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#### Aug. 1 -

In-person worship at **9:30am** in sanctuary **11am** Adult Sunday School in-person and on Zoom

Aug. 3 – 1:30pm
Caring Ministers

Aug. 4 – 9:30am in-person and 5:30pm in-person and on Zoom Bible Study

Aug.~4-7:30pm

Choir practice

Aug. 5 – 5:15 pm

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning

#### **Aug. 7 – 9am-1pm**

Walk in the Park with Jesus all church fellowship event

#### **Aug. 8** –

In-person worship at **9:30am** in sanctuary **11am** Adult Sunday School in-person and on Zoom



... for the family of **Scott VanVelsor**. Scott crossed over into his heavenly home on July 20. Funeral services will be held at Corpus Christi Church on **Friday**, **July 30 at 10am**. A Celebration of Life will be held on **Saturday**, **August 1** at the Knights of Columbus from **2-6pm**.

... for **Laura Reid and her family**, in the unexpected loss of her husband, Jim. Funeral arrangements: visitation at **5-7pm Thursday**, funeral at **10am Friday** with burial following at East Linwood Cemetery.

... for **Janet Christiansen** who fell last week in her home.

... for **Shannon Edwards and her son Daniel**, for strength and hope as they are apart from one another. And please lift up Shannon for her studies at Grand Canyon.

- ... for **Ed White** as he anticipates receiving a new pacemaker.
- ... for **Steve Spicher** as he recovers from recent foot surgery.
- ... for **Tracy Jackson** as she recovers from recent foot surgery.

**Donations for Blessing Box appreciated** 



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### August 1, 2021 Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"Go for the Gold: How You Train Makes All the Difference" Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:7b-16

August 8, 2021 Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

"Go for the Gold: Playing as A Team" Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13



Worship will be in-person at 9:30am and on Facebook Live at 9:30am and later on Sunday morning on our webpage and YouTube.

WALK IN THE PARK WITH JESUS AUG. 7

Join us on **August 7** for a whole church fellowship and worship event at Lake Storey Park Shelter 4 (by the soccer fields). Make plans to join for the whole day or only the parts that fit your schedule and invite others! The schedule is as follows:

**9am** trail walking (meet at shelter 4)

**10am** fishing (down the gravel path east of shelter 4)

11:30am potluck and worship (bring a dish if you are able)





# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING POSTPONED

The Budget for the 2021-2022 church year has not been finalized so the Congregational Meeting originally planned for Aug. 25 was postponed with a date to be determined. Please continue to pray for the coming year of ministry of our church.

### WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

	DIACONATE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
AUGUST 1	Renee Galvin	Mary Runge	Ellen Anderson
	Erik Galvin		
AUGUST 8	Chris Wood	Neill Unger	Neill Unger
	Marla Wood		
AUGUST 15	Candi Moulton	Donna Flicek	Renee Galvin
	Janet Foster		
AUGUST 22	David Wilt	Carolyn Spratt	<b>Hope Nelson</b>
	Leslie Wilt		
AUGUST 29	Jake Runge	Chris Mowrer	Tracy Jackson
	<b>Earlene Crouse</b>		



# DISCIPLES VIRTUAL GATHERING AUG. 7

On **August 7**, we will have an opportunity to connect, learn, worship, and imagine new ways of gathering as a church. The event will focus on the covenant we share as Disciples and the promise of Romans 8:38-39 that nothing can separate us from the love of God. The day will begin with gathering and welcome at

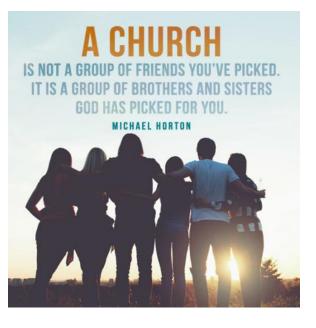
10am, followed by Bible Study and workshops, and ending with worship at 5:30pm.

