



The Cross Word July 2024

From Pastor Lisa,

Altar Focuses for July!

Our first project is to continue to collect items for baby care kits for LWR. Note: we have many sweaters and jackets. Needed items are blankets, colored hand towels (please consider washing them first, as this takes the coating off the fibers), socks, t-shirts (not onesies), and pajamas/sleepers (without feet).

Our second project is school supplies! We will collect items for LWR school kits, and other items and extras will go to local schools. See the list which is printed for you to take with you on the tables in the narthex, or it can be e-mailed to you as well (please call the office if you would like one). The sales on school supplies are great in July! We will especially need lots of notebooks. Let's help these students off to a great next school year!

Thanks to our artists!

We are grateful for the skills, creativity, and willingness of our summer bulletin board artists: Deb Sargent, who did the one for Pentecost, and Charmaine Wehmhoefer, who did the current "taste and see" board! We will be looking for artists to do new ones as the seasons change. If you are willing to do one to kick off fall, the school year, rally day etc – let the office or Pastor Lisa know!

Vacation Bible School is coming August 4-7 at UCC!

This year will be lots of fun, with a farm theme – especially the animals. (although the zoo will bring some more exotic ones on Monday evening!) We will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday – Tuesday, August 4th -6th at the UCC church. On Wednesday the 7th, we will have a quick parents' program at 6 pm, and then the children can take their crafts and join the block party with their families! The registration form is on tables throughout the narthex at church, or call for an e-mailed copy. If you adults would like to assist in some way, let Pastor Lisa know. Sign up your children and grandchildren! It doesn't take much time to have lots of fun!

Do you have an upcoming 6th grader in your family?

If so, please let us know! The pandemic played havoc with our previous church school lists, and we want to make sure we have all the sixth graders accounted for as we get ready for the new confirmation year! Make sure Pastor Lisa knows so that your student is included!

Book Club Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.

June: The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

July: To Heaven & Back by Mary C. Neal

Aug: The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

Sept: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

My favorite books as of today.....because as we read some will be replaced, some will be added.

It was recently suggested that our many readers that attend LCC share their favorite 5 books. I know that we do have many readers in the congregation who like many different kinds of books. These books can be children's books, the latest best sellers, classics, fiction or non fiction.

To start this series of articles, some of the members of the Book Club will be sharing their list.

1. LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott My childhood copy is completely worn out.
2. PILLERS OF THE EARTH by Ken Follet This is the first of a trilogy. All very big, thick books!
3. BLIND YOUR PONIES by Stanley Gordon West
4. UNBROKEN by Laura Hillenbrand
5. THE WOMEN by Kristin Hannah

Three of these can be found in the LCC Library.


So what's on your list of favorite books? Please consider sharing your list. Get it to Connie around the 24th to be included in the next Crossword.

Submitted by Marjo Hewitson

And speaking of the Block Party on August 7th...

We are so looking forward to gathering with folks from around the neighborhood! This event has become a beloved fixture of summertime. We are trying it a bit earlier in August so folks aren't frazzled getting ready for the school year etc. It will include grilled hot dogs and a potluck picnic at the UCC

If you are someone who enjoys walking, would you like to join Pastor Lisa in taking the invitations around Highland Acres? We plan to do it the weeks of July 15 and/or July 22nd. We are assigned certain streets, and we simply walk around and rubber band the invitations onto doorknobs. No need to ring and talk to folks, although it can be fun to do that if they happen to be outside! Let Pastor know of your interest, and mark your calendars for the block party!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 2024 Altar Focus: Father the Camp for COC Baby Care Kits	1 Needlework Group 9am	2	3	4 4th of July 	5 No Wired Word Office closed	6 Men's Bible Study 10am
7 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	8 Needlework Group 9am	9	10 Book Club 1:30pm 11 5pm, 6pm Monthly picnic, Wor- ship and church Coun-	11 AA Mtg 8pm	12 Wired Word 1:30pm	13 Men's Bible Study 10am
14 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	15 Needlework Group 9am	16	17	18 Gather Bible Study 10:30am	19 Wired Word 1:30pm	20 Men's Bible Study 10am
21 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	22 Needlework Group 9am	23	24 Women's Bible Study 9am	25 AA Mtg. 8pm	26 Wired Word 1:30pm	27 Men's Bible Study 10am
28 & 30 10a River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	29 Needlework Group 9am	30	31	Meeting will be scheduled for the Faith & Care Coordinators in July or August.		



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Worship Times:

Wednesday Worship
6:15pm (School year)
Sunday Worship
The River Service
10:00am

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Office Hours:

M -TH 8-4pm
Fri. 8-noon School Year
Summer Hours 8—noon
Mon.—Fri

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