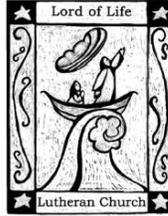


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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 10 am – In-Person Worship

10 am - Virtual Worship via Facebook

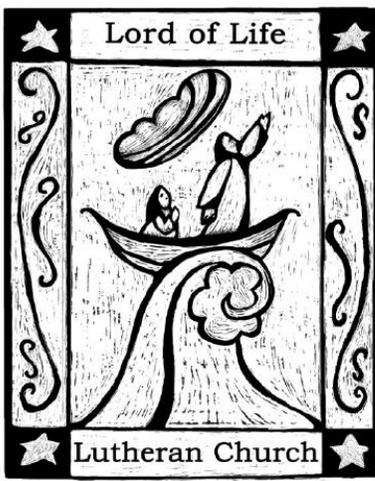
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Eucharist: Every Sunday





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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

The ELCA's "Caring for Creation" social statement from 1993 acknowledges that "dangerous global warming caused by the buildup of greenhouse gases, especially carbon dioxide, is widespread and serious." It goes on to say, "When we face today's crisis, we do not despair. We act."

Through the social statement, the ELCA commits as individuals to tithe environmentally, as worshipping communities to educate and be aware of the state of creation, and as a community at large to advocate on behalf of God's creation in private and public sectors.

Genesis 2:15 states, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and take care of it." We are deemed by God to be caretakers for His creation and ELCA's "Caring for Creation" social statement underlines that. All we have to do is spend some time outside (in cooler weather of course) to realize that we need to care for the beautiful creation God has provided us.

AND we are fortunate to be next door to and across the street from two wonderful parks in which we can experience God's creation up close. A few years ago I took some of our young people on a walk in Lake Benson Park and pointed out some interesting aspects of the park. In fact you can focus on any section of ground or tree or rock and discover something you may not have noticed before.

In approximately three weeks beginning around August 11th and ending the 13th with its peak on the 12th, the Perseids Meteor Shower will occur in the night sky. At its peak, it is said to have one meteor (falling star) per minute. This year the moon may obscure the shower during its peak, so "look up" before or after the Meteor Shower's peak.

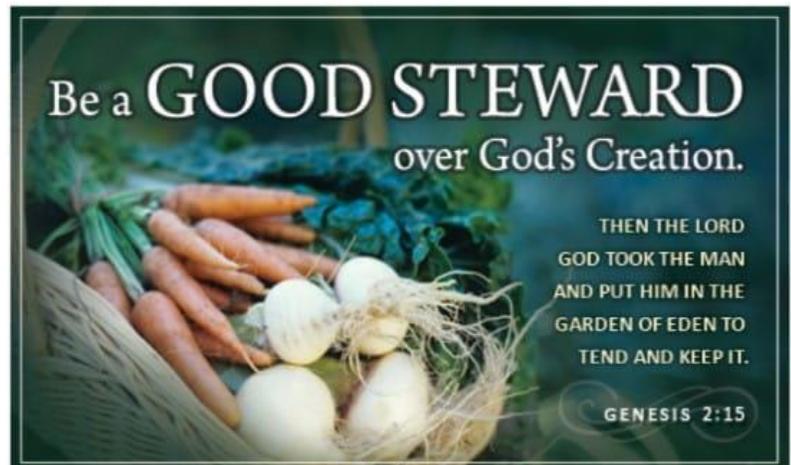
The best way to view the shower is to simply lay on your back and look at the same portion of sky and you should see meteors.

Nonetheless, we must not forget about God's greatest creative handiwork, our fellow humans. God has created us to "care for one another."

I have not said much about the two young men I presently am working with. One I job coach at Walmart; the other I bring to Chick-fil-A to get waffle fries and lemonade, his afternoon snack. Both are created in God's image, both need socialization and a purpose in their everyday lives - as do all of us. They just "need a hand in making that happen".

When I attended the Wild Goose Festival recently, I could not help but buy the book entitled, "My Body Is Not A Prayer Request". It is written by Dr. Amy Kenny, a disabled scholar and Shakespearean lecturer (as she describes herself) whose work had been featured in several national publications.

I will close with Dr. Kenny's statement about what the Church has forgotten, "The Church has forgotten that we worship a disabled God Whose wounds survived Resurrection."
~ Pastor Wayne





From the Desk of Your Council President

The cabinets for the kitchen have been ordered and should arrive next month. We are working with an electrician to update the wiring in the kitchen.

July 3rd was a HUGE success. We had a combined event with Able to Serve and plan to have this become an annual event. ATS helped park cars and organized the potluck and were very instrumental in the cleanup afterwards.

