

2018 JULY AND AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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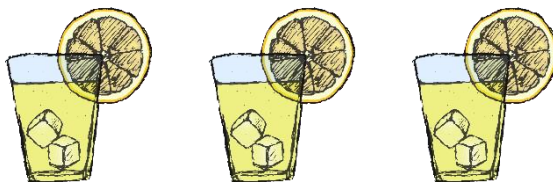
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, It's summer!!! Many teachers get a break from classrooms full of students, and they certainly deserve that. Many people plan summer time vacations. Some towns have homecomings, picnics, Firemen's Picnics, 4th of July Celebrations and more, complete with parades, rides, and wonderful food.

As most of you know, for me this summer is not the way I had planned. Because of an infection in my toe bone, I spent 9 days in the hospital with 5 more weeks of home care, complete with 5 hours of IV antibiotics every day. I am considered "home bound" except for church, doctor appointments, and brief trips to the grocery store. No Cardinal games or Munny performances this summer.

As with most experiences, there is something to be learned. In the hospital I learned I could get very crabby when little annoyances piled up and got on my nerves. At least I warned the staff and apologized.

After weeks of home-care I have learned that I am an “impatient patient.” **I’m the one** who is the care giver. **I’m the one to give pastoral care.** Not the other way around. I learned it’s very difficult for me to give up my independence and ask for help. I believe many of us are like that.

As I was browsing through my emails from many and varied spiritual/religious websites, one particular article caught my eye and hit me square in the heart. **“impatience is a lack of trust.”** This statement is true, yet I never stopped to think of it that way before.

Trusting God in all situations has always been difficult for me and perhaps you, also. I am just too darn independent. **I think I can take care of all situations without God’s help. How wrong I am?** I’ve hear others say things like, “I had to hit rock bottom until I finally released my grip on my problem and gave it to God.”

Asking God for help **is not about giving up or admitting defeat.** I think that is my “hang up.” I don’t want to admit failure, or that I’ve lost the fight, or that I’m weak. **That type of thinking is wrong. It is a myth!!**

Asking God is all about trusting in God’s never-ending love and healing power. We need to remember that God is stronger than any road block in life, and that God is wiser than any mortal.

It’s not about giving up on myself; its about lifting it up to God who cares for each of us. If God can count every hair on the heads of each of us, I’m sure God can even heal a small little toe bone. Thanks be to God.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Rosemary



Isaiah 12:2 “God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won’t be afraid. Yah, the Lord, is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation.”

Philippians 4:6-7 “Don’t be anxious about anything; rather bring up all of your requests to God is your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.”

**HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER!!
SEE YOU IN CHURCH!**

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:

Pastor Rosemary

MEMORIALS:

For William Bulva

From Eileen & Jack Gammon

JUDY BIRTHDAYS:

7/2 Betty Hayes
7/23 Yvonne Weber
7/8 Darlene Schaperkoetter
7/26 Clay Harris
7/10 Tiffani Eisenhauer
7/28 Sherry Hackbarth



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

8/3	Jeanette Brown	8/12	Joe Bulva
8/4	Bill Underwood	8/23	Rich Schmitt
8/5	Eric Moayer	8/23	Cindy Harris
8/7	Brad Eisenhauer	8/23	Amanda Hamilton
8/9	Mike Stidham		



JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

7/14 Kim & Jim Turnbull # 34
7/15 Sharon & Steve Banjavcic # 40
7/17 Trisann & Bill Underwood # 19
7/30 Stacie & Tim Pickens @ 2

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

8/6 SUE & GENE GANSCHINIETZ # 41
8/26 CARLA & GARY WARNING # 40

NOTES AND THANK YOU'S

Thanks to everyone who sent a card spoke we wishes and was concerned for my recent health problems. Thanks to Pastor Rosemary for her visit so early on the morn of my procedure. Thanks to all who sent cards for the passing of my father-in-law, William Bulva on May 30. So many trying things have happened since April 17 to our family, I asked God: "Can I have the summer off?"

Love, Carol Bulva

Thank you all for the cards, well wishes, and prayers during my recent hospitalization and home care. I am so blessed to have a congregation that understands that "life happens", unannounced and unexpected. I hope to be off the "disabled list" soon and back to full duty. Thank you to all who "pinched hit" for me. Thanks again.

Love, Pastor Rosemary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the summer, we are providing a craft each week at the front table. This gives the kids a chance to participate in worship and see some of the things we have planned for worship this summer. If you were not at church on June 24, you missed an amazing presentation of the story of David and Goliath. Thanks to Jan Miller, Mike Stidham and Wyatt Vance for their theatrical skills!



MANY, MANY THANKS!!!!

Have you looked around church lately? First we have a new roof and guttering system on the flat-roof part of the church. Trey Downing of Collinsville was the contractor. He was easy to work with and kept on schedule as much as he could considering the weather.

That project lead to the need for a thorough cleaning of the inside of the church. We had a clean-up week and got an awful lot done. Those who came in sometime during the week were **Sue Ganschietz, Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Ruth Ogles, Yvonne Weber, Ivy Schneider, Sharon Banjavcic, Eileen Gammon, Jim Eisenhauer, Mary and Urban Baum.**



Tom and Jan Miller worked every day that week. Wow! I tried to run Tom out of the building, but that is one stubborn man when he has a goal in mind! By the end of the week the kitchen had been cleaned and cleaned out. The decision was made to get rid of most of the china that had been stored in the cabinets for years without use. There is now room for paper goods, communion ware and we can conveniently store things we use often. All toys in the nursery and Noah rooms were washed, the Sunday School office and library

were reorganized, and all floors had been at least mopped, with some having been stripped and waxed.

