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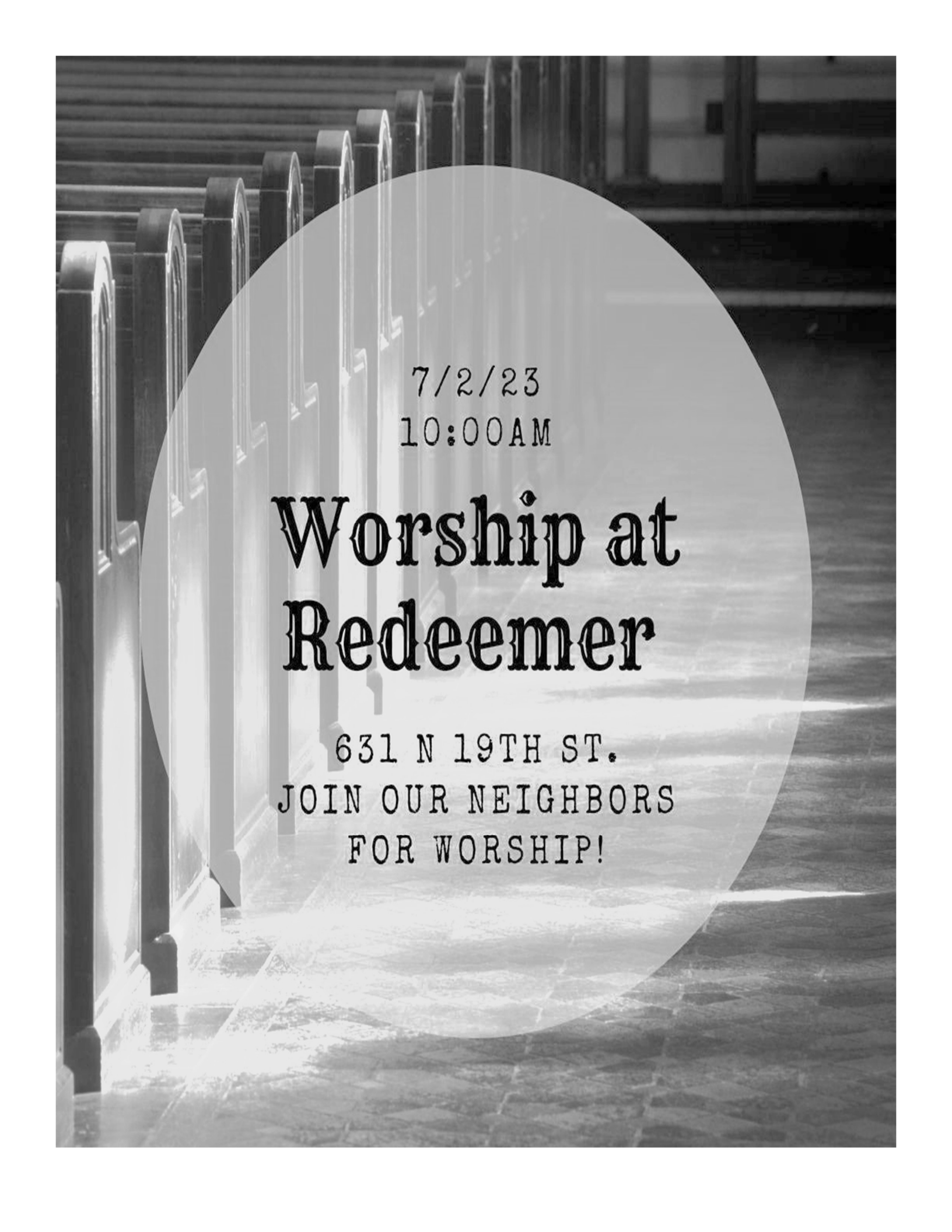
Worship With US

Communion every Sunday - 10am

Everyone is Welcome!

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7/2/23
10:00AM

Worship at Redeemer

631 N 19TH ST.
JOIN OUR NEIGHBORS
FOR WORSHIP!

Vacation

Pastor Delaney will be on vacation June 29-July 8, relaxing with her family at the beach. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Lisa Bates-Froiland at 414-238-1043.



June Council Update

Things are buzzing at the council meetings these days! To BEE



Church Council

best informed, talk to any of our council members: Pr. Delaney Schlake-Kruse, Mark Voelz, Marcia Mikich, Mark Van Engen, Mike Polinske, Bob Bromberek, Jeri Jende, Nancy Day, and Sarah Micheel.

