



August

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 16

8:15 am Worship w/communion
10:45 am Worship w/communion

Monday, August 17

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 18

Wednesday, August 19

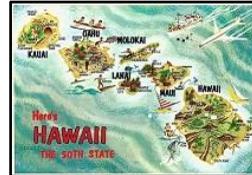
**Indianapolis Speedway
Holds 1st Race 1909**



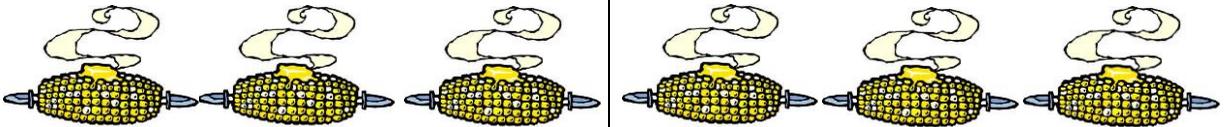
Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

Hawaii Becomes 50th State 1959



Saturday, August 22



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Our Baptismal Charge

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

A minister was making a wooden trellis and as he was pounding away on the little nails, he noticed a young boy was watching him. Since the youngster didn't say a word, the preacher kept on working.

At first, the minister thought the boy would soon become bored and leave. When that didn't happen, the preacher, thinking the boy was admiring his hammering skill, felt himself to be quite the carpenter.

Finally, and not without a little button-popping, the pastor said, "Well, son, are you trying to pick up some pointers on pounding a nail?"

"Nope," the boy replied. "I'm just waiting to hear what a minister says when he hits his finger with a hammer."

The lesson: I might say the little boy represents the people of the world who are watching and waiting for Christians to make a mistake.

There will always be unbelievers out there who love to point out our sins. And yes, I've been on the receiving end of other Christians bewailing my mistakes. This happened recently, in fact. Thankfully, those people are in the minority.

On the other hand, there are many who want to see if Jesus really does make a difference in our lives. I know He does. It would only be right that the Savior who gave Himself for us might produce some kind of difference in the way we lead our lives. That does not mean perfection, but faithfulness as we live out our baptismal call.

That's why, along with the story and the lesson, I hope you'll take my encouragement to watch what you say today when you're a-hammerin'. Jesus' carpenters are building a witness to the Savior.

PRAYER: Dear God, I want others to see that Jesus makes a difference in my life. Please give me the strength and wisdom to live my life faithfully as an example of Your love and forgiveness. In Your Name. Amen.

See you in Church,
Pastor Josh



Service Assistants	8:15	10:45
Ushers	Sylvia McCarty, Marilyn Frailey	Gary Hutchinson Richard Sheasley
Lay Assistant	Cheryl Chapman	Carol Waltz
Altar Guild	Sue Shoemaker	Betty Fenstermacher
Acolyte	Jackson Peck	Ray Demarest
Flower Delivery		Susan Bryan

Sunday, August 9, 2020 at Messiah: Attendance: 78; Offering: \$4818.50;
Capital Campaign: \$5837.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence E. Simpson, Sr., Mildred Simpson, W. Dunbar Simpson, and Evelyn & Robert Williams Sr., by the Dunbar, Clarence and Mildred Simpson Memorial Fund.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Eugene and Nita Hamm.

USHERS NEEDED for both services. Please call church office if interested in serving.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday Aug 16 *Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28*
Monday Aug 17 *Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21*
Tuesday Aug 18 *Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29*
Wednesday Aug 19 *Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13*
Thursday Aug 20 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11*
Friday Aug 21 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18*
Saturday Aug 22 *Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12*

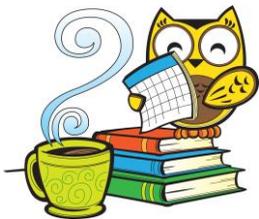
Food Pantry – The shelves are still well stocked! Please spread the word!
However we still need: Jelly, Egg Noodles, pudding cups, and mac & cheese.



TEENS - HELP NEEDED. Can you tie a knot, then you're in! **5 from 1 to @ 2:30 in**
Shaheen I for the new
LAPS cats to social
distance & Please
masks are require. **70-244-**
6964 so I know how many tables
The cats and I thank you! Mrs. Pratt.

POSTPONED - DATE TBA

The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **This is the Ark that Noah Built** - This book presents a traditional faith story in a fun, effective way. Readers will delight in vibrant illustrations as well. Book is in the Children's section.

Adult - **Stranded** - Darcy St. James returns to Alaska to join a journalist friend undercover on the trail of a big story. But when Darcy arrives, she finds her friend has disappeared. Troubled by the cruise ship's vague explanation, Darcy uses her cover as a travel reporter to investigate further. The last person Gage McKenna expects to see during his summer aboard a cruise ship leading adventure excursions is Darcy. And in typical Darcy fashion, she's digging up more trouble. He'd love to just forget her--but something won't let him. And he can't help but worry about her as they are heading into more remote regions of Alaska and eventually into foreign waters. Something sinister is going on, and the deeper they push, the more Gage fears they've only discovered the tip of the iceberg. Book on Adult Fiction Shelves.



Messiah Lutheran Preschool still has space available in the 3-4 year-old class. If you have a child that age or you know someone with a child that age that may be interested in having their child attend MLP please call (570)326-9171 and press 2 to leave a message for the Messiah Lutheran Preschool coordinator. Thank you.

WEEKLY STORIES and **ACTIVITY SHEETS** will continue to be sent to the children until we are able to meet again. The stories & fun sheets are distributed for three different age groups for children age 2 through Grade 8. Non-members of Messiah may also share in the fun. We are currently learning the parables taught by Jesus. If your child is not receiving them and you would like them to please contact Kathryn Pratt at 570-435-8438 (not a texting number) or via email at dellpratt@hotmail.com.

