scripture.
- The Bible is often described as a library of books. Held and Turner explain that it's also many different kinds of writing: stories, poems, wise sayings, songs, letters. Scripture tells of Creation, good and evil rulers, miraculous events, animals that spoke or brought food to hungry people, even monsters!
- The best part, the authors write, is that “in the Bible we meet Jesus, who teaches us new things about God, faith, and ourselves” — above all, that God loves us. “And if a story in [Scripture] is confusing or scary or sad, we can imagine how Jesus, who loves us, might tell us that story.”
- Bible scholars call this “the canon within the canon.” As Christians, we read all other parts of Scripture through the lens of the Gospels, where we meet God *in person*, as Jesus. Similarly, 500 years ago Martin Luther called the Bible “the cradle that holds the Christ.” That’s a word-picture even children can grasp!

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