Regular registration starts at \$25, which includes access to all sessions and workshops, as well as the virtual exhibit hall. Options for reduced registration fees will also be available so the event can be accessible by all. For more details or to sign up for updates, visit <a href="https://disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering/">https://disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering/</a>

### WALK IN THE PARK WITH JESUS ON AUG. 7

You have to start somewhere ...

The pandemic has been a challenge to each of us in countless ways. Sometimes I think it has tested our patience most of all. So many things have changed over the past year and in its wake new habits have formed. One of the habits that has been formed for many of us has been staying at home for worship. At first this was out of necessity for the health and safety of us all. I must admit that now, however, it has just become a bad habit to stay home instead of worshiping, studying, and having fellowship with our fellow church family members. We might think, "we'll get there next week" or



"I can just catch the highlights online", but that's not the same as being together as the body of Christ and often it doesn't happen at all. We are called in Hebrews 10:25: "Do not forsake meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."

Sometimes that seems easier than done, especially after the last year. However, you have to start somewhere ... we hope you will start by joining us on **August 7** at Lake Storey. We have a whole morning of activities planned **to begin at 9am**. But if that's too early for you, start by joining us at a **picnic potluck at 11:30am** in <u>Shelter 4</u> by the soccer fields! If you don't have time or the ability to contribute to the potluck, have no fear, join us anyway! God always provides and I've never seen a church potluck where there wasn't enough food. Our fellowship committee will be providing the main dish, table service, and water to drink. Come join us for a time of fellowship and then worship led by Renee Galvin and Steve Jackson. Fall is just around the corner and is typically a time of new classes/activities here in the church. This could be an excellent opportunity to begin to re-engage in church life and invite a friend to come join in! We have to start somewhere, so bring your bug spray and sunscreen and join us on **August 7!** Entire schedule below:

**9am** trail walking (meet at shelter 4)

**10am** fishing (bring your pole and tackle)

11:30am potluck and worship (bring a dish to pass if you are able)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	2	3 1:30pm - Caring Ministers	4 9am CWU at First Baptist 9:30am and 5:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir	5 10am – Staff mtg 5:15pm – 150 <sup>th</sup> anniv. planning 6pm – Girl Scout leaders	6	7 9am-1pm - Walk in Park with Jesus at Lake Storey 10am-6pm - Disciples Virtual Gathering	
9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	<b>9</b> <b>6:30pm -</b> Elders	6:30pm - Council & Board Meeting	9:30am and 5:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir practice	12 9am – Staff mtg	13	14	A
9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School	16 7pm - Trustees	17	9:30am and 5:30pm – Bible Study 2pm and 3pm – Worship at Seminary Manor & Hawthorne	<b>19 5:15pm</b> – 150 <sup>th</sup> anniv. planning	20	21	
9:30am Worship 11 am Adult Sunday School	23	<b>24</b> 9am – Staff mtg	9:30am and 5:30pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Choir practice	26	27	28	В
9:30am Worship 11am Adult Sunday School Blessing Backpacks	30	31 9am – Staff mtg		Back to School			
Blessing of the Backpacks During Worship			Note: Worship is inperson as well as Facebook Live at 9:30am	Note: Adult Sunday School and Wed. Bible Study are held both on Zoom and in person.	In person classes are held in the Conference Room, along with Zoom, at the same time.		aı th



### **Anniversaries:**

- 5 Dick & Donna Welty
- 6 Greg & Martha-Jean Fitch
- 20 Jim & Diane Eager
- 24 J.B. & Ruthann Smith
- 30 Michael & Sharon Johnson

### Birthdays

- 1 Bev Norton, Hailey Sedgwick
- 2 Betty King, Jan Luallen
- 8 Clay Gohlinghorst
- 9 Susanne Roberts
- 14 Larry Thurman
- 15 Kathy VanVelsor
- 16 Ben Hinkson, Chris Wood
- 18 Joyce Aldridge
- 19 Lynda White
- 20 Brenda Fell
- 23 Raye Beasley, Johnny Hagan, Chelsea Mowrer
- 24 Donna Flicek
- 25 Olivia Admire

Please notify the church office, if your anniversary or birthdate is missing from this list.