



St. Peter's July **KEY**

"God Is Still Speaking"

Rev. Mark Milligan, Pastor and Teacher



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In the Life of Our Congregation ... *from the Pastor*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of the One whose breath filled the disciples' hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit and gave birth to Christ's Holy Church.

Jesus told his disciples and followers this story:

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

Matthew 25:34-46

In this pericope Jesus is clearly saying that those doing God's will are the people who reach out to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Those who minister to the least fortunate and disenfranchised in the world are the ones who will be "blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Those who turn a blind eye to the suffering and the needs of others have a very different fate awaiting them. They are "accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels."

As I look at recent events that have transpired and decisions that have been made in our governments (local, state, and national), I cannot help but reflect on this story and just where we would find ourselves. I have come to the stark realization that we in the USA would find our place on the left hand of Christ, accursed and damned to eternal fire. I come to this conclusion because I see our governments continually pass budgets in which the needs of the poor, the disabled, the homeless, the children and the disenfranchised are completely ignored. There is plenty of money for instruments of war, to supplement the tobacco industry, to help build elaborate sports stadiums and arenas, improved health care and benefits for our elected officials, and all manner of "pork" that help office holders buy the votes of their constituents. It truly appears that those in power will do anything to maintain that power, which means catering to the whims of individuals and corporations that can help them retain and increase their power; this at the expense of the ones Jesus tells us to care for: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned – the powerless.

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From the Pastor continued ...

When I look at those who perpetrate these heinously self-serving acts and decisions, I see the faces of Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, female and male, elected officials from the north and south, the east and west. What I especially see are the faces of individuals who are quick to identify themselves as people of faith, voices that are quick to cry out in righteous indignation against the banning of school prayer, abortion, those who would compromise the sanctity of the family by allowing same sex marriages. We are spending billions of dollars on these “earth shattering” concerns while we neglect those whom we are called to minister to: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned – the powerless. Funding has been cut to all forms of education – special, primary, secondary, and colleges. Medicaid has been slashed so that many people, especially children, are without the means to afford even the most basic of health care. Services for those in our country who live with a disability have been reduced so that they, and their families, must mortgage their homes and futures to provide for care. Programs have been cut that provide needed training for workers whose jobs have been shipped overseas by companies whose greed and concern for the almighty bottom line strips employees of any hope for a stable future. It is very easy to cut funds to those who have no voice, who cannot turn the tide of an election, or pay lobbyists to buy votes from their legislators.

We, as a nation, are so quick to loudly proclaim to the world that we are a nation of faith, created and based upon the Word of God. Our leaders are ever ready to be photographed or interviewed as they are coming out of church or temple or mosque. Recent political rhetoric would have us believe that those who oppose the President are “in fact” not people of faith; while those on the other side are quick to point out that in fact they are “in reality” the ones who are people of faith. The true fact is that by our deeds, which speak louder and clearer than any voice, we have been showing that none of us are people of true faith; we have all sinned and strayed from the path Jesus calls us to follow.

If we are to be a nation of faith, then we must face the errors of our ways and strive to find the path of righteousness that God has set before us. A good first step would be to recognize that all people are our sisters and brothers, children of God, and when we hurt them, through our actions or inactions, we hurt God. Let us strive to live as we have been called so that we might hear the words of Jesus,

Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

A Message from Your Church Council President, Darrell Stephen

So...what can YOU do for St. Peter's? Where can you help? There is so much going on at St. Peter's besides our Sunday morning services. In addition to your on-going financial gifts, I'm sure each & every one of us has some time & talents to offer.

Have you considered attending one of our ministries' (committee) meetings? Do you have any thoughts or new ideas for any of these ministries? If there is something you feel passionate about, think about attending a meeting or talking to someone on the council or ministry concerning that idea. We are always looking for ways to get more people involved and more activities that interest members of our congregation. One example of this was our recent Progressive Grazing event. This was a huge success & a wonderful opportunity for increased fellowship. I'm sure this event will continue & grow in the future.

You don't have to join a ministry to become more involved. Someone recently came up and asked me if it would be OK if they pulled weeds around the flowers, bushes, and trees. OF COURSE YOU CAN!! We try to schedule clean-up days periodically but there are always so many things that can be done on somewhat of a regular basis. This church was founded by individuals volunteering their time and talents. We need to continue this philosophy of action in order for St. Peter's to be successful.