The church bus has been sold.



Rally Day picnic and outdoor worship will be on Sunday, September 11th. Hope everyone can join in the fun!

We are still working on strategies to improve communication. Your suggestions are always welcomed. We have a task force gathering info for an improved church sign...more info to follow.

The ELCA Church Wide Assembly will be held in August. We anticipate that this Assembly will send down suggestions for updates to all ELCA churches and we will update our Church Constitution and Bylaws at that time. Any revisions will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in January 2023.

Thank you for the many members of the Congregation that have stepped up to serve our church to make our worship and community life better. Thanks! We are more successful when everyone helps where you can.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison, Council President



The Purple Heart medal is given to those who displayed not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way. Purple Heart Day on August 7th seeks to honor these individuals and also those that were wounded or killed in action while serving in the military.

George Washington is credited with the origin of the Purple Heart medal, originally known as the Badge of Military Merit. World War II saw the Purple Heart change from an award for worthy service to an honorary one. Those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who had been wounded, killed in action, or had died from wounds were now considered eligible for a Purple Heart. According to uso.org, as of 2019, about 1.8 million Purple Heart medals have been given to service members since its inception in 1782.

Curry T. Haynes holds the record for the most Purple Hearts awarded to a single service member (10). Haynes served in the army during the Vietnam War. He received his first Purple Heart after an ambush in the jungle where he was shot in the arm. After surgery in Japan, he returned to the front where his actions would later result in him being awarded 9 additional Purple Hearts.

The Purple Heart Trail, established in 1992, is a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. It creates a visual reminder to those who use the road system that others have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and live in a free society. Signs placed at various locations annotate those roads and highways where legislation has been passed to designate parts of the national road system as The Purple Heart Trail. There are currently designated sections in 45 states as well as in Guam. The trail originates at a monument in Mt. Vernon, VA – the burial place of George Washington.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9 am Coffee & Bible Study 10 am Worship</p>	1	2	<p>3 7 am Rotary Breakfast</p> <p>NO Choir Practice</p>	4	<p>NO Men's Meeting This Month</p>	6
<p>7</p> 	8	9	<p>10 7 am Rotary Breakfast</p> <p>No Choir Practice</p>	11	12	13
<p>14</p> <p>Council Meeting After Worship</p>	15	16	<p>17 7 am Rotary Breakfast</p> <p>7 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> 	19	20
21	22	23	<p>24 7 am Rotary Breakfast</p> <p>7 pm Choir Practice</p>	25	26	27
28	29	30	<p>31 7 am Rotary Breakfast</p> <p>7 pm Choir Practice</p>			



We had a successful Independence Day celebration. We gave out over 100 Frisbees and packets of military men. We talked to a lot of people on their way to the Lake Benson Park. We had beautiful weather and amazing fireworks in addition to a wonderful potluck with Able to Serve. Thanks for everyone that made this great night work!

We designated the month of July to be "Christmas in July". We have an ongoing collection of food for the Garner Area Ministry Food Pantry. We were thinking of holiday foods like rice, stuffing, pasta, cake mix, frosting, canned veggies, etc. as a focus BUT anything is very appreciated. The Food Pantry Director told us that the shelves are almost bare and he has needed to go grocery shopping to have enough for the increase in people showing up at the GAM doors asking for food.

We hope you enjoyed the Social Concerns sponsored Fellowship meal on Sunday, July 24th. We also had the theme of Christmas in July. During our church wide Clean Up day, we found an abundance of Christmas paper products and used them for the fellowship.

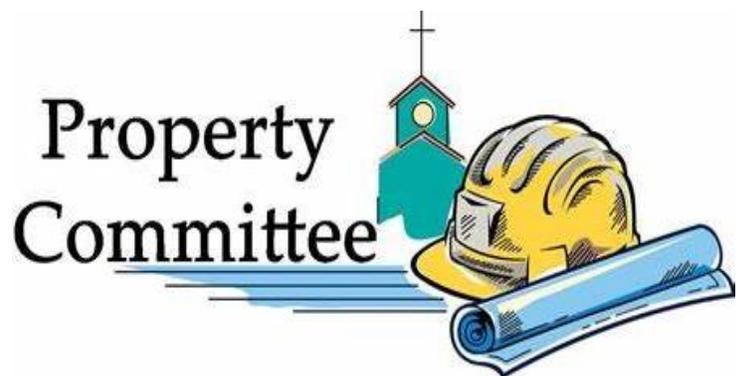
The Garner Morning Rotary continue to meet at Lord of Life and continue to support many of our ministries. We received a bonus check from a member to help us during the Summer months. We continue to spend all monies on community outreach after we pay for expenses. During the Summer months we donate to the Interfaith Food Shuttle that specializes in feeding children that normally eat at school when in session. This means many of these children have nothing to eat during the day because they are not in school. These are the same children that benefit from the Backpack Buddy program where food is sent home every Friday to feed a family of 4 for the weekend.

