



July 2026 Newsletter

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"Called by the Truth of the Gospel, enlightened by the Spirit, sent to serve"

Stewardship Moment

Romans 8:12 – "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on July 14th and July 28th 1-3 pm. All women invited!

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays, at 9:45 am – All men invited! The book of 2 Corinthians

Women's Prayer/Bible Study Group - Thursday mornings at 8:30 am at Common Ground

Quilters meet on July 7th and 21st

Quilts are available to be given to people going through tough times, reminding them of God's love and ours as the family of God at St. Luke's! **Please come!**

Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Stephen Ministers are available to help you through difficult times. Stephen Ministers will walk beside you listening to your concerns as you discover how to cope with whatever your challenge might be.

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. If you're struggling, don't suffer alone. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you. (It's confidential too!) If you'd like someone to talk to, please contact one of our pastors or Rick Truex.

July Church Council Meeting Summary

Old Business:

- The Transition Team has met and welcomed Paul Peterson as a new member.
- The website will be updated to include the senior pastor position.
- Stewardship letters with a QR code for online giving are being prepared.
- Katie Lehn is forming the Communications Team.
- Outreach training was discussed with LIFT and small groups planned for this fall.
- Income and expense financials will be included in the bulletin.
- The Call Committee has posted the senior pastor position on the LCMC site.
- The Governing Documents Committee is working with Tom from CDM to update the Constitution, Bylaws, and church handbook.
- Volunteers are needed for Ice Cream in the Park. Weekly sign-ups will be available for July and August, with sign-up sheets located in the fellowship hall.
- Pastor Blaine MacNeil will provide pulpit supply on July 26 and August 2, 2026.
- MSP approved payment for pulpit supply of \$200 for one service, \$100 for each additional service, plus travel and mileage expenses.

New Business:

- The Pie and Ice Cream Event will be held during Garfield Days on August 8, 2026, from noon to 4:00 p.m. If interested in being chairperson or Co-Chair contact Georgia Nelson
- MSP approved joining the LCMC Augustana District.
- MSP approved paying interim pastor Adrian Cole \$500 per week for the weeks he is here.

“Guided by Prayer in Our Call Process”

Candidates

Scripture: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalm 32:8*

Pray for:

- Clarity for those God is calling
- Peace in their current ministry
- Honest and Spirit-led conversations

Ice Cream Cones in Garfield City Park

We are looking for **volunteers to serve ice cream each week** in the Garfield City Park on Sundays from 6-8pm during July and August. **Sign up sheets** are in the fellowship hall.



July 1

Kathy Bahn

July 2

Sawyer Chlian
Tim Fenlason
Brian Lauthen

July 6

Alice Knapp

July 8

Lydia Esping

July 9

Brenda Haak
Connie Simons

July 12

Nicole Feeken
Abigail Johnson

July 14

Dakota Christopherson
Emily Ekola
Sally Ekola
Jesseca Sayers
Nickolas Stoltz

July 16

Addelyn Froemming

July 17

Erin Giese
Adeline Schouweiler

July 20

John Schmidt

July 21

Evan Kalina
Aaron Noetzelman

July 23

Courtney Pearson

July 24

Greg Anderson

July 25

John Wussow

July 27

Ann Carlson
Mary Wussow

July 28

Adyson Giese
Georgia Nelson
Ashleigh Schouweiler
Sherry Witikko

July 29

Carol Goemer

July 30

Ivy Abdallah

July 31

Kolton Dalluge

July - August Coffee Servers

1st make sure the coffee maker is set up and on. It takes quite a while to heat up. **Please** bring 4 doz. Treats each. Questions? Please contact Brenda Haak 320/766-3114 or Brenda.haak@yahoo.com **If your name is in Bold print, please contact the rest of the servers as a reminder. Sunday School parents please call Brenda Haak to sign up if you haven't already. More servers are needed.**

July 5:	Lisa Meichsner 808-6165	Mary Ekola 766-0661	Mary Olson 759-2219	Mary Wussow 808-8875
July 12:	Mary Berghuis 760-1707	Rebecca Froemming 815-7090	Rita Metzger 834-3274	Rolene Clarquist 491-6644
July 19:	Rondi Wussow 808-6863	Sandy Thorson 491-1137	Sarah Meichsner 808-6709	Sheila Anderson 815-2867
July 26:	Shelley Diekman 808-7611	Sherry Witikko 305-3291	Stacey Bettermann 760-9945	Steph Froemming 218-770-2871
August 2:	Susan Odegaard 766-0515	Vicki Peterson 493-8710	Amy Ahlbrecht 815-3022	Sheila Anderson 815-2867
August 9:	Kathy Bahn 429-0424	Kelly Beilke 491-9293	Mary Berghuis 760-1707	Stacey Bettermann 760-9945
August 16:	Holly Carlson 808-4853	Karen Carlson 815-1212	Annie Chlian 491-0202	Florence Chlian 834-2444
August 23:	Holly Chlian 304-0311	Kate Christopherson 766-8613	Rolene Clarquist 491-6644	Christi Converse 491-4040
August 30:	Leah Dalluge 815-6794	Shelley Diekman 808-7611	Cari Eddy 808-4344	Emily Ekola 766-1198



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Vacation Bible School July 26 – 30 Supper 5:30 – 6:00 VBS 6:00 – 8:00						

Vacation Bible School 2026

Come, Take a TROPICAL TREK with us to visit an island filled with great adventures, exploring different animals and birds in the jungle and in the water. Discover how Jesus comes to seek and find us in any and every situation we encounter in life. Create some interesting memories, share the best Bible stories ever. And have fun learning while playing and singing along with catchy tunes!

Tropical Trek VBS, 2026 will be held **Sunday through Thursday, July 26 - July 30**. Serving a light supper at 5:30 p.m. VBS runs from 6 pm - 8 pm. with games, songs, learning stations, and crafts. **Registration is open. For more info: please call 320-834-2285. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/StLukesGarfieldMN/32088> or forms available at church.**

