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July 18 –
 In-person worship
 at **9:30am** in sanctuary
 No Adult Sunday School

July 19 – 7pm
 Trustees at church

**July 21 – 9:30am in-person and
 5:30pm in-person and on
 Zoom**
 Bible Study

July 21 – 7:30pm
 Choir practice

July 22 – 5:15pm
 150th Anniversary Planning

July 25 –
 In-person worship
 at **9:30am** in sanctuary
11am Adult Sunday School
 on Zoom

... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his caregivers and medical staff.
 ... 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 **Mary Davis'** brother Stephen Short who is hospitalized and awaiting results of a lung biopsy.
 ... for **Isaac Runge** who was hospitalized and diagnosed with MRSA. Pray for his continued healing.
 ... for **Ed and Lynda White** for safe travels for their trip to Hawaii and good health for Ed on the trip as he anticipates receiving a new pacemaker on his return.
 ... for **Tracy Jackson** as she recovers from recent foot surgery.
 ... for **Pastor MJ** as she recovers from recent SI Joint Fusion surgery.
 ... for **Walter Bjorkman** who is in Hospice.
 ... the crisis in Haiti



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July 18, 2021
Pastor Mary Runge will bring the message
"The Power of Jesus' Name"
 Scriptures: Acts 4:1-22

July 25, 2021
Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch
"Pressing on Toward the Goal"
 Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25;
 Philippians 3:13-14



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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JULY 25 – 10:30am

On **July 25**, immediately following worship, at **10:30am**, we will have a congregational meeting to approve the Budget for the 2021-2022 church year. Your attendance is important as we make plans and pray for the coming year of ministry of our church.

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

	DIACONATE	COMMUNION	OFFERING
JULY 18	Jake Runge Earlene Crouse	Steve Spicher	Chris Mowrer
JULY 25	Kaleb Brown Raeleen Brown	Ellen Anderson	Linda Mowrer
AUGUST 1	Renee Galvin Erik Galvin	Mary Runge	Ellen Anderson
AUGUST 8	Chris Wood Marla Wood	Neill Unger	Neill Unger



NEW BIBLE STUDY begins July 21

This summer we are going to have a great Bible Study on the book of Romans, using the book “*In the Grip of Grace*,” taught by Max Lucado, author, speaker, and teacher. In this study, we’re going to do a deep Scripture study through the book of Romans over 40 days. Together we’ll discover what the apostle Paul’s words meant to his original readers and how they apply to us today.

We’ll be studying Scriptures, watching and reflecting on the teaching videos from Max, and responding to questions from the companion study guide. We have our first meeting on **July 21st**. We will meet in-person at 9:30am at the church and at 5:30pm, both on zoom and at the church. We will meet for a total of six weeks, and the videos will also be available online in case you can’t make it one week. If you would like the study guide, it is \$9 and the book, “*In the Grip of Grace*” by Max Lucado is \$16. Please let the church office know ASAP if you need one of those books ordered for you.

OFFICE STAFF HOURS

The office is currently staffed from 8am to 1pm Monday through Friday but for security purposes the building doors will remain locked. Please be sure to ring the doorbell, knock loudly or call the office at 343-9960 to alert us to your arrival.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY – CHRISTMAS OFFERING

July 18 and 25



Together Making Disciples of Christ

It is time once again for our annual “Christmas Offering” for our Regional Ministry – the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW).

Through the region, ministers are nurtured, and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Regions help in the ministries of camps and conferences and play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. And regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister. Thank you for providing your finest gift.

WALK IN THE PARK WITH JESUS

Join us on **August 7** for a whole church fellowship and worship event!

Walk in the Park with Jesus is a great opportunity to reconnect with Jesus and our wonderful congregation after being away for Covid-19. Make plans to join for the whole day or only the parts that fit your schedule and invite others!

Join us beginning at 9am at Lake Story Shelter 4 (by the soccer fields) where we will walk the nature trails, exploring God’s beauty. At 10am we will try our hand at fishing down the gravel path to the east of the shelter where legendary fish tales will prevail. At 11:30am join us for a potluck luncheon and continue our fellowship. After lunch, Renee Galvin and Steve Jackson will lead us in worshipping our awesome God!

Mark your calendars now! We look forward to reconnecting with you and Jesus!



GO FOR THE GOLD – NEW SERMON SERIES

Just as athletes train and have dedication and perseverance, we as Christians need to have that commitment and work towards the upward call of Christ.

You’re invited to join us for this new sermon series. Pastor MJ will begin the series on **July 25**, with the topic: *Pressing On Toward the Goal*. Pastor Greg will continue on **August 8**, with the topic: *How You Train Makes All the Difference*. Then on **August 15**, Pastor MJ will speak on the topic: *Playing As A Team* and on **August 29**, Pastor Greg will speak on the topic: *At the Heart of the Games*. On **September 5**, Pastor MJ will end the series with the topic: *Passing the Baton*.