We are no longer using a landscape service for our maintenance needs. If you feel you could help mow grass, trim bushes, etc., just let the office or any member of the council know. We will gladly contact you to coordinate a time for this work to be done.

There are so many other ways to help out. Taking out the garbage, dusting & cleaning throughout the facility (beyond the minimal cleaning for which we contract), cleaning & organizing closets & cabinets, cleaning the kitchen, or washing windows----these are just a sample of the opportunities here at St. Peter's. Remember---many hands make for light work. It takes all of us working together to keep St. Peter's beautiful! We all lead busy lives these days but how good you would feel if you helped contribute to St. Peter's in some of the ways mentioned here. Remember, we have the responsibility to maintain this church for Christ!

Yours in Christ,
Darrell



EVER WONDER WHAT GOES ON IN THE CHURCH NURSERY DURING SERVICE?

I AM a
CHILD
OF GOD
JOHN 1:12

You can find out---volunteer! Ask the many people who have participated and they will tell you about the joy they get from spending an hour with God's littlest children.

It's said that it takes a village to raise a child. So come be a part of St. Peter's nursery 'village'! If you can donate one Sunday helping these little ones grow in Christ, please contact Rachael Muenchow (cell/text: 815-685-2470), Jennifer Stephen (cell/text: 815-545-4369) or the church office.

Don't Forget ...

Coffee And... is only served on the first Sunday of the month for July & August.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER/FALL BOOK CLUB

Women's fellowship is hosting a summer/fall book club. The book will be read during the summer: while you're sitting on the beach, around the pool, between your kid's games, while taking a long relaxing bath....wherever your heart desires. Then on Sunday, September 15th, following worship service (and few moments at "Coffee And..." to get a drink & snack), we'll meet in the Friendship Room to discuss our thoughts about this book.

The book chosen to be read is *Joshua: A Parable for Today* by Joseph Girzone. Following is a summary/introduction to the book:

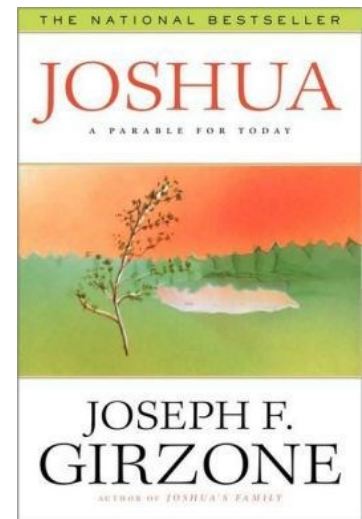
When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.

What are the townsfolk to make of this enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.

Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, Joshua is confronted by the local church leaders.

If you are interested in reading this book, Women's Fellowship will have them available in paperback for \$5.00. Please let the office or Cathy Dutro know that you would like one and we will get it to you ASAP so you can begin reading this fascinating book.

We hope you enjoy reading this book and look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 15th.



Women's Fellowship Officers Election



Women's Fellowship

It's almost time to elect officers for Women's Fellowship. Positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer. If you are interested in being an officer in Women's Fellowship, please contact the office or one of the nominating committee members (Delores Kratzenberg, Helen Simpkins, & Carol Bracken) by Monday, August 5, 2019.



As a safety precaution, all exterior doors, EXCEPT FOR THE SANCTUARY doors will be locked at 9:45 am on Sunday's.

Summer Office Hours:
M-F, 9:00 am - Noon



SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the 5th Monday or Thursday of the month, St. Peter's cooks and serves lunch at Shepherd's Table, Joliet. We invite our congregation and friends to join us in this humbling service to our community.

2019 dates: Monday, 7/29
Thursday, 8/29
Monday, 9/30
Thursday, 10/31
Monday, 12/30



Contact Sylvia Tewes or Marcia Steward.

Mark Your Social Calendar for these upcoming events:

Tuesday, July 23 – Senior and Senior Wannabe Luncheon – 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided by Membership and Evangelism. Please call the office to R.S.V.P.

NEW DATE: Sunday, September 29– St. Peter's Golf Outing at Green Garden Country Club starting at noon. \$20.00 for golf cart and 9 holes.



\$20.00 for buffet meal afterwards. Those who do not golf are invited to come for the buffet meal also \$20.00.



