

THE WORD



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CHURCH OF CHRIST**
(THE CHURCH BY THE BRIDGE)
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS WORSHIP

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9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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12:00 NOON – 6:00 PM
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AUGUST 2018

If I hear the word Sabbatical one more time...!

By now everyone must be getting sick of hearing about sabbaticals. There is a reason that we are bombarding everyone with sabbatical 101; because it's important. The main rule that can wreak havoc in a church is if it isn't made clear that the congregation and the pastor cannot communicate together. That includes no phone calls, no emails, no face book, no texts, no funerals, no hospital visits, no home communions, and no crisis interventions. The hardest part for me will be not visiting in the hospital and not being with the families dealing with the death of a loved one. That part sucks. The rules are very clear on this matter and there cannot be any exceptions to it. I will not answer any requests when it comes to this; sorry, but that is the way it needs to be.

The good news for anyone who is concerned about this is that my wife, Rev. Missy, will be covering funerals for our church. She is a kind hearted pastor with a beautiful soul and will take very good care of you. I learned by watching her officiate weddings and funerals when I first started out. There is no need to worry.

In order for this time away to be successful in renewal for this **church and me**; I ask all of you:

- 1.) Honor the no contact rule.
- 2.) Attend Sunday services and invite others to come.
- 3.) Take good care of one another.
- 4.) Welcome any visitors and sit with them at coffee hour.
- 5.) Hold me in prayer.
- 6.) Continue to be the church together.

When I first started with you I made the statement: "If I do my job right, in five years, this church will be able to run itself without me". I have the utmost confidence that it will. But please remember that I want to come back! This is just the first leg of our journey together, there is much more for us to do. Take care my friends.

Peace and Love,
Pastor Tim



**"Be still, and know
that I am God!"**
I AM EXALTED AMONG THE NATIONS,
I AM EXALTED IN THE EARTH."
PSALM 46:10, NRSV

"A Silent Talk with God" Notice Change

Because of scheduling problems, the Silent Talk is being reduced to two nights a month.

Beginning August 1, our sanctuary is open the first and third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for silent meditation, prayer or just to sit and be still.

Please come and feel God's presence.



SIT 'n STITCH

Sit and Stitch...August 11 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

. Bring a project you are working on. It can be anything, not necessarily something to "stitch". Any hobby is welcome and there is plenty of

space to work on it. Bring a bag lunch or grab something at Subway or McDonalds.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

DIACONATE – AUGUST 6 – 6:30PM

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – AUGUST 15-
6:00PM**

**MISSION & OUTREACH- AUGUST 15-
6:00PM**

TRUSTEES – AUGUST 15 – 6:00PM

CHURCH COUNCIL- AUGUST 15 – 7:00PM



- 1 DeAnn Collins
- 3 Tom G. McLean
- 5 Phyllis Allen
- 6 Lynette Hilgers
- 12 Ken Hilgers
- 12 Hayden Jonalynn Kleifgen
- 12 Payton Sorenson
- 13 Stacie Kleifgen
- 13 Kaitlyn Kouba
- 15 Aleena Mae Schider
- 18 Whitney Sorenson
- 21 Allan Brown
- 21 Tom Kirst
- 22 Mike Kleifgen
- 23 Joy Kraft
- 24 Alicia Beadell
- 24 Charlotte Frazier
- 25 Montese Schider
- 27 Roxanne Cather
- 28 Gordon Freeman
- 28 Jacob Mueller
- 28 Misty Sorenson
- 31 Jane Jackson



- 2 Jim and Sue Ginter
- 4 Herb and Marveen Carlson
- 5 Jim and Donette Krcmar
- 5 Allan and Danise Wegner
- 9 Andrew and Mary Roberts
- 11 Ron and Barbara Fischer
- 30 Tom and Montese Schider



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still on break for the summer. Will resume in the fall.

Women United will not hold any meetings during the Summer but will be coming in to tie quilts.

If you have any concerns or need to contact one of these groups, call the church office at 715 886-3371.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 5 – OUTDOOR SERVICE W/W.R.
FEATURING VBS HIGHLIGHTS AND COMMUNION AT
ALEXANDER PARK

AUGUST 19 – BRUCE VAN NATTA TO SPEAK AT
WORSHIP

AUGUST 26 – OUTDOOR SERVICE W/PEMC AT
ALEXANDER PARK



It is through the anonymous generosity of many people in our church that our Wish List needs have been and continue to be met. We are always in need of:

TOILET PAPER and
PAPER TOWELING

Thank you to the many wonderful individuals in our church family who continue to provide when the need is there. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



SHOUT OUT to **Sandy & Vern Dicks** for volunteering to do Coffee & Refreshments when no one else does.

SHOUT OUT to **Gerald & Marilyn** for making the barbecue sauce for pulled pork.

SHOUT OUT to the **Kaitlyn Kouba** for nice article in July WORD.

SHOUT OUT to **Cindy Dorr, Lynette Hilgers**

SHOUT OUT to **Ushers**

SHOUT OUT and **HUGE THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who helped and **EVERYONE** who came out to support our church at the "Dinner by the River". It was the biggest crowd they have had since they started and we were also thanked for that!!

SHOUT OUT to **Donette Krcmar** for her imagination and creative talent in decorating the church for Vacation Bible School.

SHOUT OUT to all of you who serve God by generously giving of your time to help whenever or wherever help is needed. You are appreciated more than you know.

God's blessings to all of you.





