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**WORSHIP**  
SCHEDULE

**10:00 am Sundays**  
**Virtual Worship**  
**Livestream**

*via Facebook Live*

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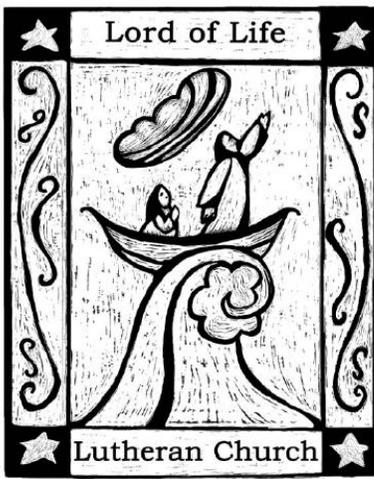
**11:00 am Sundays**



*Many Thanks*

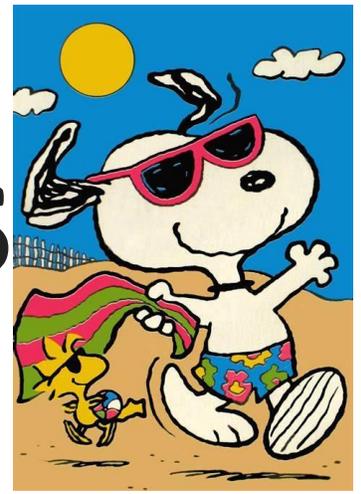
Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your cards of sympathy, your comforting words, and your phone calls following the July 19<sup>th</sup> death of Gale's mom. We are thankful and blessed to be among this caring church family.

*Gale and Thomas*



# Life-Lines

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## WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

In Rabbi Harold Kushner's book "When Bad Things Happen to Good People", he told of the good things that resulted. A gathering of good people would gather around the person or people that had the bad things happen to them. Similarly, as this bad thing, the Covid-19 virus, happens in the world, the good people shine; health care workers, in home care givers, family members, and other ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Nonetheless, let me reflect on two other good things I see happening. First, we have rediscovered God's creation. Early on during this pandemic, I saw families setting up volleyball nets and throwing Frisbees in White Deer and Lake Benson Parks. The foot traffic and bike traffic substantially increased. Not only have we rediscovered nature, but we have realized that on this planet, a tiny microbe in the form of a virus can upend every facet of life on the entire planet. This should also make us aware that a slight increase in temperature worldwide can have a significant impact but not the way scientists hoped for, that is stemming the virus' effects.

Secondly, social distancing does not feel quite as odd as it should. We had already been in much less contact with our fellow humans. We know the notion that we don't know our neighbors, and most don't care. Again early on in the pandemic I was driving on Timber Drive and several neighbors had "circled up with distance" in order to "gather together with distance". I/WE have used Facebook in order to worship together live streamed from the sanctuary while apart. We have utilized our beautiful outdoor worship space whereby we "almost come together"

for worship. We have created new ways to "make contact."

The day will come in the foreseeable future when we can return to our sanctuary for worship most likely with several necessary modifications; however we will not do so until it is absolutely safe with thorough cleaning between uses of the sanctuary. We have shown that use of the sanctuary is not essential for worship. It is not necessary to identify us as people of God, followers of Jesus Christ.

When we do return to our sanctuary, we will need to thank the scientists, the brave doctors, nurses, caregivers, and any other health care workers who did what they had to do during this emergency. But their courage will have been wasted if nothing deeper changes in how we treat one another and the planet.

Pastor Wayne





## From the Desk of Your Council President

Thank you again for remembering that Lord of Life Lutheran Church has NEVER stopped worshipping! We are worshipping at home at 10 am via live stream from the Sanctuary. Pastor actually started Live Streaming with the help of Scott Lokken in March and has not missed a Sunday yet. We started worshipping in person in the Grove at 11 am in May. Bring a chair and join us! We all wear our masks and maintain a physical distance 6 feet apart. We are SO thankful the Men's Group created an Outdoor Worship Space for us many years ago. What a blessing to have such a beautiful spot to gather and reflect on God's beauty! It helps that people are walking in the park and see what we are doing. Maybe someone will join us as a surprise one day!?!