Sponsored by Membership and Evangelism

A Thank You for the GREAT WORK the St. Peter's Landscape Team performed on Saturday 06-29-2019!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ! We had an exceptional turnout of members who performed phenomenal work on sprucing up the grounds at St. Peters. Weeding, trimming, stump removal, spreading mulch, removing old bushes , making way for some new shrubbery in the near future, the work performed was beyond amazing. St. Peter's is showing it's pride in the Village and it truly coming back to life and is looking better and better !

The heat rose to almost 90 degrees and we had to peel folks off their jobs, just to take a break, they were enjoying it so much ! Great fellowship, laughter, treats, we had it all. What an absolute GREAT time ! As we continue taking pride in our Church and improving the esthetics, we look forward to increasing our support. If you have any extra Hosta's, Lilies, etc., that you would like to get rid of, please let Ernie Rohr know, so we can continue to improve our 'facelift' at St. Peter's United Church of Christ .

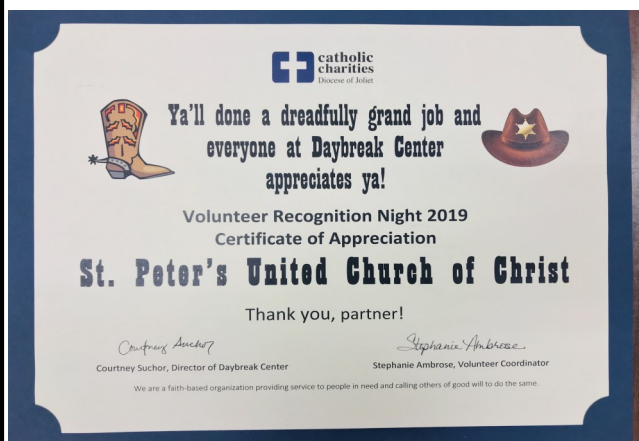
Got Bless,



This is a quick, regretfully belated update as to our congregation's involvement in the Shepherd's Table mission project. For the information of those who are not familiar with this "mission", I will elaborate a bit. The Shepherd's Table is a place and a program at the Daybreak Center in Joliet. It is a place where people are welcome into a shelter where they can find rest and reprieve from the outdoor elements (rain, cold, heat, etc.) and day of the year. It is a program that offers people a hot and healthy lunchtime meal - and offers individuals such as us the opportunity to "serve God's people". We actually do prepare and serve a full course meal to those who are less fortunate than most of us can ever imagine or will ever realize. The incredible feeling we can experience as we perform this "work of mercy" is a feeling that will touch your heart forever - just ask anyone who has ever done something for a good reason. Donating money, clothing, useful items and the like to a charity is well and good. But planning, preparing and serving a meal to another human being whom you can see and communicate with is a living experience with real-time meaning and gratification!

Folks and friends from St. Peter's have committed to serving on the fifth Monday and/or Thursday of each month. This year we have served in January, April and May. Our next scheduled date is July 29, perhaps the only date on which we can encourage our youth (who will be out of school) to volunteer. Keep in mind that in addition to the exhilarating sense of accomplishment, students will also be able to acquire service merit points, as are required to fulfill high school expectations.

Those good people who have participated so far this year really don't WANT to be recognized but I will mention their names anyway. Marcia Steward, Carol Bracken, David and Sherri Kadow, Alyssa Kadow, Warren Klier, Becky Cleveland, Kate Dougherty, Terry Tanke, David VanderLaan, Jennifer Stephen, Calvin Muenchow, Rachael Muenchow and Laura Batson. What an easy way for us to thank God for the good things with which HE has blessed OUR lives!!!



Sylvia Tewes

Upcoming Frankfort's CONCERTS ON THE GREEN, Sunday's from 6:30pm - 8pm

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| July 7 | 5-6pm | Frankfort Brass Band |
| | 6:30-8pm | Joliet American Legion Band |
| July 14 | | Bluegrass Festival |
| July 21 | 6:30-8pm | Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings |
| July 28 | 6:30-8pm | Switchback with special appearance by the McNulty Irish Dancers |





Were you able to answer the riddle in the bulletin insert for June 30????

