

# THE HERALD

August 2022

Siblings in Christ,

As we enter the month of August, we look forward to the start of school and the eventual cooling of seasons. Sunday School will start back up on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to kicking off Rally Day by celebrating the Lord's Supper and enjoying an ice-cream social after worship. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing to be with you in worship and as we walk together towards the call of Christ in our lives as people and as a community of faith.

Over the last few months, we had problems with our phone system. We have since resolved those issues so you should have no problem calling us at the office and leaving a voicemail if necessary.

I am looking to paint my office a new color and would love the help of those willing to provide it! Let me know if you would like to help out and I will try to arrange a day or two to work on it.

A note about our newsletter; Nicole needs to focus on her new baby and her new job so Marsha will be taking over compiling and delivering our monthly Herald. Please send Nicole your thanks for doing a wonderful job! We are planning to send the Herald out electronically on the first Tuesday of every month and will follow with physical copies later that week. If you have anything you want to go out in the newsletter, please get it to Marsha by the last Tuesday of the month. Send your articles to [assistant@heritagepres.org](mailto:assistant@heritagepres.org).

Blessings,  
Pastor Erica



## AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 02 – Bruce Snyder
- 07 – Alan Shuman
- 09 – Eunice Sintek
- 10 – Matthew Robertson
- 11 – Scott Minks
- 16 – Chuck Clark
- 17 – Freddie Bonnett
- 17 – Dean Smith
- 18 – Bill Bahr
- 19 – Matthew Crouch
- 19 – Kate Singaas
- 20 – Ilah Harmon
- 24 – Finn Singaas
- 26 – Tristen Singaas
- 31 – Dan Broeder

## THANK YOU . . .

. . . to those who donated to the Pentecost Offering. \$417.00 was donated with our congregation's 40% share donated to PFLAG  
 . . . to those who participated in the PRIDE Parade on June 16  
 . . . to those who attended the Games & Groceries in the Park on June 24

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex! Try out the new Hibiscus Tea for a refreshing glass of iced tea this summer!



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 – Jeff and Patty Wahlgren



## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) is made to our endowment fund.

## SAVE THE DATE!



**September 11: Ice Cream Social** – Join us as we celebrate the start of Sunday School and

Patriot Day!

**October 9: CROP Walk** – Join us as we walk to end hunger and/or join us for a potluck after worship. More information coming soon!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RANDOLPH SCHOOL

Will you help us provide school supplies for the teachers/students at Randolph Elementary? Requested items will be collected through September 11:

- black low odor dry erase markers
- tissues/Kleenex
- glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- mesh/plastic pencil pouches
- notebooks and loose-leaf paper



Please NO backpacks or hand sanitizer!

**November 14: Taco Night and Silent Auction**  
 – Start thinking about an item(s) you can donate for



the auction.

## VBS

Kids ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Vacation Bible School on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm.

Hope to see you there!



## PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS

### General

- Social distancing encouraged
- Offering in the entry ways instead of passed
- Clutter in narthex cleaned up
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

### COVID-19 Risk Dial: Green (Low)

- Business as usual – please stay home or wear a mask if you have symptoms or don't feel well

### COVID-19 Risk Dial: Yellow (Moderate)

- Masks recommended (unless required by city directed health measures)
- Social distancing
- Coffee Corner with masks recommended
- Communion – regular
- Potlucks/other communal meals with masks recommended
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

### COVID-19 Risk Dial: Orange (High)

- Masks required
- Signs between pews (social distancing)
- Coffee Corner with masks
- Potlucks/communal meals with masks
- Communion with pre-made packets
- Reduce congregational responses/hymns
- Encourage members to stay home if they do not feel comfortable attending

### COVID-19 Risk Dial: Red (Severe)

- Zoom/other online platform church services (including Sunday School and DUC's)
- Choir to meet at the director's discretion (with pastor/session approval). They will follow social distancing and masking rules.
- No potlucks/communal meals
- No Coffee Corner
- Outside groups with more than 5 will not meet without pastor/session approval

## VITAL CONGREGATIONS

Vital Congregations is an initiative of our national church that congregations can use to help assess, discern and live into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take the them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout their communities. The initiative is based on “7 Marks” of vital congregations. The initiative is based on “7 Marks” of vital congregations. We will focus on one Mark each month in the newsletter and one worship service.

**Mark 3 – Outward Incarnational Focus** Outward incarnational focus is about being the gathered community of Christ sent out! We go not because we a strategy for new membership; we go because we have a Savior who commanded us to be on God's mission. We go because God's saving love in Christ, cannot be inwardly contained in our buildings when we live with neighbors in need and a hurting world. The church is meant to be a beacon of Christ's grace, justice, freedom, and love. Outward incarnational focus means we daily take up our cross and follow to the marginalized of society, the poor among us, the suffering and sick, the stranger and enemy, the down-trodden and “the least of these.”

### Self Reflection Questions:

How does our congregation show up outside this building and share the love of Christ?

What would our community say about Heritage?

What is more challenging – giving money or giving time to a ministry? Why?

How can the church building become a place of ministry to the community?

What traditions or programs are “church-member centric” and how can those in the community be included and welcomed?



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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**August 30, 2022**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>1</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>5</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship  <b>1:00 – 4:00 PM</b> VBS	<b>8</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>9</b> <i>4:30 – 8:30 PM                      NE Commission                      for the Deaf –                      Town Hall                      Meeting</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>12</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>15</b> <i>Girl Scouts                      20306                       Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>19</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>22</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>29</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Girl Scouts                      28791</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>2</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>3</b>

Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.