Also thank you for your continued support of Lord of Life Lutheran Church with your weekly offerings. We continue to have 2 Council members meet on Friday to count the weekly offerings, so you may notice a week delay if you leave your envelope on Sunday. We have consistently made significant donations to our bank account each week. And as I have mentioned before, our operating expenses are a little less since so few people are in the building. Our bank account is HEALTHY!! We continue to collect additional donations for Kitchen Renovation and Infrastructure. My heart is full. THANK YOU!!!!

We will continue our Live Stream and Outdoor worship schedule until the Governor declares North Carolina in Phase 3. Your Council has voted to err on the side of caution. We worked on a list of what gathering in the Sanctuary will look like WHEN we do gather. We will need to maintain physical distancing and extra cleaning. Cleaning duties will be assigned after each worship service. The doors to the Sanctuary will remain open, one less touch point to worry about.

We voted as a Church Council to not start any Kitchen Renovations until we had all the money needed for the renovation gathered. We need

approximately \$37,000. We have over \$20,000 collected. The Renovation Committee has let our builder know that it will probably be after the first of the year before we will be ready for the renovation, unfortunately! And of course, we NEED to have the Congregational vote before we do anything in the kitchen. The NC Synod is very clear that ONLY in-person voting is allowed at this time. I will continue to ask if there will be another voting procedure allowed in the extended Covid-19 period, but as of now, there is NOT. We are faithfully praying that donations continue to flow into our accounts and that our Congregation stays healthy.

**Worship and Music** have not formally met during the pandemic but they are physically present each week for worship, making that happen. Thanks!

**Christian Education** hasn't formally met either BUT Linda has prepared biblical activities for all the children in the church. Lastly, she made baskets for each child. What a special gift! This makes each child in our congregation feel special.

**Social Concerns** meets by Zoom each month. We have cancelled the Yard Sale this year. See the Social Concerns newsletter article for more details. We HAVE resumed collection of food for Garner Area Ministries. Please consider donating non-perishable items to our food bins in the narthex.

**Men's Group** has been meeting in the picnic shelter. They are working to replace the roof on the shed.

**Able to Serve** has resumed operations with significantly reduced participants so they can maintain physical distancing. They are NOT meeting inside the church until the Governor declares North Carolina in Phase 3 of the Coronavirus, as per the Council decision for all groups. ATS eats their lunch in the picnic shelter each day. And walk around the grounds for exercise. Their daily field trips have also been limited so they can maintain physical distance at all times. ATS staff and volunteers continue to provide lawn care for the property.

**La Voz de Dios** church continues to meet at Pastor Diego's house since they are unable to set up all their musical instruments in our outdoor worship space. They will be invited to return to worship in the Sanctuary when the Governor declares Phase 3 of the Coronavirus.

**Parish Committee** has not met per se but were instrumental in implementing the Lord of Life phone tree. Hopefully everyone knows WHO they should call if they need something little. You may ALWAYS call

the church office and leave a message for Pastor, especially if it is of a spiritual nature.

**Property Committee** has added more security cameras in addition to the upgrade in the ladies bathroom! We also lost part of a pear tree during a recent storm which the men will take care of removing. Thanks for your continued work!

**Mutual Ministry** is behind in meeting. We had our first quarter meeting with Laura, but now need to meet with Pastor, Brad and Laura. We continue to work on finding a time when we can complete these meetings.

Our **Technology Committee** continues to maintain our Facebook page and website. And I am HAPPY to report....IT WORKS!!! With Coronavirus interrupting our regular worship week, some members of our congregation were unsure of how to get their tithes to the church. Here are THREE ways:

1. You can mail your offering envelope. It can be used as an envelope and simply mailed directly to the church. Some people choose to put the offering envelop into another envelop prior to mailing, but that is a personal preference. Both envelops will get to the church.
2. You can drop you envelop off at church either on Sunday or during the week. Just put in the "Office" mailbox.
3. You can go to [www.NCLutheran.org](http://www.NCLutheran.org), click on the "Donate" button, fill in the \$ amount, select "Where Needed Most", and write in Lord of Life, Garner in the info box. It takes about 2 weeks for the Synod to send a check in your name to be counted toward your offering.

