

<i>July</i> 2026		July Worship Assistants Ushers: Dial Families Altar Guild: Nicole Ferguson Acolytes: Alyssa Knutson, Brinley Miller Tech Assistant: Easton Consier				
Note: July 12: Retirement potluck honoring Donna Busch (Announcement in Bethesda Newsletter on last page) July 19: Special Congregational Meeting. (Announcement in Bethesda Newsletter on front page)		Wed, July 1	Thu, July 2	Fri, July 3		
Sun, July 5 Scripture: Pat Melchert Greeter: Adam Muller Family Treats: John Heeren Family 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Bible and Brew	Mon, July 6 10-am Coffee in the lounge 1-2 pm Lord's Cupboard is open 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tue, July 7 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – the community is invited 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study 2:00 pm Worship at Timberland – all are welcome!	Wed, July 8	Thu, July 9	Fri, July 10	Sat, July 11
Sun, July 12 Scripture: Nicole Ferguson Greeter: Rich Heeren Family Treats: Nibe Family 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00 Retirement potluck honoring Donna Busch	Mon, July 13 10-am Coffee in the lounge 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open 7:00 pm Church Council	Tue, July 14 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	Wed, July 15	Thu, July 16	Fri, July 17	Sat, July 18
Sun, July 19 Mission Sunday: Back to School Drive Scripture: Richard Steffen Greeter: Jon Sogard Family Treats: Steffen and Hove Families 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am Congregation Meeting 10:15 am Fellowship	Mon, July 20 10-am Coffee in the lounge 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	Tue, July 21 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	Wed, July 22	Thu, July 23	Fri, July 24	Sat, July 25
Sun, July 26 Scripture: Nora Scott Greeter: Don & Doris Rastetter Treats: Dial Families 9:00 Worship 10 Fellowship 10:15 Bible and Brew	July 27 10-am Coffee in the lounge 5-6:30 pm Lord's Cupboard is open	July 28 12:00 Tuesday Together Time – for the community 12:30 Riverside Conference Pastors' Text Study	July 29	July 30	July 31	

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR FAMILY CALENDARS:



Proud Partner of
Food Bank of
Iowa

Next Iowa Food Bank Mobile Food Truck is scheduled for August 11.

School supplies will be handed out Monday, August 3rd; 5:00 – 6:30 pm (during hours of The Lord's Cupboard.)



August 24, 2026

South Hamilton Schools first day back.

Confirmation Orientation for 7th and 8th grade students and their parents/guardians is September 9 and first Confirmation class is scheduled for Sept. 16.



Confirmation Orientation



September 13, 2026



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 Gina 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
Braylen Simmons
- 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 Sterling & Sharon Dahl
Arlon & Pam Samuelson



FREEDOM

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way –
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

--Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, *"I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."*

A month later, the young man came back. *"Son, I'm proud of you,"* his father said. *"Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."*

The teenager paused. *"Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."*

His father nodded. *"That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."*

