

Prayer List

Bill Andersen	Mary Freeman	Dale Perkins
Fred Anderson	Cordial Gilette	Ethel Perkins
Lynn Belcher	Michael Heinrich	Jack Ryder
Mary Cass	Joe Hudgins	Mary Lee Swickert
Mark Christian	Joseph Jaeger	Connie Ton
Doc Coleman	Holly Mann	Robert Turner
Todd Davis	Ed Niesen	Sandy Veselka
Michael Franciose	Joanne O'Brien	Marie Wayne
Bob Freeman	John Patterson	



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**Pastor: Rev. Mark Gregory Ministers: The Congregation
Worship: 10:00 A.M.**

July 16, 2017

**This Week's Calendar
July 9-15, 2017**

Sunday	Missions	9:00am
	Baptism of Vanessa Leigh Strandell	10:00am
	Outreach & Welcoming	11:00am
Monday	VBS (9-13th)	5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday	Stewardship	7:00pm
Wednesday	Pastoral Care	6:00pm
Thursday	Financial Committee	6:30pm
	SLT Meeting	7:30pm
Saturday	Men's Fellowship	9:30am

Offerings for July 2, 2017

Worship Assistants for July 16, 2017

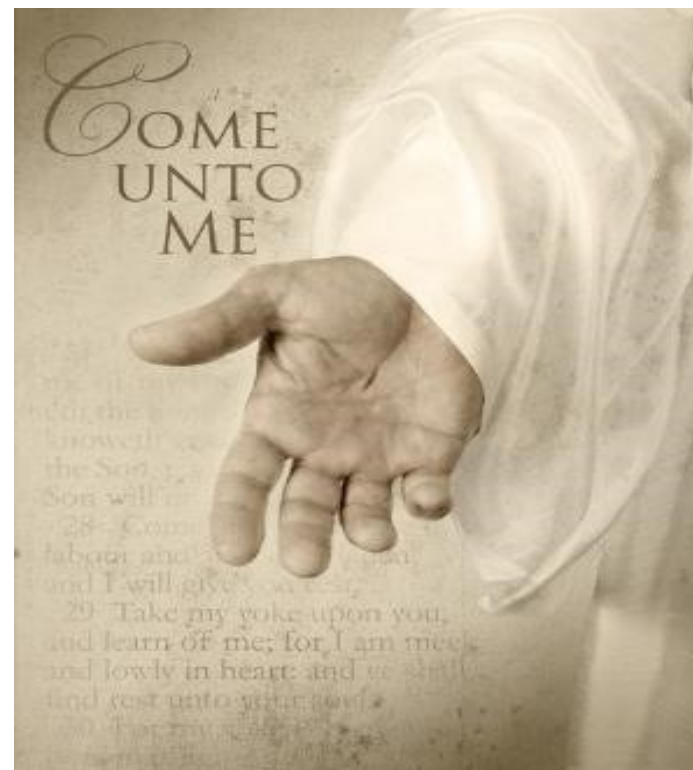
Operating	\$6,200.00	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Church Guardians</u>
Designated	\$10.00	7/16 - Lea Ann	Becky Jerabek (7/9)
Attendance	117	Skogsberg	Jeff Kline (7/16)
			<u>Greeters:</u>
			7/16 - Ben & Regina Moe

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Tom & Sandy Lindblom - 51 years		
Monday	Bev Ament	Jillian Runkle	
Wednesday	Brian & Deanna Bazan - 20 years		Bob Fisher
Friday	Bob & Gail Fisher - 60 years	Jon & Lori Runkle - 33 years	
	Dusty Rhodes	Jacob Kolowski	Michael Ems
	Nan Miller	Rachel Ems	
Saturday	JoAnne Matlock	Rosey Clark	

**Next Week's Calendar
July 16-22, 2017**

Sunday	Worship - Mike Obenauer preaching	10:00am
	Refugee Settlement Group	11:00am
Tuesday	J.O.Y. Circle	12:00pm
Wednesday	Alpha Group	5:15pm
Friday	Newsletter Submissions Due	
	4H Practice	3:30pm



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“Only the man who follows the command of Jesus single-mindedly, and unresistingly lets his yoke rest upon him, finds his burden easy, and under its gentle pressure receives the power to persevere in the right way. The command of Jesus is hard, unutterably hard, for those who try to resist it. But for those who willingly submit, the yoke is easy, and the burden is light.

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

What then are we afraid of? Can we have too much of God? Is it a misfortune to be freed from the heavy yoke of the world, and to bear the light burden of Jesus Christ? Do we fear to be too happy, too much delivered from ourselves, from the caprices of pride, the violence of our passions, and the tyranny of this deceitful world?

~François Fénelon

We Gather Together

Prelude: Tina Andersen, Organist
Lighting the Path
Ringling of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Call to Worship:

Leader: God of new life, by your mercy melt away all that would block us from experiencing your Spirit of revival and renewal in our hearts.

People: **God of resurrection, by your power open my life to hope borne out in living hopefully, in love set not simply to creed but to deed.**

Leader: God of the risen Jesus, raise us to courageous action,

ALL: **Raise me to joyful celebration and to abiding and transforming love.**

Opening Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Chalice Hymnal #585

Children’s Message

***Prayer of Invocation:**

Wonderful God, I give you thanks and praise for the abundance of your love. In this hour of worship, refresh me with your Spirit. Pour out your grace and your truth on me, and help me to receive it with joy, so that in me and through me, others may experience your abundant grace. May your Word live and grow in me and bear much fruit, as I praise your everlasting name through Christ Jesus your Son, my brother and my friend. Amen.

***The Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace:**

With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

The Offertory:

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

God of life and love, I know that my every need is already met. May my giving back to you serve not only your purposes, but also be a reminder of my continuing need to learn generosity from your hand. Give me the joy that comes from seeing what you can accomplish with the tithes I bring and the gifts I have been given to use in your service. In Jesus name, Amen

We Listen for God’s Word

Scripture Background

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Message:

Been There, Done That

Pastor Mark Gregory

Preparing for a Week of Serving

***The Closing Hymn:**

Shout to the Lord

Supplemental Hymnal #3/pg.5

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

***The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:**

Postlude:

Tina Andersen

Joys

- ✠ Thank you to all the volunteers we had come out to help with the 4th of July parade.
- ✠ Terri Frisk returned to work this week after having back issues.

Concerns

- ✠ Goldie Behrens & Don Ament - both have shingles
- ✠ Terri Frisk - ongoing back issues