***Announcements***

**On our calendar – July 21st–** Pastor Joel Off

**July 28th-** Deacon’s Meeting @ 9:30am

Quarterly Meeting following Worship

**August –** Pastor Joel on Sabbatical

**July Birthdays:** Sharon Osborn – July 9th

**July Anniversaries:** July 3rd, Steve and Linda Degner – July 7th

**In our prayers:**  Margie, Tammy, Lee, Glen, Therese Canfield, Toni, Betty, the people of Ukraine, Bruce, Mary’s neighbors, Becca Oden, Tracey Peterson, Stacy Hall, Vicky, Judy, Philip, Kip, Barb’s friends Rita and Chuck, Barb’s friend’s grandson Noah, the Ray Family, Kris Albert, the people of Israel, Gaza, and all innocent lives caught in the line of fire, those battling cancer, Janice, Kathy’s mother and family, Doug, Lisa, Lee White, Bonnie Meier and family

Pastor’s Sabbatical: A pastoral sabbatical is meant to give a pastor some time and space for spiritual renewal, allowing the pastor to return with a revived sense of hope, energy, and new ideas. While I will not be in church on Sundays in August, my full-time job does require me to remain in the area most of the month. For pastoral emergencies, visitations, or anything of the like, please contact me.

**Prayer of the Week:**

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|  | *Lord, the world is deeply divided and hostile. There are walls and barriers separating children from parents, spouses from spouses, brothers from sisters, and believers from believers. Help us break down those walls. Help us to live with love and courage. We long for your kingdom to come, where all things in heaven and earth unite together under the leadership of Jesus. Bring your kingdom. Bring your love. Give us your courage. In Jesus’ name, Amen* |

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**July 14, 2024**

**10:30 am Worship**

*\*Please rise if you are able at these points in the service*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome, Church Announcements and Special Concerns**

**Prelude and Time of Quiet Reflection**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.  
**P: We come this day, grateful for God’s wondrous gifts to us!**  
L: Sing with great enthusiasm of God’s mighty power and love.  
**P: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.**  
L: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!  
**P: May God’s praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. AMEN.**

**\*Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **No. 16**

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*)

**Creator God, in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today. You have created this wondrous universe and all the magnificent things within it. You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives, even to this day of praise and thanksgiving. Let our spirits soar! Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love. We celebrate your love and presence with us, and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

**Scripture Reading**   **Ephesians 1:3-14**

**\*Hymn** “Spirit of the Living God” 2 times  **No. 259**

**Message**

**\*Hymn** "Guide Me" **No. 622**

**Prayers of the People**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our**

**daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin**

**against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Offering Invitation**

**\*Response No.46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*Unison*)   
**Bless these gifts by the power of your Spirit, O God. May someone near or far receive grace and hope for living because**

**of what we share here today. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Here I Am, Lord" **No. 452**

**\*Benediction**

God’s love for you is real and alive in your hearts today. Go in peace, knowing that the Lord of Love and Life is with you. Bring God’s peace to all you meet, this day and all your days.  **AMEN.**

**\*Closing**  "Go in Peace"

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day,**

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new life,**

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

**\*Postlude**