So three good ways to maintain your faithful contributions to the ministry of Lord of Life Lutheran Church!

*"Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law."*

~ Deuteronomy 31:12, NIV

Thank you for your prayers!  
And let us pray for you!  
Please let us know HOW we can pray for you!

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison, Council President



Club members met in the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening July 3<sup>rd</sup> to share fellowship, pizza, salad and dessert. The meal was followed by a brief discussion led by Terry Barnes concerning the Clubs Shredding Day fundraiser that was to be held on Saturday morning July 18<sup>th</sup>. Six club members indicated that they would be present to help with the set-up, and to carry out the Shredding Day.

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> arrived and was a very hot and humid morning, but all of the work that Terry did in arranging the Shredding day paid off, with lots of people showing up with their documents to be shredded. Terry reported that the men's Club netted over \$700 that it will have available for its community service and Agape/Kure Beach Ministry projects. We thank all of you who turned out to help on the 18<sup>th</sup>, as well as those of you who helped place the Shredding Flyer on your community e-mail lists and/or on the Next Door web site. Job well done Terry!!

Dave Hash and Terry Barnes also spent time installing a 2<sup>nd</sup> security camera near the door to the Sunday School Wing on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Club will not meet in August, but we will meet at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The September business meeting will be centered on LOL's plans for its 2020 Rally Day and our Annual Church Picnic. Please let President Eric Roeser know if you are willing to head up the meal for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Stay safe, and keep cool!!

Gerry Havenstein, Men's Group Secretary





## Social Concerns Update

Unfortunately, our biggest news is NO YARD SALE this year. We were unable to figure out a way to have physical distance as well as sanitizing all items donated AND after each item had been touched by a potential customer that decided not to purchase the item. More than a logistical nightmare! It just isn't feasible to attempt this event at this time.

I too have set aside many items to donate to the Yard Sale. Some can wait but MOST must go! Fortunately, Garner Area Ministries has reopened! You may drop off items to be donated between 9 am and 1 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You may also find someone working on Saturday morning.

The needs for the community are great! Many people were affected by the Covid-19 furlough, temporarily out of work through no fault of their own. And since so many people were suddenly without jobs, securing a new temporary job has been difficult.

Dan Hayes has agreed to resume delivering our non-perishable items to Garner Area Ministries each week. So please give generously as you are able to the baskets in the Narthex. A member of our congregation recently decided NOT to go into Garner Area Ministries to shop since the line to get into the store was to the end of the building. As you know, each store will have grocery specials each week. Consider buying an extra can or box of an item that you plan to eat yourself. And I know you have already cleaned out all your closets, those of you that are not working (I will take volunteers to come to my house which is in desperate need for closet cleaning) BUT you may consider cleaning out your pantry and donate those items that you purchased for a special recipe that you never made (also something that I do).