We have had several volunteers to help cook and clean up on Wednesday mornings. The Rotary meets practically every Wednesday for breakfast in the

fellowship hall. BUT it would be WONDERFUL if we had a few more volunteers so that each volunteer would only be needed once a month. Please consider if you have a few hours to donate toward this ministry each month. Many hands make light work.



Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs
Co-chairs of Social Concerns Committee



Kitchen Update

The kitchen cabinets are scheduled to arrive at the church on August 12, 2022, which is a Friday. Kraft Maid is supposed to keep in touch via texts. The electrician feels it would be much more efficient to update the wiring once the upper cabinets have been removed so he can have a bare wall to install the outlets on.

Tim Clark
Property Committee

Patience Is A Virtue... Really?

"Why is patience so important? Because it makes us pay attention."

--- Paulo Coelho

Based on the influence of others (some near and dear to me) I have often thought of myself as one who is less than patient, so I suppose that actually means that I am *impatient*... but am I really? The more I think about it, the more I deduce that "No, I'm really not impatient." I don't 'fit' comfortably into those definitive, analytical compartments that appear to tag as either all, or nothing... you're either patient or you're not; I teach college *sooo* you might want to give my ill-conceived lack of patience another look. When we call patience a virtue, that elevates it a state of moral excellence and, in turn, leads some of us to believe that the ability to wait without agitation is an admirable quality that is elusive... *uhh*, not really... nope. The patience really kicks in when, once confronted with delay, we suppress annoyance with it, and if we don't come out on top, we tried. I mean that at least we were willing to conquer the annoyance... it's sort of like one of those Matthew chapter 26 situations, "*The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*"

Okay, I agree that patience is often an unassuming self-restraint. Still, I don't consider it to be as simple as just laying-in-wait to kick in until something happens over which we have no control like the arrival of the bus, the end of the rain, the return of a borrowed book by a friend, the resolution of a conflict... that's not me. Plus, you have to wonder how such a circumstance, in and of itself, makes it a virtue. I don't see it as waiting with passive indifference until someone does something with which I find fault. I'm a more live-in-the-moment-patience person... to be completely present and live the moment to its fullest... to BE regardless of the physical location (this doesn't negate that we'd rather be elsewhere!). To resist becoming impatient, try to get away from a perceived high level of discomfort; enlist the aid of tolerance.

This calls into play some other virtues specifically, self-control, humility, and generosity. That is to say, patience is not a fundamental virtue so much as a

complex of other virtues. The Bible holds many descriptives of Jesus's patience with His disciples. Many times they were lazy, selfish, and slow to believe; they didn't always follow His instructions... much like us of today! Even from a purely 2022 human perspective, we can see how frustrating it must have been... to say these events were *uncomfortable* for Jesus would be an understatement!

God teaches us what it means to have self-control (Galatians 5:22) so If we mix the combination of additional virtues (etc. humility & generosity) and add in the endurance of discomfort without complaint, we may have the real recipe... the ideology of what it means to be patient.

Waiting without complaining... that's something we ALL do anyhow... not always, but we ALL do it! So, does that mean we're ALL patient people? NOPE! However, the conditions under which we *wait without complaining* is another matter. It's what actually gives rise to the phenomenon of virtue called patience. We have it y'all! Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs





WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING: A Review:

First of all, throughout the film the scenery is simply beautiful. It is actually filmed in Louisiana even though it is set on the coast of North Carolina. Some critics have said everything is too clean. Kya, the main character played by Daisy Edgar Jones, is always dressed nicely, but not fashionably, even for this late 1960's and beyond. Kya is a girl who lives her entire life on a marsh on the coast of North Carolina, her formative years alone.

She was abandoned; first by her mother because of an abusive husband and Kya's father, then her siblings all leave her, Jodie, her brother being the last to leave and the only one she will ever see again. It is also a story of perseverance. Kya's life is rich while embracing the natural world around her. An unlikely friend, her only friend, Tate, teaches her to read, and of course the support of Tate sustains her through her adult life. Thus, there is the expected romance. She goes on to author natural science books on the marsh world around her. It must be said she distinguishes between marsh and swamp. She is derisively referred to as the Marsh Girl by the residents of Barkley Cove, the closest town to Kya. She seldom ventures into the swamp.

