

## Newsletter for June and July 2021

Dear Church Family and Friends,

What a delight it was to begin in person worship again in May! The feeling was joyous, even with our masks on.

Worship got even better May 23 as Session had decided masks were optional for those who were fully vaccinated. It was Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the breath of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and igniting the birth of the church. It was a perfect day to feel the relief of easily breathing in and out.

On Sunday I told about how my cat Dorian has become a TV watcher while we are in Virginia. When we go back to Crosslake, he is able to be an indoor/outdoor cat and he enjoys that so much. Here in Virginia he gets very bored staying inside all the time. I discovered that on YouTube, there are many videos specifically produced for cats! They are sometimes 8-10 hours long and include all kinds of birds, squirrels, chipmunks and mice. Dorian sits and watches these videos, often jumping up next to the TV and pawing at the screen. The silly thing is that I have begun enjoying watching them too. They are very relaxing and I enjoy the variety of wildlife that I see and hear. It has become a way to marvel at God's creation without leaving my apartment.

As we look ahead to June and July, our schedule at the church is still pretty light. Summer always slows down and this year will be no different. We look forward to having Instruments of Hope playing again and Sue Stevens and Dawn Trexel will be playing the organ while Angela Cantlon is on vacation and then has surgery. We are fortunate to be gifted with so many musicians in this church.

Blessings to you all as we continue the privilege of being the Body of Christ!

Rev. Kate Stangl

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 – John Pearsall      26 – Amanda Claesson  
2 – Jo Paulson        27 – Lee Kesanen  
5 – Jordan Skalko     29 – Stephanie Falkowski  
12 – Clyda Prosen    29 – Pete Wilhelm  
13 – Roselle Parsons

## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Bonnie Schandorf   10 – Janice Rafferty  
4 – Dawn Koski         15 – Bob Falkowski  
5 – Adam Hadrava      23 – Roger Koski  
7 – Madeline Hadrava   25 – Kate Stangl

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session voted to follow CDC recommendations and make it optional for people who have been vaccinated to wear a mask at church.
- Anyone who has a concern that needs to be addressed by a certain committee or anyone interested in joining a committee can contact the office or a member of that committee.
- Pastor Kate and Dawn Trexel will be reviewing our Bylaws and making recommendations to Session for any necessary changes.
- Session will meet June 21 at 3pm. They will not meet in July unless necessary.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Grandparents Tom and Lee Kesanen whose son Matthew and wife Lindsey Kesanen had a baby girl Thursday, May 20. She weighed an even 8 lbs. and was 21 ½ inches long. Clara Aune is a dark haired beauty and joins big sister Grace who just turned 3 on June 1.

## Thank You!

We'd like to thank Tracy Prosen for donating the Google Nest wifi system and Bob Prosen for helping to install it. This

system extends our wifi into the sanctuary so that our services can now be livestreamed.

## Congregations Caring for the Earth

Congregations Caring for the Earth began as congregations supporting each other in caring for the earth, each according to the values and traditions of their own faith. For many reasons, it is not currently functioning this way. We are at a pivotal moment with the opportunity to discern our purpose and renew engagement. CCE met Tuesday May 18. In order to invite others into this discernment and keep our momentum of thought going, the people who participated in this conversation agreed that we enter a period of discernment, and meet again soon. Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall of Hope Community Presbyterian Church. Anyone interested in the future of this group is invited to attend and help us brainstorm.

## SWOP

The Summer Work Outreach Project will have a group of their students meeting at our church for June and July. SWOP is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of helping youth aged 11-14 from our communities. This program aims to equip youth with life skills, engage them in their communities, and empower them for the future. 10 students, a lead teacher and assistant will have their headquarters at our church beginning June 8 through July.

## Ice Cream Social

Christian Ed is planning an ice cream social that will take place either July 11 or 18.

## Direct Deposit Contributions

If you would like to start making monthly contributions by direct deposit from your bank account, contact Dawn in the office for a form that you will need to fill out.