Currently the council is talking about projects such as replacing our boilers, putting in rain gardens, and the Our Safe Place project. Join the Buzz!

Boilers, Gardens, Improvements, Oh My!

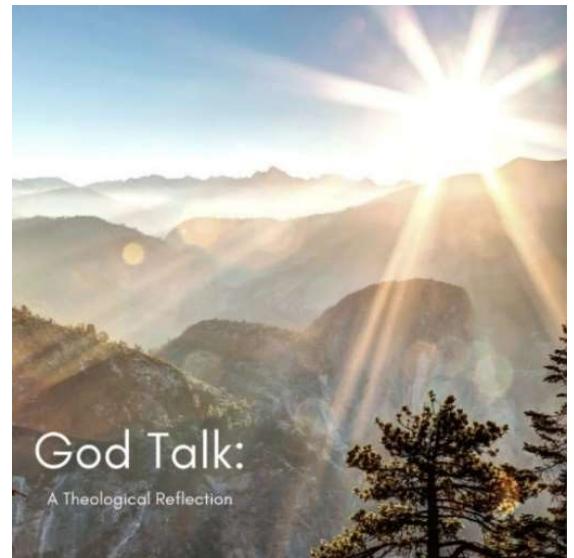
Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 16, when we will gather after worship to discuss a plan to address our congregation's boiler issues. We will also be discussing the possibility of installing raised bed rain gardens called "Storm Guardians" at this meeting. Join us! All voting members are encouraged to attend.



God Talk

“Summer Sabbath”

As we head into July and what many refer to as “the dog days of summer,” I am reminded of a theological idea that goes with us: sabbath. In the creation story at the beginning of Genesis, God spends six days creating the heavens and



the earth. Night, day, dusk, and dawn spring to life. Birch trees and orchids, pine and agave, seaweed and palm trees, all unfurl in beauty. God creates humanity in all its diverse splendor, as well as birds and fish, mammals and reptiles. God spends a lot of energy creating all that exists, and then on the seventh day, God rests. God takes a sabbath, sitting back to take a deep breath, and a break after all that work.

There are times in life when we have experienced a flurry of activity, when we have given something our all, and we are proud, grateful, and tired. Perhaps you have completed a challenging course of study, perhaps you have spent a lot of time caring for others lately, perhaps your work has demanded quite a bit of you, or perhaps you have spent a lot of time doing things you love but now you’re ready for a break. As we head into July, and the season of summer vacations “up north” and elsewhere, I hope we might each have an opportunity to stop, to sit back, and to take a moment of sabbath, knowing that rest is also part of being made in God’s image.

-Pastor Delaney

Farewell
and
Good Luck

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for the wonderful send-off and blessings as I leave Wisconsin to start a new chapter. I've been in Milwaukee for ten years, but it was only in the last four years as a member of St. Paul's that I found my church

home. While leaving is certainly bittersweet, I'm looking forward to new adventures in Northern Ireland while I pursue a master's in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast. If you'd like to follow me on this new path, I'll be writing about my studies and updating family and friends via my Substack, [Grappling with Words](#). I'm also excited to see what's ahead for the congregation now that a decision has been made to remain in our current building. St. Paul's is such a warm, welcoming place with a long and storied history in Milwaukee and I have no doubt exciting times are ahead. Please know that wherever I go, I'll be following along and wishing you all the best!

Sincerely,
Elaine Disbro

July Birthday
10th Mary Ellen Voelz



RIC CORNER

On the last Sunday of Pride Month during worship, Pastor Delaney shared a creative interpretation of the Good Samaritan story as an ending to



Pride Month. Take a moment to read her imaginative narration of a familiar story, and notice what thoughts and feelings it brings up for you:

Jesus told a story...

“A man was headed down from Waco to Austin. The legislature was about to be in session, and he had a new bill burning a hole in his pocket. Rehearsing his talking points, making it clear why that story hour was harmful to the kids at the library, when all of a sudden, his car began to smoke.

Turning his flashers on, pulling to the side of the road, the man stopped his car and got out.

He opened the hood and began to look around.

He walked to the back of the car, opening the hatch covered in bumper stickers that let everyone know exactly what he believed, only to find that his road distress kit was missing.

The man slammed the trunk, frustrated, and began to think about what he ought to do.

His cell phone had died about a half hour earlier, and he wasn't close enough to Austin to walk to a business.

