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WELCOME

July 13, 2025 - 9:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

All: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

All: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Leader: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Song: Here I am to worship

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Song: In Christ Alone

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-19

Sermon Title: Handle with Care!

Song: It Is Well

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Doxology

Song: Yet Not I but through Christ in me.

Blessing



Please be praying for our Go 'N' Serve Alaska 2025 Team!

They leave on Saturday, August 2nd and return in the very, very early hours on Sunday, August 10th.

Team Members: Elena Daughtery, Grand Daugherty, Sara Dolensek, Aaron Hernandez, Cooper Holmgren, Nolan Johnson, Delani McGee, Quinn Miller, Grace Montes, Josie Slattengren, Parker Slattengren, Rylie Thomas, Kayl True

Adult Leaders:

Jared Burke, Kara Burke, Tarah Holmgren, Carly McGee, Brook Miller, Sara Slattengren, Tessa Stouffer, Jenny True

All of our Summer Campers are home and well rested!
Thank you for all the prayers and support that you have given our youth!

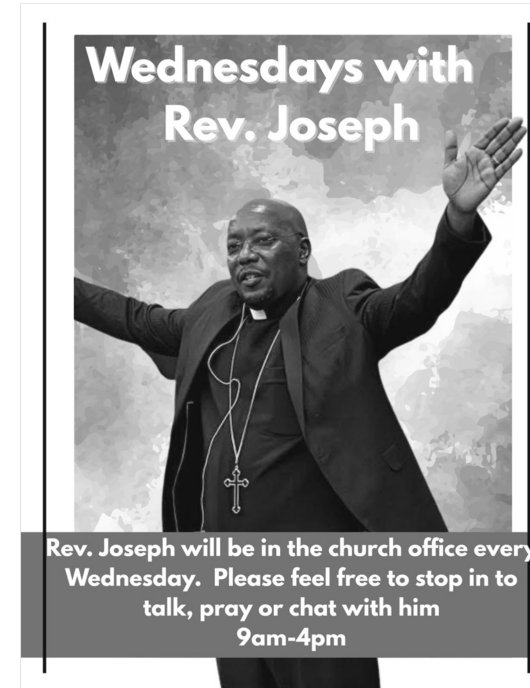
We'll be hearing from them in August about their adventures and favorite parts of camp!



Witness commission would like to hear about any mission trips our congregation members are planning or participating in. We'd love to pray for you on your trip & ask all of us to pray for you and your mission project.

We have a wonderful group of Christians spreading God's word locally, nationally and across the world.

Blessings from Nan, Modesta, Pat



OUR YOUTH MINISTRY VISION

We want to INSPIRE youth to love Jesus,
BUILD youth up in Him, EQUIP youth to
live in Christ and EMPOWER youth to
reach out for Him

If you have a prayer request that you would like to be put on the "Prayer Chain", please send it to Mary Kay Merema. She sends the prayer requests to the texting threads. Mary Kay's phone number is 815-761-3428.

SUNDAY, July 27

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
4:00 p.m. Alaska Send Off Cook Out
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

MONDAY, July 28

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, July 30

11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

THURSDAY, July 31

7:30 a.m. Kiwanis Meeting

FRIDAY, August 1

4:00 p.m. Rehearsal Dinner in
Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, August 2

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

SUNDAY, August 3

9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour
11:00 a.m. Schnorr Family - D. Tastad

THANK you to everyone who came to our Culver's Fundraiser and supported our Youth Group!

We had a great group of kids helping and were so blessed to see so many of you there!

Culver's will give a portion of the sales back to our youth group! We were able to raise an additional \$237.46 from the tip jars on the tables!!



Sunday Greeters Needed!

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to serve as greeters prior to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service. We hope to have two greeters (or more!) each Sunday—to assist people at the east entrance and to pass out bulletins as worshipers arrive.

Come at 8:30 a.m. and you are done by 9:00 a.m. to join worship. Easy!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact one of the deacons.

Thank you!

NEW LIFE LIBRARY

While putting books away, I decided to take one out that looked good. Well, I got it home and realized it was book 1 of a series.

But, as I've mentioned numerous times, you can read a book out of a series without having to read the entire series. So, that's what I did. It was a very good story with a good ending. But, I discovered that the main character has more to her story in the two books to follow (the Candlewood Series by Delia Parr). Like most of our series, you aren't left hanging at the end. I may go back and read the other two books in the future but not right now. I try to read a variety of authors, so I have something to pass on to you in our weekly newsletter. Once again, I encourage you to not overlook books because they are in a series. You can enjoy one or you may discover that it's well worth reading more in the series.

Enjoy our newest donations we've recently added to the library. I'm already enjoying. Plus, we will be putting brand new books just ordered on the shelves! Enjoy!!

Judy Schermerhorn of the Library Committee

We are going to start a 6 week Summer Women's Bible Study on Monday, July 28 from 10-11 a.m. This is a Right Now Media study and is titled Heart of God by Francis Chan. All ladies are welcome to join us!!

"What thoughts come to mind when you think of God? Do you wonder what he's like, what he thinks about you, or what he wants for you? The good news is that we don't have to go far to find answers. God tells us all we need to know about who he is and what he's like—about his heart—and why that matters for our lives. In this six-session series, author Francis Chan takes students on a journey of discovery to the heart of God. Students will walk away knowing God better and loving him more."