

# The Ringer

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Last Sunday, June 26, you heard me preach on half a verse from Galatians: 5:1 “For freedom Christ has us free.” A wonderful phrase that then can easily connect to our American holiday of Independence Day. You heard in the sermon that our freedom in Christ sets us free to fully love our neighbor. As we discussed this we pointed to areas where what we perhaps perceived as freedom in our society was being curtailed if not completely taken away. I didn’t mention the specific issue, but I sensed most understood that I was speaking about the ruling regarding Roe v. Wade. I invited anyone who wants to discuss that with me or even a group if enough are interested. I mean that. There is now a ruling on prayer at football games. And a while ago a decision came down about funding of private religious schools. Complicated issues and again, I am willing to discuss them with you. Our constitution gives many worldly freedoms and has functioned fairly well these 230 years since it replaced the Articles of Confederation. It is also amendable and that has served us fairly well as we learned more and saw changes happen that needed to be addressed. So from a worldly perspective the freedom that is envisioned here in America is great, amazing, and to be envied!

But the freedom the constitution and our society gives pale in comparison to the freedom we have in Christ. Paul in his letter to Galatians has a strange way of getting to the point of Freedom, I feel. (Read chapter 4 and see what I mean...) But in chapter five it is clear that our freedom is not about getting “our way” but it is about freeing us to fully love our neighbor. This love means that we can have difficult conversations. This love means that we may differ on various points of theology. This love means that we reach out even to those that are not “of us”. So as the Fourth of July comes and goes, I invite you to consider your freedom in Christ. And as Paul says in verse 6: “the only thing that counts is faith working through love!”

Amen

In Christ

Pastor David.

# Council News

## Council Highlights for June 2nd Meeting

The Church Council would like to thank all the members of the music and worship committee, A and E committee, and the Altar Guild. Thank you for your time in ensuring that we have great Sunday mornings. Also the council would like to thank everyone who attended the church potluck after service on June 26th. What a great time for fun and fellowship!

God bless,

The Redeemer Church council



*Council Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month beginning at 6 pm.*



### Treasurer's Report for end of May

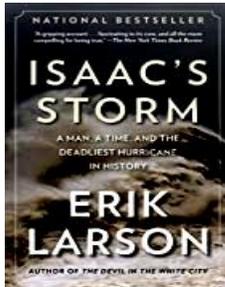
Total Income	\$ 136,905
Budgeted Income for the year	\$ 223,840
Total Expense	\$ 112,535
Budgeted Expense for the year	\$ 263,608
Mortgage Balance	\$ 279,006

Redeemer Endowment and Memorial Committee funds are available to our members by application. There are application guidelines for each committee. For more information please contact Wayne Keeler for endowment & Cheryl Itschner for memorial.



**The Endowment Fund**

# Redeemer News



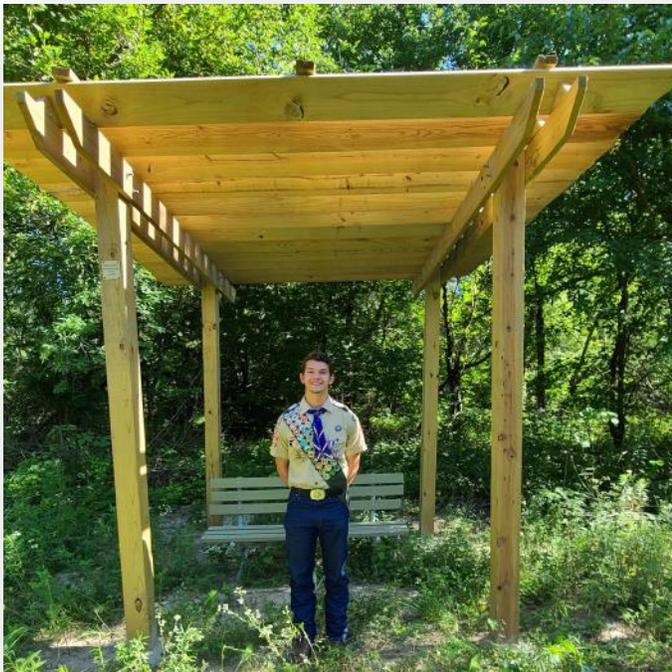
4 PM on Tuesday, July 26th

## *Isaac's Storm*

By Erik Larson

Host & Leader: Becky Shulda

Place: Orange Room at Redeemer



Please be our guest as we honor our son, Drew, for his Eagle Ceremony here at Redeemer, on Saturday, July 24 from 2 till 4 p.m. He completed his Eagle Scout project: building a pergola at Lakewood Park.