*From the Diaconate
Here's that word again –
Sabbatical!*

*We all know that no one can take
Pastor Tim's place but we have done
our best to find some really inspirational and
interesting people to fill in while he is on
Sabbatical.*

*On August 19, Bruce Van Natta will be
here to talk about his journey. In 2006
Bruce was crushed underneath a semi-truck
and was at the verge of life and death when
he had an "out of body" experience. Come
and hear Bruce tell his story.*

*Mary Griffin will be here on October 21
with pictures and stories about her travels in
the Holy Land. I talked to her a little about
her trip and it was very moving.*

*And we can't forget those in our
congregation who are very inspirational
speakers themselves. Don't miss a Sunday or
you might miss something that will really
touch your heart and bring you closer to God.*

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is
an
interdenominational group set up to give
support to anyone who has lost a loved
one, whether it was last week, last month
or last year.

This session will begin on September 10
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It will run for 13
weeks ending December 3.

The group will be at Bethlehem
Lutheran Church. If you have any
questions you can call Bethlehem Church
at 715 886-4087.



August SCRIPTURE READERS



Scripture

August 5 – Outdoor
Service

August 12 – Donette Krcmar

August 19 – Donette Krcmar

August 26 – Outdoor Service

MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR

**Need People to Sign Up
Please Sign Up**

August 5 – Pot Luck

August 12 –

August 19 –

August 26 – Pot Luck

USHER



CHANGES

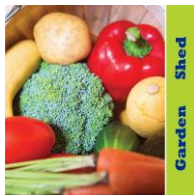
If you are moving or
have a change of
address or if you are
dropping your land line and just going
with a cell phone, please contact the
church office.

**Nekoosa UCC
Library**

*There are
many good
books of all genre
in the library. Stop in and check it
out.*

Garden Shed

The Garden Shed, sponsored by Mission and Outreach Committee, full swing. It is open every Sunday morning before and after worship through October.



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If you have an abundance of items from your flower, vegetable, or fruit gardens and you don't know what to do with them, why not bring them to church and let those who do not have a garden share in your bounty?

People who take the items from the Garden Shed are encouraged to make a monetary donation which will help support OCWM-Our Church's Wider Mission..

Thank you in advance for your generous donations. Enjoy the fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers this summer. Let's hope for a good gardening season!

Oct 6 & 7, 2018

It will be here

before you know it!!!

Shelby is already

planning her strategy!

Mark the dates on your calendar

and watch for the sign-up sheets so

you can spend some time in our

booth. A little work is involved but a

lot more fun. Also get out your

favorite recipes. Our booth is always

popular with shoppers looking

for homemade baked items.



Meet Jannah Mather, the newest member of our church family.

Jannah was born in Indiana. She has a PhD from the University of Illinois and was Dean of Social Work for 20 years.

Jannah is married to Grafton Hull, has 2 sons and 2 grandchildren.

She also owns an antique shop in Necedah. It is called the "Yellow River Vintage and Cabin Décor".

Stop in sometime if you are in the area.

RETREAT

Here are some more dates to remember: October 26, 27, 28, 2018.

Those are the dates of our All Church Retreat. Be sure to mark your calendar for some time to relax and renew. Moon Beach is just the place for that.

This year's we are scheduled for- **Friday evening, October 26 through Sunday morning, October 28, 2018.**

No money is required at this time, but we need to know if you are interested in attending. We need to have an approximate number to Moon Beach by September 1.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call the church office.

Price per person for meals (three on Saturday and brunch on Sunday) and lodging (two nights):

Adults 12 and over	\$136.25
Children 4-11	\$107.00
Children 0-3	\$ 23.00

Scholarships are available. Stop in the church office for forms

Diaconate Thank You

For quite a few years the Diaconate has sponsored a Pig Roast which our congregation has always supported. This year we were given the opportunity to offer our pork to the public by being a vendor at the "Rendezvous in the Park – Dinner by the River" that the Chamber of Commerce puts on.

After agreeing to it and then thinking about it, it seemed like a huge undertaking. I was a little worried we had gotten in over our heads.

However, with help from Lori & Friends Catering and a lot of help from our committee and the Mission & Outreach committee and other individuals, it was a huge success. A huge undertaking turned into a huge success.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. You are a great congregations!!



Moon Beach – Camp Awesum also send a thank you for the donation of \$594.50 our church made. Thank you to the anonymous donor who started the ball rolling and to everyone else who also donated.

The RAFTERS sent a thank you card for "making their game day special" by attending the game on July 1.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 3:00pmExercise 7:00-8:00pm...Silent Talk w/God	3	4
5 9:30am...Outdoor Worship/wRUCC w/communion Potluck to follow 10:30 SCRIP Sales	6 6:30pm...Diaconate 7:00pm...AA	7 3:00pmExercise	8	9 3:00pmExercise	10	11 Sit'nStitch 9am-4pm
12 9:30am...Hymn Sing 10:30am...Coffee & Fellowship	13 7:00pm...AA	14 3:00pmExercise	15 6:00pm Board mtgs. 7:00pm...Church Council	16 3:00pmExercise 7:00-8:00pm...Silent Talk w/God	17	18
19 9:30am...Worship w/Bruce Van Natta 10:30am... Coffee & Fellowship Pocket Change Sunday	20 7:00pm...AA	21 3:00pmExercise	22	23 3:00pmExercise	24	25
26 9:30am...Outdoor Worship/wPort Potluck to follow	27 7:00pm...AA	28 3:00pmExercise	29	30 3:00pmExercise	31	