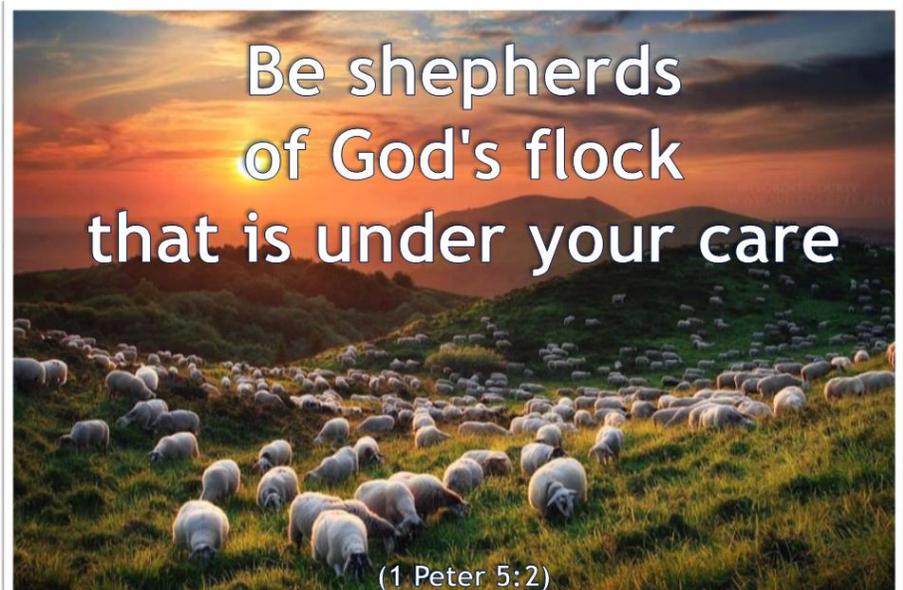
We decided at our last meeting to set aside contributions for the Kitchen Renovations and increase our usual

donation to Camp Agape/ Kure Beach Ministries and to the Interfaith Food Shuttle. Camp Agape is struggling to maintain their facilities since their main source of income, campers and group meetings, have been canceled in the wake of the Coronavirus. Consider giving an additional donation if you are able. The Men's Group has also made a large contribution to Camp Agape. The Interfaith Food Shuttle has a summer mission to feed children that received free lunches when they are in school. Unfortunately, school ended for these students in March and it looks like they may not go back to school until October at the earliest. These children are at risk for starvation, dehydration and family abuse. Certainly not every child is being neglected. As parents, we try to do the best for our children with any means available to us. Physical distancing limits those in the community willing to help with at-risk children. Again, these children are vulnerable. Consider what you can do to help. PRAYER always works!

*"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2-3, NIV.*

We continue to pray for the people on the prayer list and hope that you all may find the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Blessings,  
Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs  
Social Concerns Co-Chairs





*Everything has its time.*

According to the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die..." we all know it doesn't end there but for now, for me, it does. You see, I'm trying to come to grips with the fact that my mom just died at a time when she wasn't ill, wasn't recuperating from an illness, nor did she have any medical issues. I admit that all the Christian sentiments and kind words that are offered in responding to a death are difficult to grasp. I have said all these things to others in the past when I wanted them to know that I care and, therefore share their loss... my friends and others are now doing that for me.

It's hard to imagine anything more shocking or more emotional than the death of someone you love be it a child, a spouse, a parent, or a close friend... a loved one, simply put, is just that... someone you loved. With losses such as these it seems that you've entered zombie-like state; it feels as if your head is about to burst with a cornucopia of thoughts, feelings, and emotions (some of them conflicting). How can you possibly comprehend that you've shared the 'last' everything with this person... your last face-to-face, your last phone call, your last holiday, your last birthday? You won't hear that laugh ever again or hear them reply "I love you too." Initially, it really does feel like that walk through the valley of the shadow of death. You don't feel ready to say goodbye or to deal with the grief that's overtaken you.

I haven't reached the point where I can see that death is a good thing and I'm not certain that I ever will. It intrudes upon our lives and forces us to face

