

# The MESSENGER

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## Summer Worship

2812 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee

**Every Sunday at 10:00am**

## God Talk

*Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread...the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." --1 Samuel 3*



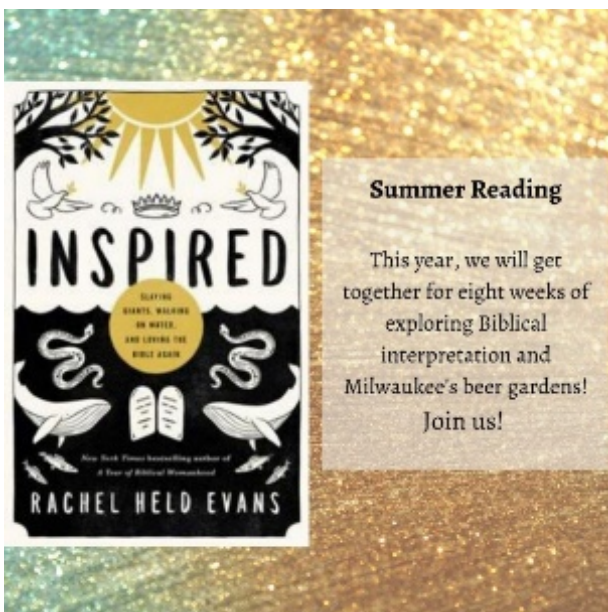
“The word of the Lord was rare in those days,” yet God chose to speak to a lowly apprentice in the temple. Samuel had no idea what he was getting into at the time; he didn’t even realize it was God calling him at first. He ran to the temple priest, Eli, thinking that was the voice he heard, but it turns out it was not Eli but God who was calling him, God who had chosen him. He finally answers God and says he’s ready to listen and do whatever it is God needs of him.

This story is commonly told as a *call story*, the story of God calling Samuel to a particular task in the history of Israel. I love that aspect of the story, and I also like to note that opening line: The word of the Lord was rare in those days. Sometimes we think about the stories in the Bible happening at a time when people spoke directly to God all the time, like Abraham walking with God on the beach or Moses being told to go talk to Pharaoh. But this line reminds

us that that was not always true. Sometimes the word of the Lord was rare. Sometimes God felt distant or silent, so much so that Samuel had no idea what was happening when God called his name.

And yet, God continues to show up in unexpected places. When God's word is rare it doesn't mean that God is absent from the people. God may be present or calling in ways we do not recognize in the moment. Sometimes we need someone like Eli to point out for us that God is calling so that we know how to answer. God may be calling us to do something, like Samuel, or just calling us to listen and know that God is with us. May we all find God's word in unexpected places.

**Summer Reading:** Throughout the summer, we've been reading "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans and visiting beer gardens in and around Milwaukee. We are winding down to the



last pages! Even if you haven't read the book, come out and join us for our last gathering on Weds. 8/3 at 6pm at South Shore Terrace Beer Garden located at 2900 S Shore Dr. Milwaukee. Grab a beverage, a place in the circle and enjoy a wonderful conversation!

\*Bring a chair if you wish\*

## RIC Corner

*What does it mean  
to be welcoming?*



Here at St. Paul's, I often watch as you greet one another, new friends and old, and I am so grateful for the welcoming nature of our church. In the realm of LGBTQIA+ inclusion and celebration in the church, the phrase "radical welcome" often comes up. But what does that sort of welcome look like? What does it mean to welcome people with radical hospitality? Well, perhaps it looks like the pride flag we have outside our church, signaling to our neighbors that we love and celebrate all people, or maybe its something like asking someone what pronouns they use when you meet them. Perhaps radical welcome looks like the songs we sing, or the way we talk about God in expansive ways during worship. As we seek to follow Jesus in our radical welcome, how might St. Paul's practice what it takes to make sure all people feel seen and loved by God and our church? If you have any ideas about this, please share them with Pastor Delaney or the church office. We would love to have your input!



**August Anniversaries**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Mark & Debby Van Engen**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Mike & Suzi Moylan**

PREPARING FOR  
**Parental  
Leave**



## **Parental Leave**

This summer, Pastor Delaney and Matt are preparing for the arrival of their first child, due August 30! As our congregation prepares for this exciting time in Pastor Delaney's life, we have been making plans for a time of parental leave following the birth of Baby Schlake-Kruse. Our synod has an 8 - week parental leave policy for all rostered

ministers. In order to ensure that Pastor Delaney receives this important time with her new child, our church council has been working with Vicar Charlotte and Bishop Paul Erickson to prepare for pastoral coverage. Vicar Charlotte will be with us throughout Pastor Delaney's 8 weeks of parental leave, serving our congregation, leading worship, providing pastoral care, and presiding at the sacraments. Our Bishop has approved this role for Vicar Charlotte, and we are so grateful for their presence and continued ministry among us. If you have any questions about the parental leave period, please do not hesitate to ask!

# NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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



## ***Center for Veteran Issues***

The Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. was born out of longstanding frustration with a range of negative factors confronting veterans returning from the Vietnam War. After many years of trying to work through a number of efforts and institutions, the Center was founded as a way of providing a consistent, professional, effective, and replicable means of moving beyond the advocacy and addressing problems harming low-income veterans and their families. Below are just a few of the services & programs:

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** can make living a little less stressful when falling into hard times or financial strain. The focus of the program is to promote housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

**Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)** provides a full array of employment training services along with wrap around supportive services to Veterans re-entering the labor force.

**The Heroes Market Program** is designed to help address food insecurities that our Veterans and their families are experiencing.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cvivet.org>



# Sunday Gospel and Psalm Readings August 3 - 28

## **August 3**

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

*Semicontinuous First  
Reading and Psalm*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

## **August 7**

Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29--12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

*Semicontinuous First  
Reading and Psalm*

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

## **August 14**

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

*Semicontinuous First  
Reading and Psalm*

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6

## **August 28**

Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Semicontinuous First  
Reading and Psalm*

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16

# August

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  6pm Book at South Shore Terrace Beer Garden	4  Polinske <div>→</div>	5  	6  vacation <div>→</div>
7  10am Worship w/Baptism Noisy Offering	8  Polinske <div>→</div>	9  Family <div>→</div>	10  	11  on vacation <div>→</div>	12  thru 8/14 <div>→</div>	13  
14  10am Worship	15  	16	17  Noon Kim's Table	18  	19	20  Sept Messenger articles DUE
21  10am Worship		23	24  	25	26  	27
28 10am Worship	29	30  	31	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3  



# Kim's Table

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17  
12 NOON



IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT, JOIN US AT  
11:30AM!

THANK YOU! ...for the towels that we handed out to our friends & neighbors at the Kim's Table on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We collected over 27 sets of bath, hand and wash cloth towels. Your generosity is always an amazing thing!

-The Outreach Team, Nancy Day, Suzi Moylan, Jane Prahow, Pastor Delaney, Vicar Charlotte and our other volunteers.

## Taking some time off

Dianne Polinske and her family will be on vacation from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need something from the office, please call the church and leave a message as someone will monitor the answering machine in her absence.





## Task Force Update

During the month of July the task force was just as hot as the weather!

At the end of June, we divided our tasks and individually or in pairs

began to research just what each

option would mean for our congregation going forward. Our meetings in July focused on each person or pair reporting their findings. Topics researched included: keeping the building as is, keeping the building and repairing it, keeping the building with partnership, keeping the building with internal development, selling the property, and leasing space elsewhere. Task force members are currently preparing to present these options to a congregational meeting in the fall. Our goal has always been to bring a menu of options to the congregation for their wisdom and decision. We continue to keep that as our central goal. Please reach out to Pastor, Vicar or any of the task force members with specific questions. We value your input!

## August Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Callie Moylan

8<sup>th</sup> Jodi Eastberg

18<sup>th</sup> Robbie Bromberek

19<sup>th</sup> Jon Polinske



## Thank You!

As we prepare to welcome our baby some time over the next weeks, we have been overwhelmed by the love and support of so many people. On July 17, St. Paul's and Adoration gifted us an amazing, generous surprise at our outdoor worship and picnic event. To say we are grateful would be an understatement. The generosity, excitement, and joy our churches have shared with us throughout the process of preparing to become parents has been wonderful and has helped us to feel the love of God through all of you. Thank you SO much for the gifts of your love and support, as well as the amazing gift you gathered and shared with us last month. Our baby is one lucky kid to have two awesome church families. -Pastor Delaney and Matt

thank  
you!

## Quote of the month...



"Off the Florida Keys  
There's a place called Kokomo  
That's where you wanna go to get away  
from it all."

Songwriters: John Phillips, Terry Melcher, Mike Love, Scott Mackenzie



## Churchwide Assembly

Every three years, the ELCA churchwide organization holds a national assembly, at which delegates from every ELCA synod gather to worship together, discuss and vote on resolutions and legislation, and learn from one another about doing God's work in the world.

This year, the assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, August 8-12. Items on the agenda this year include electing a new Vice President of the Churchwide organization. Vicar Charlotte is attending as an at-large delegate for the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Please pray for all those who will be traveling and also making decisions for our church organization that week. You can find more information by visiting the ELCA website <https://www.elca.org/About/Churchwide>, or talk to Vicar Charlotte.

