

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford (cancer); Roy Kincaid (recovering from surgery); Aiden Snyder, great-grandson of Bob and Linda LeFever (recovering from & preparing for surgery); Amy Burgland (recovering from surgery); Lane Burgland (facing surgery)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was a success! Many thanks to all who helped and all who attended! Look for photos in the upcoming August newsletter and mark your calendars for our next VBS: Tuesday, August 11, beginning at 5:30pm with a potluck supper.

THE OFFERING PLATES will not be passed but will be carried forward to the altar at the usual time.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERMONS will continue to be available on the website. Full worship services will no longer be posted.

PASTOR BURGLAND'S RETIREMENT PARTY will be held Sunday, September 13, after the late service. We are in search of a hog roaster to borrow that weekend and photos of Pastor Burgland with members, families, & friends to create a photo collage for the party.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dan & Liz Romary (son and daughter-in-law of Rich and Holly) at the birth of their son on July 15.

CALENDAR

Wed. July 22	7:30pm Worship
Thu. July 23	7:30pm Bible Study
Sun. July 26	8:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am Worship
M-W Jul. 27-29	Pr. Mullet @ Conference in WI
Tue. Aug. 11	5:30pm VBS
Sun. Sept. 13	Picnic / Sunday School / Retirement party

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: July 26 / Trinity 7

OT: Genesis 2:7-17

GOSPEL: Mark 8:1-9

EPISTLE: Romans 6:19-23

HYMN: LSB 819

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, “*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . .*” (Gen. 3:19). In other words, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For “*the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23).