Eyes brimming with tears, the man sank down against the back bumper of his car, head in his hands.

A few minutes later, an off duty first responder drove by.

She saw the man sitting by his car, but having things to do and places to be, she pulled into the left lane and drove on.

Another fifty minutes passed, when another car bearing similar bumper stickers to the man's approached. "Surely they'll stop for me," he thought, but for whatever reason the driver left the like-minded motorist stranded on the shoulder.

Finally, an electric car approached an hour later. The man, growing weary of waiting, didn't even look up. He was sure that this vehicle wouldn't stop for him. After all, one of the stickers on his trunk shared his feelings on so-called "climate change."

So, the man was shocked when he looked up and saw the car pulling to a stop in front of his, just behind his vehicle.

The driver got out, smiling at the stranded motorist, and offered him a bottle of water, before asking, "Can I help you?"

The man looked up, into the eyes of the stranger, framed by long fake eyelashes and said, "Okay. Thank you. I don't know what's happened."

The helpful driver went to check under the hood, making a quick diagnosis after a few minutes of observing the issue, and offered to drive the man to Austin, where they would find help together.

The man agreed, thanking this helpful driver and walked to the passenger side of the waiting car.

The driver quickly moved the wig, heels, and sparkly dress from the front seat, along with a makeup case and children's book.

“Sorry,” he quickly said. “I'm on my way to an event; please make yourself comfortable.”

Over the next forty minutes, the two men rode together, at first in silence,

But eventually the man whose car had broken down asked his unlikely savior, “What type of event?”

Turning his shining smile on his passenger the driver said, “I'm a drag queen. I've been invited to read my favorite children's book at a drag queen story hour in Austin tomorrow; I'm headed down early to visit my sister and my niece.”

Shocked and unsure of what to say, the man simply looked at this person who had rescued him, the one now generously offering him water and trail mix on the way to Austin and thought about the legislation he was working to pass.

“What book are you reading?” he asked.

The driver replied, “The Very Hungry Caterpillar. It's a favorite of mine; I love all the tasty snacks—and the way the caterpillar transforms into something beautiful.”

Quiet for a moment, the man looked out the window at the rolling landscape passing by and said quietly, “That's my favorite too.”

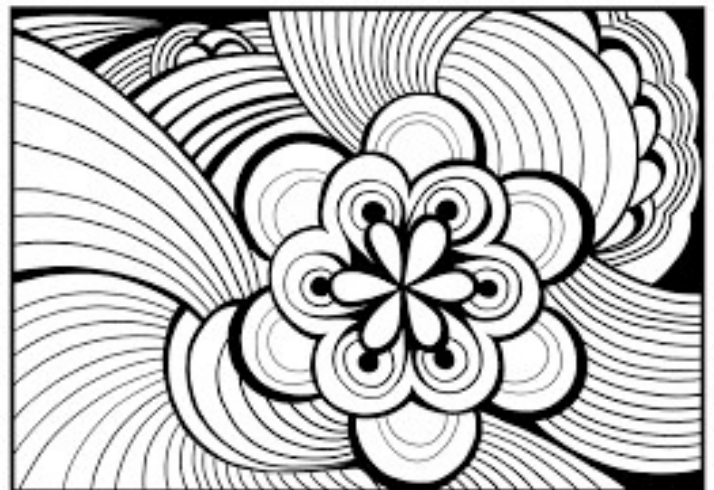


5th Sunday Service Project July 30!

Our next congregational service project is to make bag lunches for Street Angels. Three times a week Street Angels delivers a hot supper and a bag lunch for later to our unhoused neighbors. Currently they are seeing 200-250 neighbors per night. We will be making lunches that include the following: a PBJ sandwich, pudding cup with spoon, clementine, bag of chips, and Crystal Light powder packet. We will be making 100 lunches. Throughout the month of July, you can sign up in the narthex for what you would like to donate. Then, stay after worship on July 30 to make sandwiches and bag the lunches! Thank you!

What? No coloring pages?

Due to the unusual large volume of information packed into this month's edition of The Messenger, no coloring pages have been added. This happens from time to time and the coloring sheets will return when printing allows.



Summer Outreach: Blankets and Prayers



This summer, we will be collaborating with our friends at Galilee Lutheran to create fleece tie blankets for our neighbors. We

would like to share these special blankets at Kim's Table on September 20th, and we need your help!