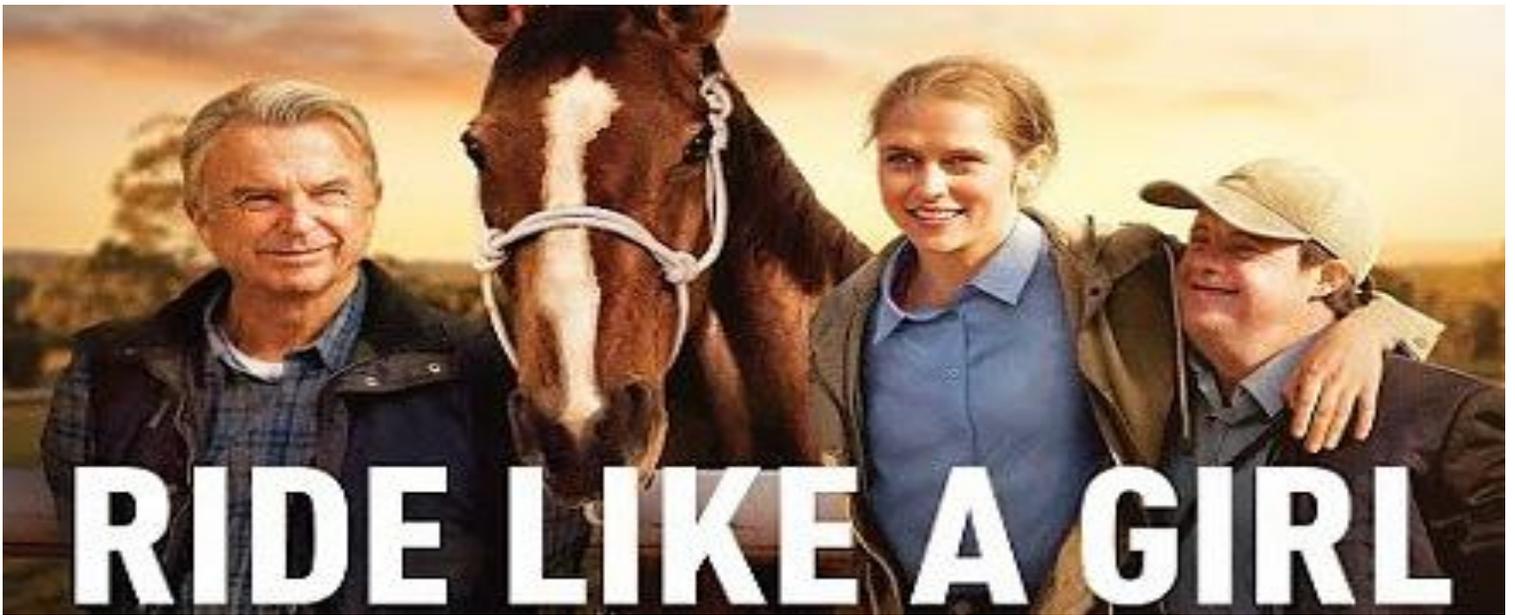
the fact that, no matter what, we aren't ready to say goodbye. Many times we feel the need to understand why he or she died, especially in the absence of an apparent 'reason.' So, we go on an emotional search for clues... searching for some kind of evidence... looking through the clues (that we probably manufacture) but finding nothing; there are no answers. In my own personal 'investigation' I never verbalized the question "Why?" because it's unanswerable and I didn't want to hear anyone's explanation.

We all experience pain in this life. The only thing worse than the pain of losing a loved one is the pain of never loving or being loved in the first place. In a way, the pain of grief is a gift to us because it is evidence of the presence of love. I am finding solace in the Book of Psalms. Every reading has reminded me that God never leaves me to mourn alone; His mercies are new every day.

Finally, I rest in the assurance, as all of us can, that death does not have the last word... that belongs to the power of Jesus' resurrection and I was recently reminded of this fact by a wise Pastor. Life is a gift so precious... once it's gone, we find comfort and support from those around us and from the scriptures. "*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit*" (Psalm 34:18). Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs





## RIDE LIKE A GIRL: A REVIEW

As Michelle Payne is mounting Prince of Penzance prior to the start of the Melbourne Cup in 2015, she asks her brother, Stevie, who just happens to have Down Syndrome, "Can we win this race?" Stevie replies, "I don't know about you, but the horse can. He's a Champion." "Ride Like a Girl", the movie, is a champion as well. First of all, Stevie, Michelle's brother, is her strapper, he is ultimately in charge of taking care of the horse she will ride. AND he plays himself in the film. Michelle is played by Teresa Palmer.

Let me just mention some of the film's nominations in the Australian film circle: Best film, best actress, and best supporting actor.