Craig & Sheila Alstatt

Healing Hope will meet at Hospice of Salina located at 730 Holly Lane on Tuesday, July 19th at 2 PM.



**The Breakfast Club** will meet at Perkins Restaurant every second Thursday at 8:30 AM. Hoping to see you there on July 14th!



# How does your garden grow?



TLC provided by New Horizons, Inc.  
 “How does your garden grow? By leaps and bounds”. Lord willing the harvest will be bountiful and pair well with BEEF. *Wally Koers*

Kahlan enjoying her flower garden and a cardinal feasting at the Metcalfe feeder.



Mary Mertz in the garden with Rose of Sharon

Mary Shaffer’s sunflower, squash and emerging butterflies



Left – Rod & Rosemary’s side lawn

Right – flowers planted at Redeemer’s front entrance

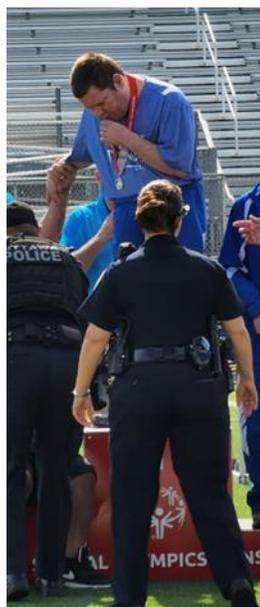


# Rejoicers Medal Winners at State Special Olympics!



Top photos are the Rejoicer athletes in their special events. Below are the Rejoicers with their medals.

***Congratulations, Rejoicers, for your awesome winning streak at the State Special Olympics!***



# 2022 Synod Assembly Report

## Report from the 2022 Central States Synod Assembly

### Part One: Our Experience

Tom and Mary Mertz were Redeemer's delegates to the Synod Assembly this year. It was Tom's fourth time doing it, and Mary's first. We enjoyed meeting people from different parts of the Synod with different backgrounds than our own.

Some things Mary learned about how our Synod operates:

It's called the Central States Synod and is made up of all the ELCA churches in Kansas and Missouri.

There's a Synod Council that runs the Synod, just like our church council runs the church.

The bishop is kind of like the pastor of the whole Synod, except that she's also the president of the Synod Council.

The annual Assembly is like our annual congregational meeting.

**Note: All voting members of congregations are eligible to serve on both the Synod Assembly and the Synod Council, so prayerfully consider running for such a position.**

This year's Assembly took place June 9-11. Thursday evening we had supper and opening worship. On Friday we listened to speakers and participated in workshops, and Friday evening there was a banquet with a fun celebration of congregational and pastoral anniversaries. Saturday morning included the business meeting, elections and resolutions, and closing worship. The Assembly ended a little after noon on Saturday.

The theme of this year's Assembly was "United in Christ: All Creation Groans, All Creation Sings." Noni Strand, a former member of Redeemer, was one of the organizers, and she gave a wonderful sermon at the closing worship. (For those of you who haven't heard, Noni and Virg have just moved to Kansas City to be close to their son, Luke.)

The keynote talks were by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, a Lutheran ethics professor from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, the ELCA seminary in the Bay area of California. Her message was both challenging and inspiring! We will include our report on her presentation in next month's Ringer.

### Part Two: Elections and Resolutions

Each congregation can send three voters to the Synod Assembly: two members plus the pastor.

Elections were held for several Synod Council positions. Of interest to Salina folks is that Mindy Tillberg of Immanuel Lutheran Church was re-elected to the Synod Council in the Deacon category.

Three resolutions were passed, which we summarize for this report. To read them in their entirety you can go to the Synod website. <https://www.css-elca.org/assembly>

### **Resolution SA 22.04 – A Season of Global Awareness**

This resolution designates Epiphany as a "Season of Global Awareness." Congregations are asked to intentionally lift up the church around the world through prayer, song, and educational events.

In particular, the resolution calls for two Sundays, one in September of this year and another during Epiphany next year, to lift up two of our sister synods:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea, and

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East.

# 2022 Synod Assembly Report cont'd

When we think about the Russian aggression against the Ukraine, we focus on the Ukrainians, often forgetting that many Russians who oppose the war are also undergoing hardship. We were told at the Synod Assembly that Russian government agents visit Sunday worship services of our sister churches to monitor what pastors say about the war. So please keep our Russian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

## **Resolution SA 22.05 – The Just Transition from Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

In addition to a general call for climate crisis education and outreach for the Synod and its congregations, this resolution included some very specific goals:

To ask that the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA call upon the leadership of the United States to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030, generate 100% of its power from clean renewable sources by 2035, and achieve net zero emissions by 2050. These are goals that the United States has already agreed to in accordance with the Paris Agreement of 2015.

