



THE TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S CORNER

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." – Mark 12:30-31

Dear Siblings in Christ,

The Great Minnesota Get-Together is coming up soon – the Minnesota State Fair starts later in August. Thousands of Minnesotans will gather to see animals, ride carnival rides, attend concerts and performances, and enjoy all kinds of delicious fair foods. The Fair is most known for food on a stick – ordinary items like Pronto Pups and cheese on a stick, but also unique and unusual items like hot dish on a stick, deep fried s'mores on a stick, and teriyaki ostrich on a stick. There's something wonderful about food on a stick, eating on the go or sharing with others. It really boils down the essence of the food into something that can be shared easily.

In the spirit of the Minnesota State Fair, I wonder what our "Gospel-on-a-Stick" would be. What would we consider to be the essence of the Gospel that we can share with others?

As I considered what my "Gospel-on-a-Stick" would be, a lot of Bible stories went through my head – the Good Samaritan, Jesus feeding 5,000 people, Jesus and the children, and breakfast with Jesus on the beach after the resurrection. What do all of these stories have in common? What is at the essence of the Bible stories that I return to again and again and again?

For me, the Gospel boils down to "Love God and love your neighbor." The stories I share demonstrate the ways that Jesus desires for us to love God and love our neighbor. The Samaritan is considered good because he cares for the man left at the side of the road to die, going above and beyond to take care of his needs. Jesus feeds the 5,000, loving his neighbors by feeding them and trusting that God will provide enough to feed that many people. Jesus shows his love for children by blessing them, demonstrating his love

for his neighbors. And Jesus feeds his disciples on the beach after their discouragement after his death. Jesus continues to love the disciples and encourage them in loving God, even when things are hard.

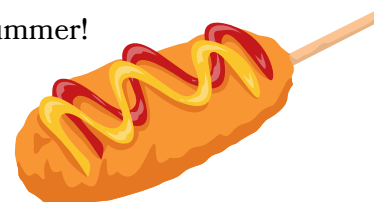
To encourage others to "Love God and love your neighbor" can also be seen in how I try to live my life. I work to remember my neighbor's names and pay attention to what is going on in their lives. I pray for my community when I go on a walk, lifting up the various businesses, non-profits, government agencies, schools, and so on as I walk past them. I am always growing in how I live out the Gospel, and being able to articulate that Gospel message is the first step.

I encourage you to think about what your "Gospel-on-a-Stick" would be. It can be hard to take all of the Bible and our faith experience and boil it down into something that we could share easily, like a Pronto Pup or a deep fried s'mores on a stick. There is a lot in the Bible that is wonderful and speaks to us. I invite you to consider what is essential about faith and/or the Bible to you. What stories are essential to your faith? What do they have in common? What's your favorite Bible verse and why? These are all questions that you could explore to write your own "Gospel-on-a-Stick."

I encourage you to consider what your "Gospel-on-a-Stick" would be and share it with me. I would love to hear what others have come up with and how they developed it. Please share it with me by the end of August – if we get some submissions, we can put together a display of our "Gospel-on-a-Stick" in time for the Great Minnesota Get-Together at church.

Blessings on the end of summer!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca



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AUGUST SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2

Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Matthew 14:13-21

*Jesus feeds
the hungry multitude
and reveals the
abundance
of God.*

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

AUGUST 9

Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Matthew 14:22-33

*Amid the storms of life,
we gather to seek
the calm presence
of Christ that
soothes our fears.*

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

AUGUST 16

Twelvth Sunday
After Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Matthew 15:21-28

*The Canaanite woman
in today's gospel is an
outsider anff yet is
unflinching in her request
that Jesus heal her daughter.*

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

AUGUST 23

Thirteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Matthew 16:13-20

*Jesus declares
that the church will be
built upon Peter's
bold confession
of faith.*

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

AUGUST 30

Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Matthew 16:21-28

*Jesus tells
the disciples that
they will
find their lives
in losing them.*

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

**Women's
Bible Study**

I Am Worthy

Session TWO:
I Am Because You Are.

9:30am
in the library.