Then--- on Saturday, June 16, a crew came in to strip and wax the large areas and hallways. **Lew Thomasino, Brad Eisenhauer, Jim Eisenhauer, Mary and Urban Baum, Eileen Gammon, Joe and Carol Bulva, Tom and Jan Miller and Judy Schmitt** (who scrubbed and scraped the edges on her hands and knees) worked on those. Joe Bulva took all the mats in the hallways and narthex outside and scrubbed them by hand. Food was provided by **Eileen Gammon, Wayne Schlosser, Ruth Ogles, Sharon Banjavcic, Anne Brown, Jan Miller, Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Ivy Schneider, Carol Bulva, Mary Baum, Ginny Ganschinetz, Sue Williams, Judy Hartmann and Nancy Eisenhauer.**

(cleaning cont'd)

This was truly a group effort. In addition, **Bob and Steve Puckett**, our custodians, helped move furniture, mop floors and did whatever else needed to be done.

Be sure to take a tour of our newly cleaned church building! Nancy Eisenhauer

AFRAID YOU MISSED OUT?



Another place you need to check out is our new storage shed. It is located on the property between the church building and the garden. Here is how you can help this **Saturday, June 30. We will meet at 9:00** (trying to beat some of the predicted heat) to move items from the back garage to the storage shed. The new owners of the parsonage have generously allowed us to use the garage without charge until we were able to order and take delivery on a shed. As one congregant put it, "It is really cute!" It is

also a secure way to store the mower and other outdoor items we have. **See you Saturday!**

DEAR MEMBERS,

Region 9 will be having an **ice cream social** and concert at St. John UCC in Fairview Heights on **Sunday, July 29 at 3:00 p.m.** The concert will be given by the B Street Band of St. Paul UCC in Belleville. The band will perform from 3:00 to 3:30 with custard from Eckert's Custard Shop and goodies to follow. Please join us for a fun afternoon with other churches from Region 9.

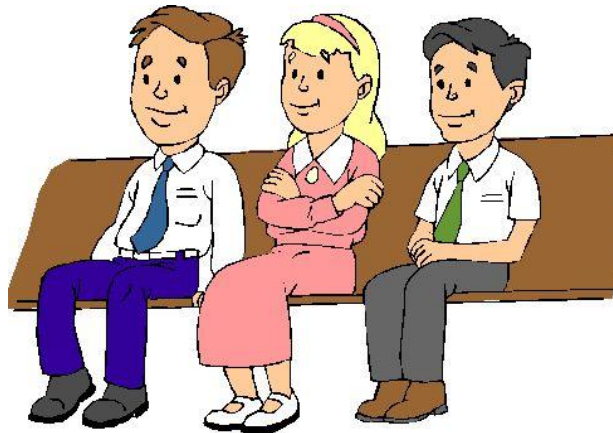


In preparation for the afternoon, **I am asking for volunteers to bake cookies.** We could use eight bakers to make 3 dozen cookies each. I will have a sign up sheet on Sunday or you may email me (sharonban@outlook.com) or call (235-8563 or 581-9078) Thanks for your help!
Sharon



AT 10 AM, DURING WORSHIP ON JULY 29, 2018,
Barb Whitaker, RN, MSN, PhD Candidate, will discuss
her Medical Mission Trip to Peru. We will see how our
collections for this trip were used to help others who have
little, if any, medical care. Don't miss this enlightening
presentation.

BY THE WAY . . .
if you enjoy sitting in an air-conditioned church,



continue your offerings, even when on vacation!!



Bills don't go on vacation.

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> ● <u>Worship at 10am with Holy Communion and Fellowship Time to Follow.</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> ● <u>Worship at 10am.</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> ● <u>Worship at 10am.</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> ● <u>Worship at 10am.</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> ● <u>Worship at 10am.</u> ● <u>3pm Region 9 Concert and Ice Cream Social</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> ♦ <u>Worship at 10am with Holy Communion and Fellowship Time to Follow</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> ♦ <u>7pm Church Council</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> ♦ <u>Worship at 10am</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
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OUR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY

USHERS

July 1 – Tom & Jan Miller
July 8 – Cheri Schutzenhofer and Sue Ganschinietz
July 15 – Urban and Mary Baum
July 22 – Jane & Brenna Cohlmeier
July 29 - Ginny Ganschinietz and Jim Turnbull

LITURGISTS

7/1 Sue Sharp
7/8 Eric Moayer
7/15 Anne Brown
7/22 Jan Miller
7/29 Ginny Ganschinietz

OUR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST

USHERS

August 5 – Mike & Melinda Stidham
August 12 - Rosemary Williams and Sue Ganschinietz
August 19 - Ginny Ganschinietz and Sue Williams
August 26 – Tom & Jan Miller

LITURGISTS

8/5 Wayne Schlosser
8/12 Nancy Eisenhauer
8/19 Sue Williams
8/26 Jan Miller

LITURGICAL READINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE TEXTS</u>
7/1	2 Samuel 1:1, 1-27
7/8	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
7/15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
7/22	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
7/29	2 Samuel 11:1-15
8/5	2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a
8/12	2 Samuel 18: 5 – 9, 15, 31-33
8/19	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
8/26	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43