



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—July 23

This Sunday, July 25 @ 9:00 am

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This Sunday - Turn to God for Forgiveness

Confession has fallen out of popular use, both in public life and in the church. But confession has always been a key practice for sustaining a penitent heart, a heart ready to be reconciled with God and others. Psalm 32 and 51 describe in colorful ways the price of abandoning penitence, the virtue of confession, and the power of God to restore us.



Sunday Scripture

Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be— you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean. Count yourself lucky— GOD holds nothing against you and you're holding nothing back from him. When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans. The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll make a clean breast of my failures to GOD." Suddenly the pressure was gone— my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared. These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray; when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we'll be on high ground, untouched. GOD'S my island hideaway, keeps danger far from the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my neck. Let me give you some good advice; I'm looking you in the eye and giving it to you straight: "Don't be ornery like a horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track." God-defiers are always in trouble; GOD-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof! Psalm 32 (MSG)

Sunday Fellowship Time

Please join us after worship this Sunday and every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for coffee & treats. If you are interested in helping out and serving for Fellowship time, sign up today on the bulletin board.



— SUMMER IN THE —
PSALMS
Offer God
Thanks and Praise



Next Sunday — Offer God Thanks and Praise

Thanksgiving can be so much more than thanking God for our daily bread. The psalms teach us to joyfully extol God's character and history of goodness, not only to us but to all generations of the world. Let us praise the Lord with all that we are!



Other Ministry Updates



Church staff and other leaders are busy preparing for the start of our fall ministries. We're excited for

a strong restart to Sunday School, Confirmation, and so many other ministries that have taken the summer off or have changed this past year. We'll kick things off on September 12 with both the start of Sunday School AND Confirmation Sunday. What a great way to celebrate the beginning of our new year! Although that would normally be the Sunday we'd move from our summer schedule with one worship service to our fall schedule with two worship services, this fall we are likely to continue in our present worship style and time at 9:00am, with Sunday School at 10:00am. With many young and unvaccinated people choosing to continue to worship online for now, it seems best to stay with one service until we have more people in the sanctuary. Until then, we will be preparing so that when the time comes, we will be ready to make the switch. We do understand that some would prefer a later service, but 9:00 remains the best compromise between 8:15 and 10:30. The service livestream will continue to be available to view at any time. Thanks for your understanding as we continue to reinvent the way we do church.

Staff Recognition

Congratulations and thank you to Curtis R. Rieck on the 5-year anniversary of serving BUMC as Youth Ministry Coordinator! Curtis has brought a passion for serving others and a gift for relatable preaching to our church. Please express your thanks to Curtis and let him know how glad you are to have him on the church staff.



Diners Out to Gather Thursday, July 29

It's time for Diners Out, a gathering of age 60+, so join us at Perkins Restaurant, **Thursday from 5:00-7:00 pm** for food, fellowship and sharing.

School Supply Collection

Zion Lutheran's Blessing Closet and the Salvation Army are filling backpacks for 400 local students in need. We would like to help by donating 400 notebooks and pencils. Please place these supplies in the collection box in the entryway or mark "notebooks" on your monetary donation by August 20.

Psalms Fun Facts

Test your Bible knowledge by trying to answer these questions. We'll pose different questions each week, with the answers revealed in worship the following Sunday (we'll also include answers from last week's questions below). You're encouraged to use your Bibles or the internet if you don't know the answers!



1. How many psalms are there in our English Bibles? A. 135 B. 150 C. 160 D. 175
2. Psalms 120-134 are collectively called what? A. The Psalms of Asaph B. The Maskil Psalms C. The Songs of Ascent D. The Verses of Degrees

Last weeks answers:

1. Which is the shortest psalm, with only two verses? **C. Psalm 117**
2. Which is the longest psalm, with 176 verses? **B. Psalm 119**

BUMC Fun Night-July 28 at 6pm

July 28—Join us outside in the church parking lot/park area for some water fun! We'll have Pastor Bill in a dunk tank, a Balloon Splash game, some other water fun, ice cream treats and Curtis' famous GIGANTIC bubbles! What a fun way to end July!



Connecting with Campers

We have children headed to UM camps this summer!! If you're willing to bless these campers by sending them a note in the mail while at camp, Dalinda Gravley will be headed to Camp Koronis this Sunday. 15752 Co Rd 181, Paynesville, MN 56362





Other Ministry Updates

- July 25** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online
10:00 am Fellowship Time
- July 26** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- July 27** 7:00 pm Finance Meeting
- July 21** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
6:00 pm Fun Night - Water! Water!
- July 24** 10:00 am Ivan & Janice Erickson Funeral
2:30 pm Willard Kreitlow Celebration of Life—Bertram Park
- July 29** 5:00 pm Diners Out @ Perkins
- August 1** 9:00 am Worship Service In-person & online with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Time

Nursery Attendant Wanted

We are currently looking to hire a Nursery Attendant. The hours are currently 8:30-10:30 each Sunday morning, and the pay is \$14.25/hour. Now that we're live streaming, you can even watch the worship service in the nursery! Let Michelle know if you're interested.



Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator

The SPRC had begun a search for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator, with an emphasis on developing a strong return to in-person ministries for the fall. If you're interested in exploring the possibility of serving our families in this way, please contact Debbie Bishop, Ministry and Worship Coordinator. [Click here for a current job description and Application.](#)



Upcoming Celebrations of Life

- July 24**, Ivan and Janice Erickson **10am** Funeral, **9am** Visitation at Church
- July 24**, Willard Kreitlow (**2:30pm** at Bertram Park, contact Mariénne Kreitlow)
- August 7**, Dana Sampson (**11am, visitation at 10**)
- September 11**, Carolyn McCandless (Ruth Vail's sister) (**11am, visitation at 10**)



Summer Reading in the Park is Underway!

Our Summer Reading in the Park program continues each **Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am** through August 25. Each week a guest reader shares a favorite book and then other fun activities are planned around the theme of the book. Please help spread the word!!

Deliver Meals on Wheels This August

August is our month to deliver meals on wheels. We need three drivers per day Mon-Fri, no weekend delivery. Meals are picked up from the Buffalo Community Center at 10:45 (around back). To sign up online [Click Here](#) or sign up on the board in the entry way.



Confirmation Table Leaders Wanted

We are looking for one more adult to participate in our Wednesday night Confirmation program. The role of the Table Leader is to sit with a small group of our students and lead small-group discussions. There are 17 such nights scheduled during the school year during our regular meeting time of 6:00-7:30pm. Pastor Bill participates in the class as well as Jan Heyerdahl, our main teacher. We have substitute Table Leaders in the event you have a schedule conflict. Our Table Leaders in the past have valued the chance to get to know our youth better. We have a well-defined curriculum with workbooks, so don't feel you have to have a great deal of knowledge to serve in this way. Please talk to Pastor Bill for more information.

BUMC Book Groups

We now have two book groups. One is, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate and the other is, *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Would you be willing to have the book group come to your home or gather the group at church? There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board at church where you can indicate your interest to participate in these book groups and to also be a host if desired. You can also contact Rita Varner-Otness at 763-682-5256.