So Michelle wins the race in 2015 riding Prince of Penzance, with 100 to 1 odds. The first female ever to win the race. The film tells of her remarkable journey getting there. Early on we meet the family of 10 siblings being driven around by their father in an ambulance which they pile out of to go to Sunday Mass. Sam Neil plays the widowed father whose wife died in an automobile accident when Michelle was a baby. He is a horse trainer and all ten of the Brood naturally ride horses. They are all extremely supportive of each other. In one scene Michelle is seen quickly changing into her gown after a race to be a bridesmaid in her sister's wedding. No one was concerned she was late. They knew she would be there as all the rest of them were there for her when she needed support following her numerous injuries, several serious. Such cohesion within that family helped make Michelle's success possible, and it all stemmed from her father's example. Thus, it is a family movie.

It is a movie clearly advocating for women's capabilities. Early on the race tracks did not even

provide a locker room for women and few trainers wanted Michelle to even exercise their horses. During a race whenever Michelle spotted the all-important gap that a winner has to charge through, all the male jockeys would be outraged and complain to the stewards about her tactics. Yet she persevered, getting up most times at 3 am to show them she could hack it. Then in the inter interview immediately following her historic win, she said, "If anyone thinks women cannot compete with men, they can "stuff it".

I mentioned already the extraordinary family dynamics, especially her very special relationship with Stevie, so I cannot neglect the spirituality of this patriarchal Australian Catholic family. Connection with the Church never waned despite the loss of their mother and Bridget, their sister, as a result of a riding accident. When Michelle sustains a life threatening injury while riding, their priest sits with Michelle's father who laments that he has already lost two, he cannot lose another one. The priest quietly provides the physical sense of God's presence with him and his family in their time of need.

When we return to our summer spiritual cinema series, "Ride Like a Girl" must be included. You don't have to be a horseracing fan to appreciate it. It is truly a winner, not just as Michelle and Prince of Penzance won the Melbourne Cup, but that she and Stevie and the rest of her family epitomized the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Michelle had hope that she could one day win the Melbourne Cup. Stevie had faith at least her horse could and the horse would carry her on his back. And her family never lacked for love. So Faith, Hope and Love these three, but the greatest of these is love.

~ Pastor Wayne

**PLEASE review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.**

thank you!

We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Friends & family of Olivia Elizabeth Franklin, Gale Isaac's mother, who passed away 7/19; Friends & family Kathy Dubnansky York, Pastor Wayne's cousin, who passed away 5/20;



Friends and family of Carol Wallace, who passed away 3/20; Friends and family of Bob Watkins, who passed away 2/12; Dennis King – prayer of thanks for improvement; Shirley Poole; Monna Stamm; Ken Fillingim; Peg Stamp - myeloma and back surgery; Eric Roeser – rotator cuff surgery; Julie Roeser - eye surgery; Perry Connor – “old” friend of Dan Hayes; Linda Hash's Aunt and Cousin, Viva and Ellen Dumas – burns from a kitchen fire; Alice Austin's friend, Kathy Koonce – brain tumor; Ebony Avery and Stacey Foley, co-workers of Sarah Watkins – breast cancer; Julia Lochra's cousin, Les Salmon – 3<sup>rd</sup> spinal surgery; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten – multiple myeloma; Tess Andrews friend, Sarah Trustman – undiagnosed illness; Marge Rhodes, friend of the Phil & Linda Garoutte – cancer with bone metastases; Darcee W. – cancer has returned; Karen Rodgers – stage 4 cancer; Karen Post's friends: Blanca Hernandez – ovarian mass; Dr. Steve Rushton – lymphoma; and Sandy Murphy; Karen Post's cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Lindsay Crocker's Nephew, Daniel Harman – health and healing; Karen Wright's mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Steve Klawiter's mother, Marylou – heart failure; Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart's son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Dennis King's sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her family; Holly Hans' mother, Carol Hardy; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Gardner – tumors and Turner