Encourage the Synod and its congregations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in line with the above timetable.

Encourage congregations and households to decrease their fossil fuel consumption by 10% per year for each of the next three years.

Noni Strand and others on the Synod's Creation Care Team emphasized that "just transition" means that we Christians must insist that vulnerable people who will be hurt by the transition from fossil fuel energy be protected. For example, coal miners losing their jobs must be financially supported and re-trained for other jobs.

## **Resolution SA 22.06 – Developing LGBTQIA+ Education and Cultural Competency as a Synod**

This resolution involves Hearts Across the Heartland, a grassroots organization of LGBTQIA+ members, pastors, and congregations of the Central States Synod. It was formed in 2019 by Kansas City ELCA members and congregations.

The resolution designates Hearts Across the Heartland as a ministry partner and directs them to develop educational materials and resources for congregations and rostered leaders to:

- explain the issues and concerns of people who identify themselves as something other than heterosexual
- make our synod more welcoming for LGBTQIA+ people
- add sexual identity and gender expression to the diversity training of rostered leaders.

As many of you know, the issue of welcoming LGBTQIA+ people has been a contentious one for years, and a number of congregations have left the ELCA because of our denomination's openness. There was quite a bit of discussion and debate on this resolution, but like the other two, it ended up passing with overwhelming support.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom and Mary Mertz, 2022 Synod Assembly representatives

# Lectionary for July

## July 3 — 4th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

[Psalm 66:1-9](#)

[Galatians 5:\[1-6\] 7-16](#)

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup>"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

## July 10 — 5th Sunday after Pentecost

[Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#)

[Psalm 25:1-20](#)

[Colossians 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."



<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## July 17 — 6th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 18:1-10a](#)

[Psalm 15:1](#)

[Colossians 1:15-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## July 24 — 7th Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

[Psalm 138:8](#)

[Colossians 2:6-15 \[16-19\]](#)

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples



# Lectionary for July cont'd plus more!

said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## July 31 — 8th Sunday after Pentecost

[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23](#)

[Psalm 49:1-12](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-11](#)

[Luke 12:13-21](#)

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



House on the Rock



Cheese Factory



Deer Park 70th Anniversary

## Youth Trip to Wisconsin

# Partners in Ministry

ALTAR GUILD: Janet Whitaker

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 9:30 SERVICE

July 3

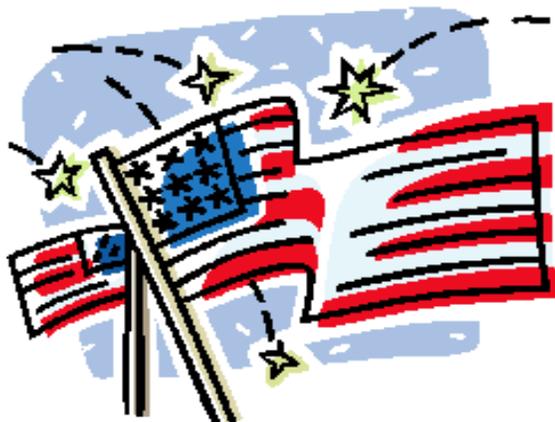
July 10

July 17

July 24

July 31

<b>Greeters</b>	Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Jim & Viv Cook	Phil & Jean Sedo	Joe Plumber & Mike Ramage	Barbara & Ted Wire
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted Wire & Mary Shaffer	Debbie & Ray Beckman	Joe & Kathy Heinrich	Grant & Kris Johanson	Tom & Mary Mertz
<b>Com-munion</b>	Communion will not be served	Viv Cook	Jean Sedo	Jan Jackson	Dan Metcalfe
<b>Lector</b>	Ted Wire	Debbie Beckman	Phil Sedo	Mary Shaffer	Samual Neff
<b>Sound</b>	Perry Jurgensen	Mary Mertz	Ray Beckman	Kris Neff	Perry Jurgensen
<b>Fellow-ship</b>	R&R Anderson	Beckman	Cook	Sedo	Volunteer



**Come worship with us on Saturday,  
July 9th at 11 AM.**  
***Rejoicing Spirits*** is for individuals of  
 all abilities. Bring the whole family &  
 find new friends!  
***Food & Fun & Fellowship***

The *Women's Life Group* meetings are suspended for now as Anna Prockish has accepted a baby-sitting job on Thursdays. We will keep you updated as news comes to us. Stay tuned!



Dear Partners in Ministry,



At last I have the Time & Talent forms compiled in order to make the monthly assignments. Please note that if you cannot fulfill your assignment it is your responsibility to find a replacement and let the office know. My grateful thanks goes out to all of you who volunteer your time to make worship at Redeemer meaningful.