On Saturday, July 22nd, we will gather at 10:30 am to make blankets in St. Paul's basement. Fleece material will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

If you wish to make a blanket on your own, instructions will be available at the Welcome Table or check the following website for instructions.

<https://www.onecrazymom.com/how-to-make-a-fleece-tie-blanket/>

Please bring your blanket to church by September 3rd.

As you are making your blanket, please take some time to pray for the person who will receive it. As you tie knots, entrust your prayers and blessings to the project. Thank you for your help with keeping our community warm and wrapped in prayer!





Beer and Books 2023

Join us for another summer of reading in Milwaukee's beer gardens! This year, we will be exploring Dr. Jacqueline Bussie's book "Love Without Limits," a book that helps us think deeply about Jesus' command

to love without exception using personal memoir and great storytelling. Join us!

To purchase the book, click here: <https://www.broadleaf-books.com/store/product/9781506481449/Love-Without-Limits>

July 12: Lake Park

(2975 N Lake Park Rd, Milwaukee)

July 19: Lake Park

July 26: South Shore Terrace

(2900 S Shore Dr. Milwaukee)

August 2: South Shore Terrace

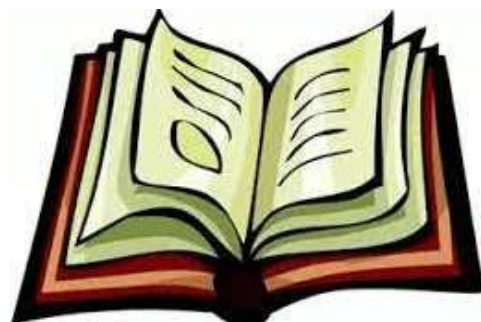
August 9: Doctors Park

(1870 E Fox Ln, Fox Point)

Quote ~

*"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you know,
the more places you will go"*

– Dr. Seuss



July

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10am Worship @ Redeemer Lutheran 631 N. 19 th Milwaukee	3 Pr. Delaney	4 taking time	5 	6	7 off thru July 8th	1 8
9 10am Worship Task Force af- ter Worship	10	11	12 6:00pm Book Group *Lake Park*	13	14	15 
16 10am Worship Meeting after Worship	17 	18	19 Kim's Table Noon 6:00pm Book Group *Lake Park*	20	21	22 10:30am Blan- kets & Prayers
23 10am Worship	24	25	26 6:00pm Book Group *South Shore Park*	27 <i>*August* Messenger Deadline</i>	28 	29
30 10am Worship Service Project after Worship	31 	Aug 1	Aug 2 6:00pm Book Group *South Shore Park*	3	4 Dianne – time	5 thru 8/13



NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Serenity Inns - Milwaukee

Serenity Inns was born out of concern for drug addiction and homelessness in the community. Leaders came together from five Lutheran churches located near the epicenter of Milwaukee's drug trafficking area. These ELCA Lutheran congregations - Reformation, All Peoples, Cross, Hephatha, and Incarnation - ministered to those in zip codes 53208, 53212, 53205, and 53206, whose neighborhoods are economically distressed and where substance use disorder, trauma, and homelessness are amongst the highest in Milwaukee. Together, these faith leaders created a vision, which was announced in December of 2001, to serve these communities with residential recovery housing.

Our community is one of faithful recovery, where participants learn to use their experience, strength, and hope to help others who are still suffering. Group therapy fosters this bond between sober house/alumni house participants as they support one another in their journey. Serenity Inns is proud of the community that we have established and strives for active peer-led support of each individual's sobriety.

Please visit their website for more information at:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=6M3BWESTU87P8



SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

July 2 – 30

July 2

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9

Genesis 24:34-38,
42-49, 58-67
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



July Anniversary

7th Matt and Jane Pralow



WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: July 2023

	July 2 Pentecost 5	July 9 Pentecost 6	July 16 Pentecost 7	June 23 Pentecost 8	July 30 Pentecost 9
Assisting Minister	<i>St Paul's</i>	Nancy Day	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek	Sarah Micheel
Usher Team	<i>Worship</i>	3	4	1	2
Altar Guild	<i>at</i>	Judy and Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel
Greeter(s)	<i>Redeemer</i>	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	<i>Lutheran</i>	Mary Klug	Matt Prahlow	MaryEllen Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Communion Type	<i>Church</i>	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	<i>10am</i>	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen
Close	~~	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz
Counting Team	~~	2	3	4	1

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