



# HSP PARISH

AUGUST 2025



## *A Letter From The Pastor*

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every  
matter under heaven"  
— Ecclesiastes 3:1

BY MARK BALDWIN

As we enter the month of August, we find ourselves at a unique intersection of seasons. Summer is still with us, but we can already sense the slow turning toward fall—school supplies line store shelves, schedules begin to fill, and there's a quiet nudge reminding us that change is coming. It's a season of preparation, reflection, and transition. August reminds me of how God works in seasons—not just in the natural world, but in our lives as well. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a time for everything. Some of us are planting seeds of new beginnings. Others are harvesting the fruits of long labor. Some are resting, while others are running at full speed. And yet, God is present in every season. In Galatians 6:9, we're encouraged: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

That's a good word for August. This is a time to remain faithful, even in the heat and weariness of late summer. God sees your efforts—whether in your family, your work, your church, or your quiet moments of prayer and service.

It's also a time to ask, "What season am I in spiritually?" Am I in a season of growth, waiting, healing, or renewal? Whatever your answer, remember that God is the Lord of the seasons, and He makes all things beautiful in His time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

As we prepare for the changes August brings—back to school, new routines, the slow shift toward autumn—let's remain rooted in faith, hope, and love. Let's encourage one another, show kindness, and keep our eyes on Christ.

May your August be filled with moments of gratitude, growth, and grace.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28		31	1	
3	4	5	7	8	
Communion Sunday	9am - S- Prayer Shawl 7pm - H- Gift of Hope	10:30am - H- Prayer 2pm - Hershey ladies 2pm - Sutherland UMW			
10	11	12	14	15	16
11:30am - S- School	9am - S- Prayer Shawl 4pm - S- Food Pantry 5pm - P- Food Pantry	10:30am - H- Prayer			
17	18	19	21	22	23
9:30am - Paxton	7pm - S-Ad board	9am - S- Prayer Shawl 1pm - S- Card Group 6:30pm - P-Ad board	10:30am - H- Prayer 1pm - S- Quilting Group 7pm - H-Ad Board	11am - H- Pie and Ice	
24	25	26	28	29	30
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Pastor Mark on Vacation	Labor Day	9am - S- Prayer Shawl 7pm - H- Gift of Hope	10:30am - H- Prayer	2pm - Hershey ladies 2pm - Sutherland UMW	

Sat

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11am - H- Pie and Ice

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## Pastor Mark on Vacation

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2pm - Hershey ladies

2pm - Sutherland UMW



# Sutherland VBS





# Sutherland VBS

The volunteers and students attending Vacation Bible School this year traveled to Egypt to learn that there is "Only One True God". The lessons centered on Joseph and his guard Ramses who went from Prison to Palace. Engaging music, Egyptian games, making crafts with the same theme, and yummy snacks filled the mornings for 66 kids. We were glad to host this community VBS that brought youth from Sutherland, Hershey, Paxton, and Grant. A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped in so many ways to make this a success!!

## Pie and Ice cream Social

Hershey Methodist Ladies will be hosting their yearly Ice cream social, August 23rd from 11am to 2pm at the Hershey United Methodist church Free will Donation.



Hershey Methodist Ladies will be showing off their cookie jars and cookie cutters during the pie and Ice cream social.



If you would like to show off your cookie jar, or cookie cutter visit with one of the Hershey ladies.

## August Birthday & Anniversaries

1st Monte Warner (P)  
2nd Marissa Holm (S)  
Chuck Fisher (P)  
Clarice Kautz (H)  
3rd Anita Elfeldt (S)  
5th Mary Dymond (H)  
6th Tyrel Fear (H)  
7th Gregg Fear (H)  
8th Harry L. Stewart (S)  
12th LaRae Graham (S)  
13th Janell Beveridge (P)  
Jean Keller (P)  
Marlee Gleason (S)  
Hunter Hoatson (S)  
Payton Hoatson (S)

14th Will Babbitt (P)  
Alissa Bankson (S)  
17th Matt McConnell (S)  
18th Hadley Gleason (S)  
20th Jacqueline Mraz (S)  
25th Gege Roberts (S)  
26th Kendall McMahon (P)  
27th Ryan Mraz (S)  
28th Denee Elfeldt (S)  
Roland Albro (P)  
4th Coy & Grace McConnell (S)  
10th Glenn & Betty Tidyman (S)  
Roland & Patricia Albro (P)  
28th Tim & Billie Fear (S)

*"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

## MEETINGS

Hershey ladies  
Aug 7th 2:30pm

Sutherland Ladies  
Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm

Paxton ladies  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

Sutherland Ad-Board  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Paxton Ad Board  
Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Hershey Ad Board  
Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm







## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Mark will be out of area and on  
Vacation August 29<sup>th</sup> thru September 10<sup>th</sup>  
If an Emergency should come up call Tyrel Fear  
308-539-0269.