July 2019

In the Life of Our Congregation

Summer is officially here!! Although I really don't know how that can happen, since we missed spring completely!! Anyhow, summer means warm weather (Oh Lord, please don't hit us with 90 degree days right at the start!) and lots of outdoor fun and activities. One fan-favorite is the Thursday evening Frankfort Auto Club's Car Show in downtown Frankfort. We have been offered and granted the opportunity to bring our "famous" Popcorn Wagon to the downtown parking lot in order to sell popcorn to the many fresh-popcorn-lovers who attend the events. We are also able to sell bottled water and soft drinks. The revenue that is generated from these sales is used to promote and to provide for our youth and Sunday school programs. The OLD wagon (it's been around for over 20 years now, donated to us by Alsip Nursery) has taken on a new, fresh, butter-YELLOW (with white stripes and white wheels) paint job. The front TIRES are new too (you might say it has been RE-TIRED) making the wagon roll up the street with a new sense of class! Running the Popcorn machine during the month of June were: Jim and Stacy Holland, David and Cathy Dutro, Chip and Lori Krusemark, and Paul and Calvin Muenchow. The Ernie Rohr family is



slated for two upcoming dates in July and August as are the Dutro's, Muenchow's and Tewes'. This is another opportunity for students to earn "community service" merit points for their high school requirements. There are a few more dates available, so please consider participating in this annual summertime project. Our presence there on Thursday evenings is another way in which we let the community know that St. Peter's UCC is an active and involved church right here in downtown Frankfort. You may contact the church office or fill in the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Sylvia Tewes at 815-685-1195.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED!!!

The Christian Education Department is looking for adult helpers & substitute teachers. If you could help even one Sunday per school year, please contact the church office or Cathy Dutro, Christian Education Director, at 815-469-3788 or cathleendutro@gmail.com.

Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."



**Frankfort's Upcoming Movies on the Green
Shown at dusk, approximately 8:30pm**

**July 9 - Kicking & Screaming (PG)
August 13 - Angels in the Outfield (PG)**

Popcorn will be available!



In our prayers...

Adam Carlson, Steve Comstock, Margaret DeLaughter, Bryant Ebert, Alice Janssen, Lindsay Johnson & Family, Mary Ann Morrison, Gordon Nelson, Charlotte Pfuhl, Helen Rachford, Lois Schoen, John Schneider, Renee Smith, Eleanor Stewart, Brogan Stillmann, Bruce Stone, Ed Tewes, Richard Walsh., Robert Yehnert Also, all service personnel, including: Kevin Rutolo, Capt. Carson Cleveland, Lt. Jr. Grade Kelsey DePorto, Major Jodi Krippel, Major Steven Krippel, Private Minor, Mstr. Sgt. John Fowler. All anonymous needs and requests. Thank God for all answered prayers!

PASTOR MARK'S E-Mail:
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**Membership and Evangelism**

At St. Peter's, we "mug" our visitors and guests!
 The coffee mugs, new and improved, are back!

On Sundays, please help the ushers identify guests and visitors who will, in turn, receive a mug courtesy of St. Peter's.



CARDS AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE SENT
 TO LINDSAY JOHNSON AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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 Y20859
 P.O. BOX 1000
 LINCOLN, IL 62656

Vision statement of St. Peter's United Church of Christ: To become an open, loving, and welcoming community striving to reflect God's love for all creation.

Vision Statement Ministry Team:

Cheryl Howard	Joey Sparenberg
Paul Muenchow	Lyle Tewes
T-Kay Nagy	Rev. Tom Norwalk
Helen Simpkins	Rev. Mark Milligan

Summer Blessings from your
 prayer chain..

Please call the office, 815-469-2220

or

Delores, 815-469-5106 so we can lift those in need
 up in prayer.



FOR JULY MISSIONS & MEMORIALS IS
 COLLECTING:



GARBAGE BAGS (KITCHEN &
 OUTDOOR)
 PAPER TOWELS
 SALT & PEPPER

July Responsibilities

USHERS: Rick Johnson, Margie Norman

COFFEE AND... Missions & Memorials Ministry

LITURGIST: 7/7 Paul Muenchow

Your 2019 Council Officers Are:

President - Darrell Stephen
 Vice-President - Bruce Wille
 Secretary - Rachael Muenchow
 Treasurer - Rick Johnson

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
 Every 3rd Saturday of the month!!

LUMES

(new larger venue)

8:00 am

Come for good food,
 lively conversation and
 friendly fellowship!!!