## 8 10 Best Beach Reads for Summer 2022

(see [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com))

- ~*Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman
- ~*Book Lovers* by Emily Henry
- ~*The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood
- ~*People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry
- ~*Neon Gods* by Katee Robert
- ~*Boyfriend Material* by Alexis Hall
- ~*A Touch of Darkness* by Scarlett St. Clair
- ~*One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**

Registration is NOW OPEN for  
our [2022 Family Ride Run Walk!](#)

*The theme of our 15th annual Family Ride  
Run Walk is "Together in Hope."*



Join us – and invite your friends and family, too – as we work *together* to fundraise \$165K for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

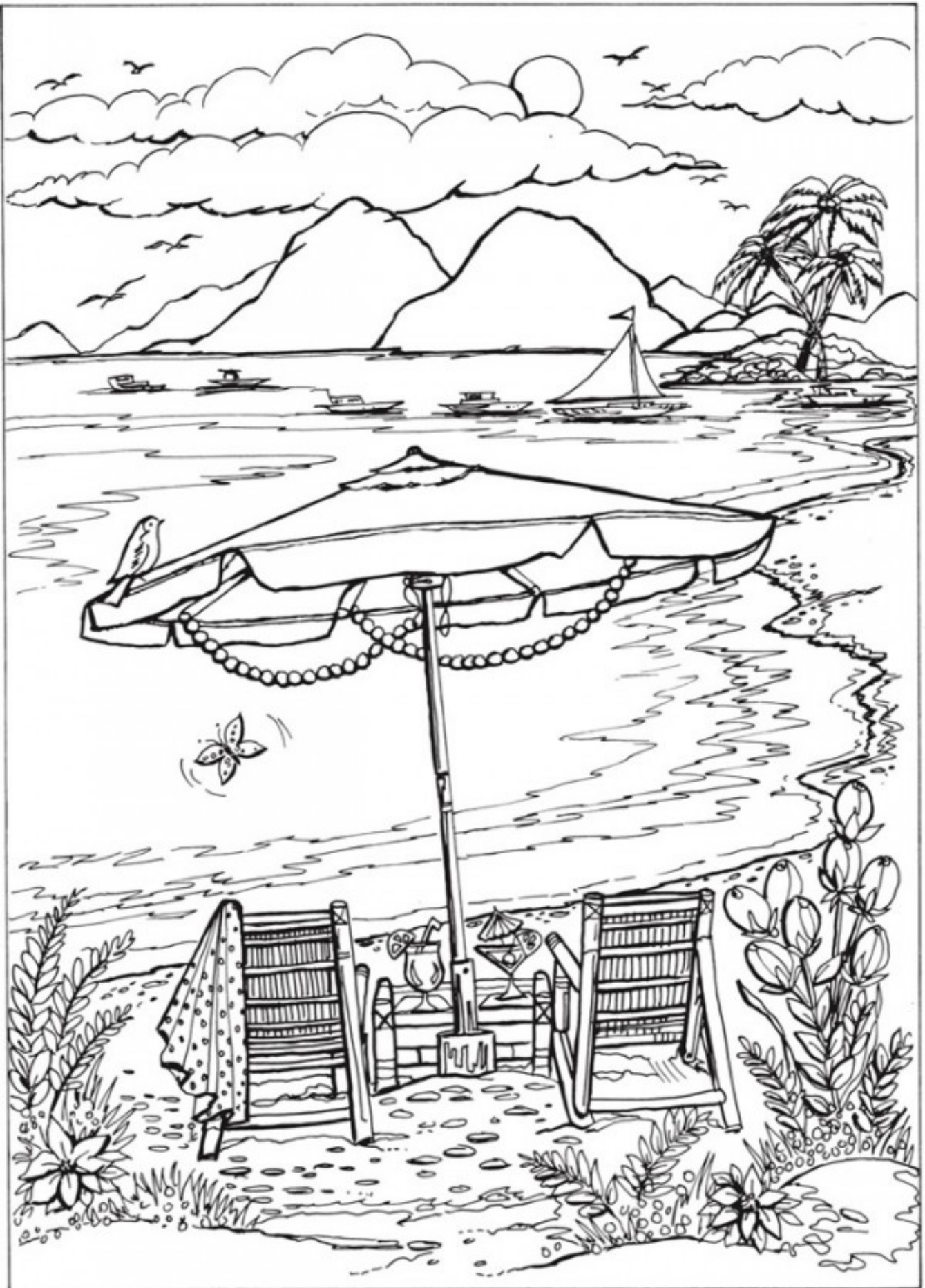
Each of our four in-person event sites offers a **NEW 5K fun run, two-mile walk, and road and trail bike ride** unless otherwise noted, as well as a **fellowship only** participant option:

- **Waukesha County:** Meets at Cory Municipal Park, Dousman
- **Ozaukee County:** Meets at Grace Lutheran, Grafton  
*- no road ride at this site, but there will be a trail ride*
- **Racine/Kenosha County:** Meets @ Petrifying Springs Park, Kenosha
- **Milwaukee County:** Meets at Washington Park, Milwaukee  
*- no rides at this site*

