THE HERALD

August 2026

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We are starting to get back into the swing of things as August comes around. I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated in this summer heat. As I am writing this, we are in the three days in late July when the high is in the low 70's but we will soon return to high 90's and even triple digits. Drink lots of water, use sunscreen, and stay safe as you enjoy these last weeks of summer!

School will be starting back up soon, and we want to do something new to honor both students and educators. We are going to do a Blessing of the Backpacks on August 9th, the Sunday before the LPS school calendar year starts. Whatever age, we invite you to bring your backpack (or whatever type of satchel you take to school), and we will do a blessing over them in worship that morning!

I have returned from General Assembly and am grateful for the ability to rest. This Assembly centered a lot on who we are as a denomination. We have been in the process of combining the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency into one entity called Presbyterian Life and Witness. If you have any questions about things that happened at GA or any items of business, please let me know! I'm happy to discuss it.

Because we've gotten some requests for this in the surveys we sent out, I've also included a picture of Ollie enjoying the afternoon sun :)

Blessings of peace and rest,

Pastor Erica

AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 – Bruce Snyder
07 – Alan Shuman
11 – Scott Minks
17 – Freddie Bonnett
18 – Bill Bahr
19 – Kate Singsaas
20 – Ilah Harmon
24 – Finn Singsaas
26 – Tristen Singsaas
28 – Margie Propp
31 – Dan Broeder

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01 – Patty & Jeff Wahlgren

†PRAYER LIST

Please contact the Church Office or Christie Werner with prayer requests

- Alan Shuman, brother of Pat Zink & Barb Shaeffer, in the hospital
- Amanda Miller's grandma, Minnie Sughroue – health concerns
- Christie Werner – health concerns
- Daniel Betz – health concerns
- Sharon & Larry Baker – health concerns

Theme Sunday will be on August 9th. Be sure to wear clothes & accessories that show school spirit.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students and educators bring your backpacks (or other school bag) on Sunday, August 9th for a blessing as the new school year begins.

CHOIR

Choir will resume rehearsals on September 2.

DUCs

DUCs will begin meeting again on September 13th.

CIRCLE

Circle will not be meeting in August. Meetings will resume in September.

MISSION

On Sunday July 12th, Mission committee planned a Kids Against Hunger meal packing event. Following worship and lunch, those in attendance packaged **4,104** meals in under an hour.
Thank you to everyone who helped make such an impact in our community!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Summer worship may bring smaller crowds, but it has certainly not brought smaller moments. Over the past few months, we have planted seeds together, shared in special themed services, and continued to find new ways to celebrate God's presence in our church family. If you have been traveling this summer, we have missed you—and you may have missed a few surprises along the way!
Of course, summer fun is only the beginning. The Worship and Music Team is already looking ahead to an exciting fall season. Choir rehearsals will begin again on September 2. Before that, be sure to join us for "School Spirit Sunday" on August 9 as we celebrate students, teachers, and lifelong learners.
And just around the corner, Rally Day will usher in the return of Sunday school and all the energy that comes with a new church year. Summer may slow our schedules, but the spirit of worship at Heritage never takes a vacation!

SESSION

The next regular Session meeting is planned for Sunday, September 20th.

2026 – 2027 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2026: Belle Kendle
Frances Beaurivage*
Class of 2027: Dehnia Bullerdiek
Jennifer Dierks
Class of 2028: Amanda Miller*
Danny Broeder
*Denotes 2nd term

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 **10:30 AM** Worship	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**1**
2 **10:30 AM** Worship	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**8**
9 **10:30 AM** Worship Theme: School Spirit Blessing of Backpacks	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**15**
16 **10:30 AM** Worship	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21** **10:00 AM** Al-Anon	**22**
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.

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