**4th of July Celebration**

Main Park 200 S. Locust Street

DJ Dance Party 5:15 - 7:15 pm

Rainbow the Clown 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Five Guys Named Moe 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Giant Inflatables

Carnival Games

Face Painting

Concessions

Fireworks at Dusk

Birthday Greetings:

7/1 Jennie Klier
Delores Kratzenberg

7/2 Mary Beth Senesac

7/3 Warren Klier
Maxwell Wieclaw

7/4 Dawn Doogan-Olson
Gail McLean

7/5 Mia Boldrey

7/6 Blair Baker

7/7 Sten Fleck
Mary Ann Morrison

7/8 Henry Grunert
Andrew Hess
James Hellrung
Kurt Sangmeister

7/9 Nathan Bishop
Sheila Vaughn

7/10 Leanne Kolar
Bernadine Proudfoot

7/11 Katherine Fredin

7/12 John Perish

7/14 Delores Krohn
Ashley Michau

7/16 Andrea Johnson

7/19 Christopher Gravitt

7/20 Leora Batson

7/22 Jake Lee

7/23 Charlotte Eaton

7/24 Evonne Fedak

7/25 Jerry Nissen
Joan Nissen

Birthday Greetings cont ...

7/26 Steve Comstock

7/27 Jenny Fleck

7/28 Brett Warning

7/29 Clay Cleveland
Geoff Lucas

7/30 Lucas Hellriegel
Audrey Huff

7/31 Mark Milligan
Taylor Vucsko

Wedding Anniversaries:

7/1/2006 Michael & Amanda Stone

7/3/2015 Carson & Christine Cleveland

7/8/1967 David & Marla Bettenhausen

7/11/1981 James Wahl & Donna Ellis

7/12/1957 Robert & Violet Yehnert

7/13/2013 Jeremy & Jill Bishop

7/16/1994 Paul & Marcia Dalen

7/17/1972 Steve & Nancy Bennett

7/23/2005 Josh & Kylene McGarry

7/26/1970 Keith & Teri Schram

7/30/1983 Rick & Andrea Johnson

7/31/1976 Warren & Linda Klier

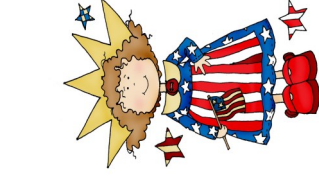
Don't forget to "give" and "get" at the same time!!!
Remember to Support St. Peter's with your
Amazon Smile Order!!!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2924265>



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Sewing/Quilting Classes are all held in room #213.
Enter off the east parking lot entrance.



Ushers this Month:
Rick Johnson
Marge Norman

Coffee And...
Missions & Memorials
Ministry

2019

S U N	M O N	T U E	W E D	T H U	F R I	S A T
	1	2 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	3	4 Office Closed 	5 Office Closed	6 "Sew What" 9am
7 Worship 9:30 am Communion Coffee And ...	8	9 VBS 10-11:30 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	10 VBS 10-11:30	11	12 "Sew What" 9am	13 Blue Grass Parking
14 Worship 9:30am Blue Grass Parking	15 Council Meeting, 7pm	16 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	17	18	19	20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8am LUMES "Sew What" 9am
21 Worship 9:30am	22 M&M Meeting, 7pm	23 Senior & Senior Wannabe Luncheon 11:30am Open Sew 6:30-9pm	24 KEY ARTICLES DUE	25	26 Sew What" 9am	27
28 Worship 9:30am	29 Shepherd's Table 8:15am	30 Open Sew 6:30-9pm	31			

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JULY 2019



SUNDAYS— (Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month.)

9:30-10:30 am

Sunday School

9:30 am

Worship - Nursery care NOT provided July & August

10:30 am

“Coffee and...” First Sunday only during the Summer

WEEKLY

Tuesdays:

*Open Sew, 6:30 pm

* All sewing/quilting classes are held in room #213 off of the east parking lot

July at a glance:

July 4		Happy Independence Day, Office Closed
July 5		Office Closed
July 6	9:00 am	“Sew What”
July 9	10:00 am	Vacation Bible School
July 10	10:00 am	Vacation Bible School
July 12	9:00 am	“Sew What”
	9:00 am	Council Reports DUE
July 13		Blue Grass Festival Parking
July 14		Blue Grass Festival Parking
July 15	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
July 20	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Lumes
	9:00 am	“Sew What”
July 22	7:00 pm	Missions & Memorials Ministry Meeting
July 23	11:30 am	Senior & Senior Wannabe Luncheon
July 24	9:00 am	KEY articles DUE
July 25	9:00 am	“Sew What”
July 29	8:15 am	Shepherd's Table

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