Syndrome; Paul & Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Mary Langworthy's son Kyle's Father in Law, Jim Jackson - Multiple Myeloma; Mary Langworthy's nephew, Blake Evans - Chron's disease, surgery for severe fistulas and going through a bad divorce/child custody battle; Christine Brennecke - Corticobasal Syndrome; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



## August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 6	Abbey Renfrow
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbeor
August 14	Sarah Watkins
August 20	Alisa Hart
August 24	Linda Hash
August 28	Sage Weatherwax
August 30	Don Craig
	Kathy Hart
	Chip Kyles
	Joe Ann Wilder

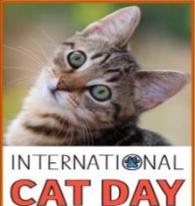
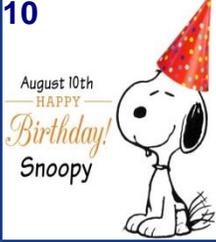
## September

September 1	Deanna Leuenberger
September 2	Gerry Havenstein
September 5	Nancy Clifford
September 7	Ben Harrison
September 8	Emma Terrazas
September 16	Claire Dubnansky
September 17	Kerri Blanchard
September 22	Mike Kestner
September 23	Shannnon Thomsen
September 27	Esther Bredell
September 29	James Stewart
September 30	Adia Hans

*Please let Laura know of any Birthdays that need to be added! Thank you!!*

goodbye **July** hello  
**AUGUST**

*please be legendary*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 <p><b>Summer Worship Schedule</b></p>		<p><b>Sunday worship schedule remains:</b>            10 am - Live Stream Worship at Home from the Sanctuary            11 am - Outdoor Worship in the Outdoor Chapel  <b>Eucharist - First Sunday of Each Month</b></p>				1	
2 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	3  <p><b>NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY!</b></p>	4	5	6	7 International Beer Day 	8  <p><b>INTERNATIONAL CAT DAY</b></p>	
9 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	10  <p>August 10th  <b>HAPPY Birthday!</b>            Snoopy</p>	11	12 World Elephant Day 	13	14  <p><b>WORLD LIZARD DAY</b></p>	15	
16 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	17 <b>BLACK CAT APPRECIATION DAY</b> 	18	19	20	21  <p><b>HAPPY SENIOR CITIZENS DAY!</b></p>	22	
23 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	24 <b>NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY</b> 	25	26 <b>NATIONAL DOG DAY</b> 	27	28	29	
30 10 am Virtual Worship 11 am 	31					 <p><b>Hot Diggity Dog it's August!</b></p>	



# Who I am in Christ Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- 1 Corinthians 3: 9; 16-17

Day 2- 1 Corinthians 6: 17, 19-20

Day 3- 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

Day 4- 1 John 4: 4; 16

Day 5- 1 John 5: 4, 11-12, 18

Day 6- 1 Peter 1: 3-5

Day 7- 2 Timothy 1: 7, 9-10

Day 15- Ephesians 4: 4-7; 32

Day 16- Ephesians 5: 17-20

Day 17- Galatians 3: 13-14

Day 18- Hebrews 2:11; 4:16

Day 19- James 4: 7

Day 20- John 1: 12-13

Day 21- John 15: 1-5, 15-16

Day 8- 2 Corinthians 1: 21-22

Day 9- 2 Corinthians 5: 17, 20-21

Day 10- Colossians 1: 13-14; 1:22

Day 11- Colossians 2:7-10; 3:3

Day 12- Ephesians 1: 1-4

Day 13- Ephesians 1: 5-10

Day 14- Ephesians 2: 8-10, 18

Day 22- Matthew 5: 13-16

Day 23- Philippians 3: 20-21

Day 24- Philippians 4: 6; 13, 19

Day 25- Revelation 1:5-6; 12: 11

Day 26- Romans 5: 1-5; 11

Day 27- Romans 8: 1-4

Day 28- Romans 8: 11-14

Day 29- Romans 8: 15-17

Day 30- Romans 8: 28-32

Day 31- Romans 8: 33-39

