

# Good News

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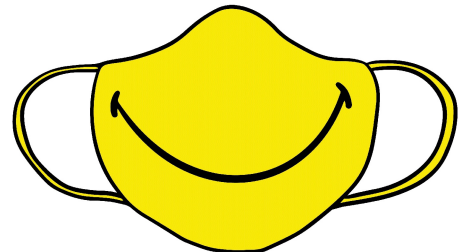
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The Leadership Team needs your input. Do we want to have a fall event? Prior to COVID, we have always had a Bazaar. The feeling is that might have to change a little or not have it at all. We could do a bake sale, quilt show, crafts, maybe a small treasure trove, maybe even serve coffee and a dessert or other ideas. What do you think?

Let's hash it out at a meeting on August 28 at 9:30. Come give us your thoughts! Everyone is invited.

The Eau Claire County Health Department is recommending masks being worn indoors. We are asking members to be more cautious. We are not requiring masks at church for now, but highly recommend the use of masks, especially if you're immune compromised. We want everyone to be safe. The COVID variants now are not as severe, but highly contagious. Masks will be available at church. Please be safe. If the numbers of cases increase, we will be requiring masks at church.



# August Worship Calendar

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**10:30 A.M. Worship**  
*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

## **August 7**

*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Community Table offering*

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 or Genesis 15:1–6;  
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23 or Psalm  
33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Luke  
12:32–40

## **August 14**

*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

Isaiah 5:1–7 or Jeremiah 23:23–29;  
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 or Psalm 82;  
Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49–56

## **August 21**

*OCWM offering*

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 1:4–10 or Isaiah 58:9b–14;  
Psalm 71:1–6 or Psalm 103:1–8;  
Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 13:10–17

## **August 28**

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 2:4–13 or Proverbs 25:6–7;  
Psalm 81:1, 10–16 or Psalm 112;  
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1,  
7–14

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## **Prayer Ministry**

**In August, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Kevin & Jean Phillips, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Aurora (Matt) Robison, Mel & Bobbie Rude



August  
BIRTHDAYS

15	Mike Tschumperlin
	Haddie Mayer
16	Sam Zehms
24	Mary Stygar
25	Dana Wachs
	Sue Thompson
	Peggy Larson
30	Jim Oliver
31	Matt Gilbertson
	Ken Snart

## Food for Thought

Communion will be August 7. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table.

There will be a pot luck after worship. Bring your favorite dish to share!

We are still recording our worship service to view on Facebook for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. Please make sure you are vaccinated and boosted. This makes everyone feel safer and maybe we can get rid of COVID completely. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe. Masks are available at church, for those who would still like to wear one.



Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money, summertime clothes, along with socks, and light weight jackets. We have a drop off box at church and whatever is donated will be taken to Good Shepherd weekly. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website [chippewavalleystreetministry.org](http://chippewavalleystreetministry.org) and donate through PayPal.

Also, don't forget our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. August birthdays, it's your turn!

Now that we have changed our garbage carrier to Earthbound Environmental Services, we have three types of trash cans. There's a regular trash can, a recycling trash can and a compost trash can. Each is clearly marked with what can go in them. If you have questions, check the refrigerator. We have complete listings on the door.

We also have free light bulbs. They are LED bulbs and are free for the taking. It's a program sponsored by Focus on Energy.

Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We've come to a time of year in which there often is not much to say, other than that my summer prayers for you all include being safe from extremes of heat and humidity, that you will have safe travels, that your family reunions or gatherings for weddings will be filled with joy and love, that you will have ever expanding understanding of the world and our neighbors in your travels, and that you will be returned to us safely.

Life in the church will be fairly quiet this month as it usually is in August. Our Sunday worship will continue, the office will still be open, and visits/phone calls will continue to happen.

This year, like it seems happens in most years, August is a month of breathing for churches. The program year ends in July, usually with a Vacation Bible Study, a mission trip, or something else. Then August is a pause from the busy-ness, a chance to sit down, rest, refocus, while we fill the church's lungs with new air (the Holy Spirit, perhaps?!) so we have the breath to move into September and the many months of activities, church seasons, holidays, and etc. that will go for the next 10 months.

May you find in August a chance to catch your breath and fill your lungs with new air—metaphorically and also literally with a trip or two, some time spent outside fishing or hiking or being a tourist, sitting around a campfire singing songs and roasting marshmallows, enjoying a baseball game, or taking a nap on the patio. Imagine yourself breathing in the Holy Spirit, and see how that helps you through your days.

And though Plymouth may be having a quiet month to breathe, please remember that this can be a very difficult month for people living on the street—donations to the Street Ministry are always needed and welcomed.

Blessings,



**F R O M   T H E**



**PASTOR**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>August 2022</h1> 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4	5	6
<b>7 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	8	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10	11	12	13
<b>14 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	15	16  10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	17	18	19	20
<b>21 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24	25	26	27
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