Becky

# Redeemer Celebrations for July



July 11 Dan & Ann Metcalfe  
 July 16 Douglas & Amy Leavy  
 July 31 Tom & Mary Mertz

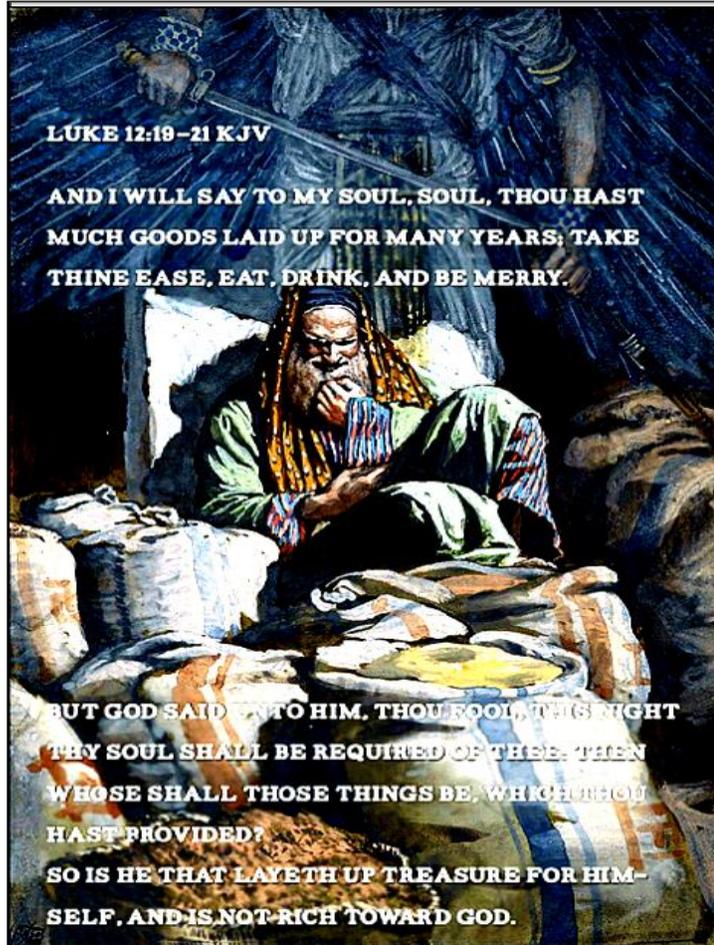
July 1 KC Potter  
 July 1 Andrea Pickering  
 July 3 Dan Gill  
 July 9 Luke Augustine  
 July 11 Brittini Wells  
 July 12 Susan Ramage  
 July 15 Leo Bell  
 July 15 Hunter Alstatt  
 July 16 Kathy Heinrich  
 July 16 Jordan Itschner  
 July 17 Tim Prockish  
 July 18 Rylee Koers  
 July 21 Derrick Dusin  
 July 21 Dustin Dusin  
 July 22 Ryne Callahan  
 July 23 Deniece Roth  
 July 24 Kyle Tonniges  
 July 25 Nick Shaffer  
 July 25 Stu Gronewoller  
 July 29 Sophie Bell  
 July 31 Chad Curl

BirthDay  
 greetings

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The August newsletter deadline is July 25th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.

# July

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Becky on vacation July 14-19</b>					1	2
3 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 1000 Bible Study 515 Education	7 600 Council Meeting	8	9 1100 Rejoicing Spirits 
10 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	11	12	13 1000 Bible Study	14 830 Breakfast Club 	15	16
17 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	18 600 Silver Needles	19 200 Healing Hope	20 1000 Bible Study	21 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	22	23 100 Drew Alstatt Eagle Ceremony 
24 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship	25 1200 Newsletter Deadline	26 400 Page Turners	27 1000 Bible Study	28	29	30
31 930 Worship 1030 Fellowship			for worship services always available!			



LUKE 12:19-21 KJV

AND I WILL SAY TO MY SOUL, SOUL, THOU HAST MUCH GOODS LAID UP FOR MANY YEARS; TAKE THINE EASE, EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY.

BUT GOD SAID UNTO HIM, THOU FOOL, THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE. THEN WHOSE SHALL THOSE THINGS BE, WHICH THOU HAST PROVIDED? SO IS HE THAT LAYETH UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD.

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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Worship until September 18

9:30 Worship

Fellowship after service

#### Rejoicing Spirits

2nd Saturday every month

11:00 AM Worship

#### Wednesday morning

10:00 Bible Study

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir & Bell Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

### 2022 Council

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