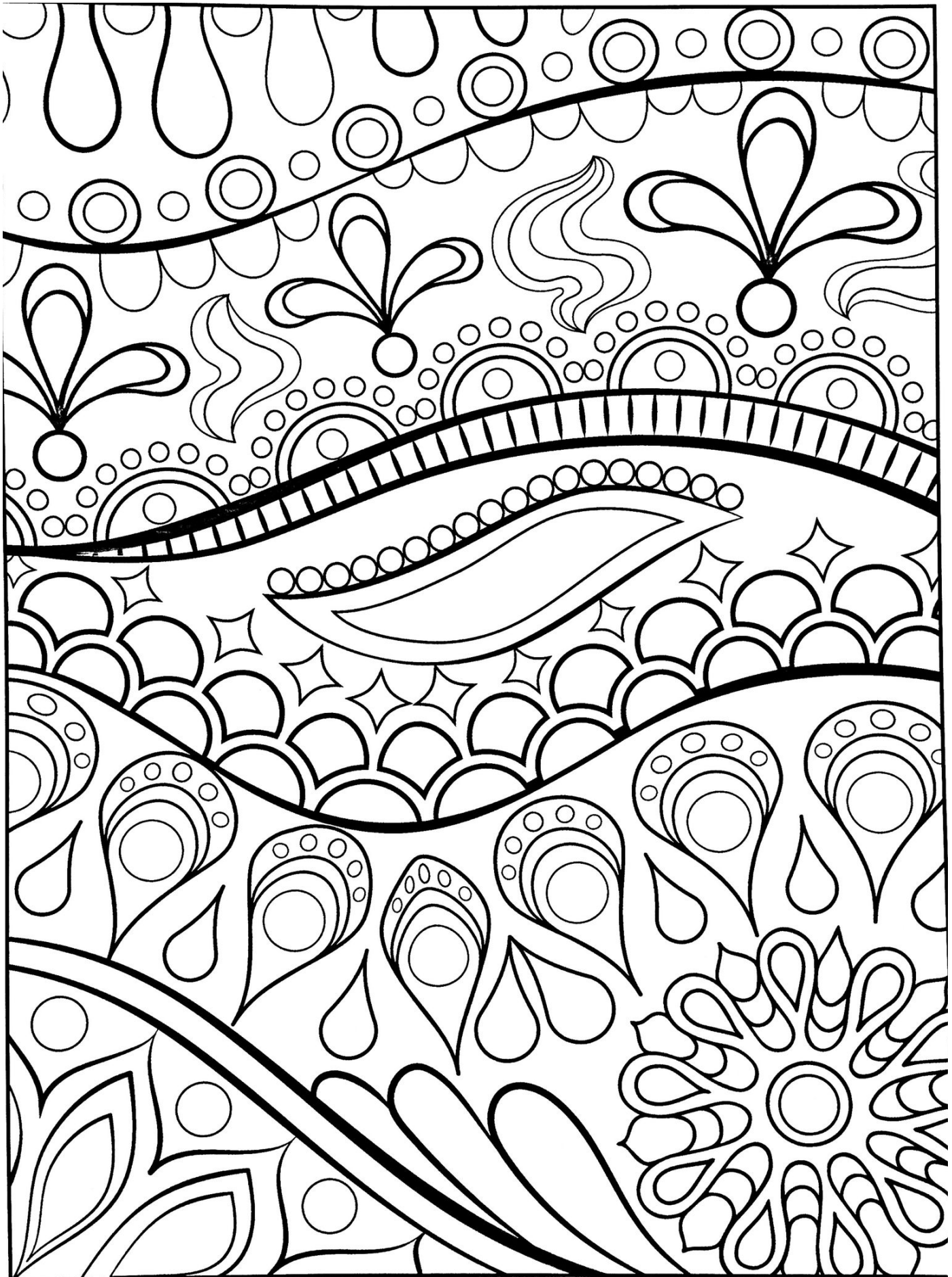
Pay-what-you-can registration includes access to our online fundraising platform, and a free event t-shirt and picnic lunch for those who register by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 11:59 pm.

THANKS for your participation in this year's event  
as we move towards a wonderful day together!

Ready, Set, Go!  
- The Outreach for Hope Team



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## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: August 2022

	August 7 Pentecost 9	August 14 Pentecost 10	August 21 Pentecost 11	August 28 Pentecost 12
Assisting Minister	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek
Usher Team	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Kurt and Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug or Mark Van Engen	Matt Prahlow	MaryEllen Voelz	Bo Bromberek
Open	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
Tech Team	Mark Van Engen	Elaine Disbro	Elaine Disbro	Mike Polinske

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