

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2023

Dear members and friends of Hope Community Presbyterian Church,

As we move into the month of August, it is difficult not to think about all the blessings that exist in northern Minnesota in the Summer including beautiful flowers, gardens and trees, opportunities to swim, paddle board, kayak, boat and fish in our beautiful lakes and rivers, outdoor gatherings, picnics and celebrations with family and friends, wonderful events like the Northern Lights Music Festival, the Land of the Loon Festival and Music in the Park (just to name a few of many), the presence of wildlife in the woods, serene birds like loons and swans, time to participate in outdoor fun like softball, running, biking, hiking, camping, gardening, golf and pickle ball, travel near and far and many more blessings that I challenge us to recall as we reflect on the Summer of 2023.

Two Scriptures come to mind in considering thankfulness. Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name” and

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Sarah Young, author of Jesus Calling – ENJOYING PEACE IN HIS PRESENCE, has suggested that when thankfulness flows freely from our hearts and lips, it is an opportunity to let our gratitude draw us closer to God. She says she believes God wants us to learn the art of giving thanks in all circumstances. She asks us to see how many times we can thank God daily and states that when we do this, we will be awakened to the awareness of a multitude of blessings.

The song “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” comes to mind. The beautiful lyrics say:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give Thanks!

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Wendy

### Lectionary Readings for August 2023

Date	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
8/6/23	Gen. 32: 22-31	Psalm 17: 1-7 & 15	Romans 9: 1-5	Matt. 14: 13-21
8/13/23	Gen. 37: 1-4 & 12-28	Psalm 105: 1-6 & 16-22 & 45b	Romans 10: 5-15	Matt. 14: 22-33
8/20/23	Gen. 45: 1-15	Psalm 133	Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32	Matt. 15: 10-20 & 21-28
8/27/23	Ex. 1:8 - 2:10	Psalm 124	Romans 12: 1-8	Matt. 16: 13-20

## Happy August Birthdays

- 1 – Keith Maki                      16 – Kathy Jacklen
- 4 – Alyssa Erickson                17 – Frank Del Greco
- 4 – Kyle McKenna                  19 – Sharon Rowbottom
- 7 – Judy Erickson                  22 – Nancy Engel
- 9 – Jackie Anderson               31 – Kylie Hadrava
- 13 – Orion Jacobson

## In Sympathy

- Sympathy to the family of Mike Hamari who passed away on May 23 in Florida. Rev. Wendy officiated his memorial service on June 7.
- Sympathy to the family of Judi Lehman who passed away on July 15. Her memorial service was held at Kaleva Hall on July 22.

## Essentia Health Grant

Dawn Trexel applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from Essentia Health for the purpose of helping us keep our Little Free Pantry stocked.

## Rev. Wendy Vacation

Rev. Wendy will be gone a couple weeks in August. In her absence, Stephanie Falkowski will preach on August 13, and Rev. Frank Davis will preach on August. 20.

## Outdoor Service and Picnic

We will have an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. at the Kline-Cuppoletti building (old gun club) on Silver

Lake. Instruments of Hope will provide music. The service will be followed by a potluck picnic.

## New Communion Procedures

Session and the Worship Committee are still experimenting with trying to find the best way to serve Communion that is safest for the servers. They would like to minimize the need to carry Communion trays up and down the steps. Most recently, we have tried setting up two stations for the Communion trays that are reachable from the floor of the sanctuary. Please share your thoughts on the new procedures, especially if you are a Communion server.

## September Communion

September Communion will be served on Sunday, September 3. In the past we have not had it on Labor Day weekend, but we will this year since our outdoor service will be taking place the following weekend.

## Accessible Ramp/Chairlift

We want to remind everyone that our ramp and chairlift are available to help anyone needing a little help getting into the sanctuary. There is a doorbell outside the door at the top of the ramp. You may also let someone know in advance that you will need some help.

A miracle happened that day.

Use the code to find what it was.

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**August Weekly Thoughts**

August 6  
Matthew 14:13-21

We learn to obey Jesus even when asked to do ridiculous things and offer what ever small offerings we have. Be willing to share.

August 13  
Matthew 14:22-33

We learn to turn to Jesus when we are frightened or scared, Trust and have faith.

August 20  
Matthew 15:10-20:21-28

Jesus helps us find our value. He cares for even those people whom others would send away.

August 27  
Matthew 16:13-20

Who is Jesus?  
He is our rock and Savior.

**Outdoor Worship service**

On Sunday, September 10th we will have our church service outside on the shores of Silver Lake at the Kline-Cuppoletti building (the old GunClub). Following church we will enjoy a pot luck lunch .

Please come and join us!

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors - Genesis 45:1-15

God can take a bad situation and turn it into something good. God will never leave us no matter what happen.



"And we know that God works together for good with those who love God and are called according to his purpose."  
Romans 8:28

**Birthday Corner**

Orion Jacobson - August 13



**Welcome**

We want to welcome Riley Mae Zezel to our church family as she was baptized on Sunday May 21. She was born 12/19/2022 to Stephanie Palokangas-Zezel & Jared Zezel and is the sister to Noah.



**Christian Education Calendar**

Sunday August 6	Sunday August 13	Sunday August 20	Sunday August 27
<b>Communion</b>  Show kindness, share	 Have Faith	 Be thankful	<b>Christ is our rock</b> 