## Walker McConnell Baptism



Sutherland UMC officially welcomed Walker Alan McConnell into  
the church family on July 6<sup>th</sup> as we was baptized.  
Welcome to United Methodist Church Family.

**Please Continue Your Support  
For Our Churches  
Give Online**

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Hershey, NE 69143

Sutherland UMC  
PO Box 337  
Sutherland, NE 69165

Paxton UMC  
PO Box 335  
Paxton, NE 69155



## UP COMING EVENTS

**One Worship Sunday  
Last Sunday of Each month  
10:30am  
Sutherland UMC**

Hershey Fall Festival  
August 27<sup>th</sup>

Parish Bible Study  
Will Start in September

Youth Group  
Will start in September

Sutherland Fire & Rescue  
Pancake Feed  
September 14th

Sutherland Potluck  
October 19th

Paxton's Lord's Acre  
November TBD



# Everet Peters Baptism

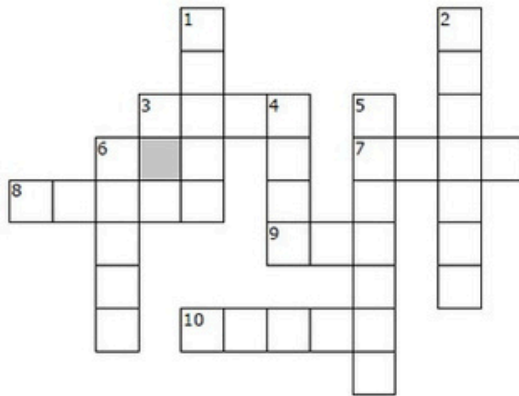
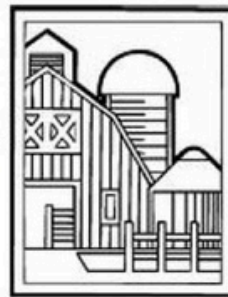


Sutherland UMC officially welcomed Everet Parker Peters into the church family on July 13<sup>th</sup> as we was baptized.  
Welcome to United Methodist Church Family.

## The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



### ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

### DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit NIV



Midsummer, Tobago by Derek Walcott

Broad sun-stoned beaches.  
White heat.  
A green river.  
A bridge,  
scorched yellow palms  
from the summer-sleeping  
house

drowning through August.

Days I have held,  
days I have lost,  
days that outgrow, like  
daughters,  
my harbouring arms.





# The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1



Y J S M M V V H O U S E J R C  
W E V I L U F A H F N K G L K  
R O D R T N H W L E U X O V P  
G G U I D E W R E L D U O N A  
T A B L E K A R S S E A D G S  
P C H W L E G M M S Z Y N D T  
R C O A F C Y X E T Z S E G U  
R O W M P A O T R A N H S D R  
E W U S F R C K C F B A S L E  
S A P I D O E S Y F K D U W S  
T T U P Q K R P W C I O C Y L  
O E T C A U B T A P S W L L L  
R R F V S T I F O R E V E R Y  
E S D E A T H E U Y E W G Z Z  
S E N E M I E S T A D J A E T

green	soul	shadow	staff	goodness
pastures	guide	death	comfort	mercy
quiet	paths	fear	prepare	dwelt
waters	walk	evil rod	table	house
restores	valley		enemies	forever



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” – Psalm 23:1 (KJV)  
In just a few words, Psalm 23 reminds us of God’s deep care. A shepherd doesn’t just watch from afar—he walks with the sheep, guides them, protects them, and provides for them. When David says, “I shall not want,” he’s not claiming a life without difficulty—he’s declaring trust in a God who is always enough. Whatever valley you walk through today, remember: You are not alone. The Shepherd is with you.

*Thank you Lord*



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.  
Hebrews 6:19

The HSP Newsletter will continue to be published monthly. If you have newsletter articles, pictures or any special news you would like to share with the parish please submit them to Pastor Mark, or the tech team by the 25th of each month. Items can be emailed to the following:  
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**Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. CT**



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**Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. CT**



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**Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. MT**