## Memorial Geraniums

- ★ Paj, Bob, Stephanie Falkowski and Dick & Sue Johnson in loving memory of all their loved ones, especially PVC Eugene Erickson who died POWMIA in Korea
- ★ Diane Hakala in memory of David, Sue, and parents
- ★ Janet Koski in memory of loved ones
- ★ Marianne Loscheider in memory of Harry Digerness
- ★ Barb & Craig Mason in memory of their parents, William and Lillian Mason and Lorraine Shields and William Warren
- ★ Rusty Moorefield in memory of Cheryl-Lynn Jaksch, Ken Moorefield, and Sonny Jaksch
- ★ Mel Moschler and Kathy Jacklen in memory of Moschler and Jacklen families
- ★ Carolyn Olsen in memory of Earl B. Olsen, Jr. (Korean War), Creighton Koski (MN National Guard), Swan & Agnes Koski, Earl Olsen Sr. and Florence
- ★ Bob & Clyda Prosen in memor of Bob & Peg Prosen and Lee & Millie Mae Hendricks
- ★ Pastor Kate Stangl in memory of Rev. Dean & Phyllis Williams
- ★ Sue & Craig Stevens in memory of loved ones who have served, especially Craig's dad, John B. Stevens and Sue's grandfather, Einar A. Lund
- ★ Dorothy Tyndall in memory of her husband John and son Scott

## Service Person Recognition

Kristin Clark	Air Force	1986-2008	Lawrence Jaksch	Army	Korea
Bobby Clark	Air Force	1986-2006	Creighton Koski	MN Nat. Guard	
Jason Daniels	Marines	Iraq	Roger Koski	Navy	1961-1964
Kevin Daniels	Marines, Army, Nat. Guard	Iraq	Bob Little	Army Ranger	WWII
Dwight Day	Air Force	1981-1988	Wesley McKay	Army	WWII
William Day	Air Force	WWII	Jack McKillop	Air Force	1958-1964
Rev. Connie Dorn	Navy Chaplain		Kenneth Moorefield	Marines	
Robert C. Ely	Army	1941-1946	Earl B. Olsen, Jr	Army	Korea
Robert H. Ely	Army	1917	Bob Prosen	Army	WWII
Eugene Erickson	Army-POW	Korea	Scott Schewe	Army	1960-1962
George Ewens	Navy	WWII	John Smith	Navy	WWII
William Ewens	Air Force	1942-1946	Orvel Smith	Navy	
Jacob Fahrendorff	Army Reserve		Kenneth Smith	Army	
C. A. Graham Jr	Army Sgt. MP	WWII	Wesley Tjosaas	Army	WWII
James Healy	Air Force	Vietnam	Fred Warren		WWII
Jerry Healy	Army	Vietnam	Lemual Wilhelm	Army-Yankee	Civil War
Jerry Healy Jr	Nat. Guard	Kuwait/Afghan./Sudan/ Iraq	Dean Williams	Army	WWII
Judson Healy	Air Force	Vietnam	Leo Williams	Army	WWI
Lee Hendricks	Army	WWII	Lynn Williams	Nat. Guard Chaplain	1988-2000
Tom Hewett	Air Force	1962-1965	Mike Williams	Air Force Guard Chaplain	2014-present
Gordy Hoelscher	Army	1969-1972			



## WELCOME TO SUMMER 2021

### Children's Sunday School

We are off for the summer! The last packet sent out was a bit of review of every story we covered since September: Creation, Noah's Ark, Jacob's Ladder, Joseph's Coat of Many Colors, Jonah and the Whale, Daniel in the Lions' Den, Christmas, John Baptizes Jesus, Jesus Blesses the Children, Fishers of Men, Man Through the Roof, Camel Through a Needle, The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Palm Sunday, Easter, and Pentecost. We hope you took time to enjoy the lessons and crafts and learn more about the Bible and our faith.

Sunday School plans for the Fall have yet to be determined - so watch for updates about that!

If you would be willing to help teach Sunday School this coming year, please let us know.

### Ice Cream Social

We are going to try an ice-cream social this summer, outside on the church steps after worship so we can be mask-free and enjoy some ice cream and fellowship. This will be either July 11th or 18th, we are thinking.



### Word Scramble

Some of the names of Bible Stories and Church Holidays that we talked about this year in Sunday School have been scrambled - Can you figure out what they are?

1. NALEID NI HET ONSIL' NED
2. UESSJ BESLSSE ETH ENCRIHDL
3. PYMET TMOB
4. IBTPMAS OF HISTRC
5. LDOR'S RYRPAE
6. ODWLR CUOMNOIMN
7. HRGAITEE NAYUDS
8. OHNA'S KRA
9. AJBCO DAN SIH TBESROHR
10. ISESFHR FO MNE

### Birthday Corner

Jordan Skalko - June 5

Madeline Hadrava - July 7



### Christian Education Calendar

June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
10:00 am Worship	10:00 am Worship	Father's Day 	10:00 am Worship	Independence Day 	Ice Cream Social? 	Ice Cream Social? 	10:00 am Worship