AUGUST



WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION
8.2	Joe / Janelle	Cathy / Stephanie	Beth	Michael	Mike / Howard	Michael / Peggy
8.9	Jason/ Brianna	Lori / Lori	Cyndi	Peggy	Howard / Wendy	Bonnie / Peggy
8.16	Joe / Craig	Karen / Becky	Michael	Polly	Peggy / Mike	Michele / Polly
8.23	Joe / Craig	Connie / Peggy	Bea	Beth	Scott / Mike	Howard / Beth
8.30	Craig / Janelle	Kathy / Ann	Michele	Howard	Scott / Wendy	Polly / Howard

Hospitality: Karen Eian, Scott & Beth Tradup, Michele Murray

If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you!

DEVOTION

God's Spirit is with You

When Jesus was in the synagogue in Nazareth after having spent 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed." (Luke 4:18). Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecy, after having been led by the Holy Spirit. Yet he too was rejected and oppressed by his own synagogue community, and the oppressors would have thrown him off of a cliff, had they had their way.

In this time of war and injustice in the world, it is easy to become captive to it all, in a word, oppressed. On top of all of that, when we lose someone close to us in death, the grief can sometimes be despairing, at least heartbreaking. It's easy to feel alone during difficult times. Hope can seem elusive.

We're invited not to lose heart during challenging times, especially when we experience oppression,

despondence, desperation, or grief. Death and difficulties are a reality we all face, and the apostle Paul reminds us that for those who "have died, [their] life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3). Indeed, I'd like to think that Paul's words hold truth for all the living faithful including those of us who have not yet died.

Moreover, the words of Jesus in John's gospel remind us that we are people of the Resurrection: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26). In sum, that same "Spirit of the Lord" with Jesus in the synagogue is also with us and helping us, even when we may not appreciate it.

Let us pray.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan

SERVICE

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Save the Date:

God's Work, Our Hands Service Project
September 20

September is right around the corner. We will be completing a service project to mark God's Work Our Hands after worship on September 20. We'd like to again make sandwiches for shelters in Minneapolis and add on writing letters encouraging our elected leaders to support efforts to end hunger.

Are you a Thrivent member? Would you like to apply for a Thrivent Action grant to help fund our service project? Talk to Pastor Rebecca about application information.

ADMIN & FINANCE

June Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/26 through 06/30/26 = \$128,861

01/01/25 through 06/30/25 = \$1125,961

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/26 through 06/30/26 = \$147,154

01/01/25 through 06/30/25 = \$143,847

Cash account balances as of June 30, 2026

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$4,608

Savings = \$42,431

Memorial Savings = \$26,294

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$64,627

Endowment Fund = \$94,140

Mortgage Balance = \$84,422

CONNECT



Ice Cream & Jesus – August 19, 7 pm

What's better than ice cream in August?
Meeting up with fellow church members to share
our summer highs, lows, and God moments
while eating ice cream!

We'll meet at Cup & Cone on
Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm
for treats and conversation.

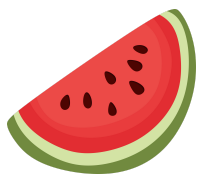
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just show up!



Blessing of the Animals

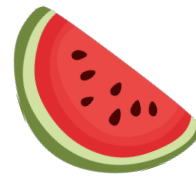
during our outdoor worship
service on September 6. Bring
your pet to be blessed. Dogs, cats,
hamsters, photos, or stuffed
animals are all welcome. Bring a
friend or neighbor to worship!

Remember to bring your lawn
chair, wear sunscreen, and have
temperature appropriate clothing!



AUGUST

2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	 Office Hours By Appointment Only					1 7am Bread Ministry
2 Worship 9am	3 6:30pm WMA	4	5	6 7pm Property Team	7	8 7am Bread Ministry
9 Worship 9am	10	11 7pm Admin Team	12	13 Congregational Camp BWCA	14 Congregational Camp BWCA	15 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am Congregational Camp BWCA
16 Worship 9am Congregational Camp BWCA	17 7pm Fellowship	18 7pm Church Council	19 Ice Cream & Jesus 7pm	20  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	21	22 7am Bread Ministry
23 Worship 9am	24  Trumpet Deadline	25	26	27	28	29 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
30 Worship 9am	31					