Although Kya is very much isolated, she has a "family" relationship with James and Mabel, who run the general store in town. They "look after Kya", and the respect and care are mutual.

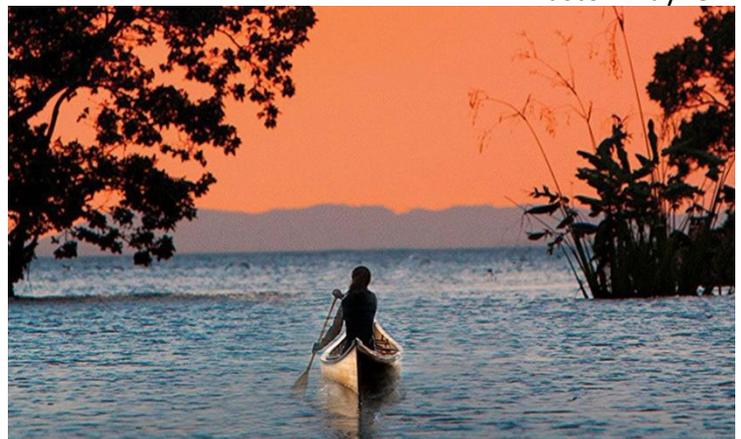
I met a small group of people coming out of the theater who, like I, go on Tuesdays for the reduced price ticket, and we talked about which we consider better -- the book or the movie. I say always the book. It is 300 pages long and so

you get a broader view. However, I also said the scriptwriter for the movie is equally impressive being able to condense a book into a 2 hour movie. Lucy Alibar was not only the script writer for "Where the Crawdads Sing", 10 years earlier she wrote the script for the "Beasts of the Southern Wild".

A crowd of celebrities have gotten on the bandwagon in support of this film. Reese Witherspoon, who starred in her own outdoor adventure, Wild, about a woman hiking a great deal of Pacific Crest Trail, is executive producer. Taylor Swift was the singer/song writer for the closing song, "Carolina" which balanced describing the beauty of our state with specifics about Kya's situation. The first verse illustrates the pertinence of the song:

"Oh, Carolina creeks running through my veins.
Lost I was born, lonesome I came, lonesome I'll always stay.
Carolina knows why for years I roam free as these birds,
Light as whispers Carolina knows.

~ Pastor Wayne





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

Family of Dennis King;
Family of Shirley Poole; ;
Susie, Benjamin and Bryce
Lowe; Judy Stewart –
multiple health issues; Tim &
Rita Clarks sister-in-law, Jane
Clark – breast cancer has

returned; Paul Savolainen – recovering from gall
bladder surgery; Paul & Geri's son, Luke Savolainen –
battling cancer; Jeremy Hans – ACL surgery; Sheryll
Albert's great-nephew, Keegan Dawes, age 12 – heart
surgery 7/6; Julia Lochra – knee replacement 7/1; Ben
Hart (Kathy's son) – recovering from heart attack; Sharon
Vietri; Monna Stamm; Linda Hash's brother, Charles
Barlow, and sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon; Lisa
Grayson; Kathi Tichansky's friend, Sarah Bell – bad fall
and broken vertebrae; Sylvia
Lambert's niece, Lori Wise –
cancer; Sheryll Albert's father,
John Pope, and his wife,
Barbara Pope; Jim Powers;
Jonathan McCoy; Gary
Dubnansky; Karen Morassi,
cousin of Anne Marie
Dubnansky; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the
Dubnansky's; Rebecca Swanson's nephew, Dr. David
Shaefer, and her great niece, Hope Emmaline; Mary
Langworthy's mother, Evelyn Peterson – broken femur;
Mary Langworthy's brother, Tom Schmidt; Lora Clark's
friend, Rebecca Bowman, recovering; Peg Stamp,
myeloma; friend of Julia Lochra, Tom Chism – ALS;
Kathryn Lochra, Julia's sister; Tess Andrews brother,
David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; Lindsay
Crocker's Nephew, Daniel Harman, health and healing;
Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson, breast
cancer; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her
family; Holly Hans' mother, Carol Hardy.



Please pray for safety for EVERYONE in Ukraine.

Prayer is the road to
heaven, but Faith opens
the door.



August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 6	Abbey Renfrow
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbear
August 14	Sarah Watkins
August 19	Sheryll Albert
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	Shannon Thomsen
September 27	Esther Bredell
September 29	James Stewart
September 30	Adia Hans