



The Cross Word August 2024

From Pastor Lisa

It seems like it can't be true that by the end of this month, summer will be waning. You can always feel it, that one morning when the air shifts from warm to cool and crisp, and we know we're on our way to fall. Another favorite season here in North Dakota!

I will be on vacation for a couple of weeks, Aug. 13-27. I will travel to Germany to see my daughter and celebrate her wedding. You will find a note in the newsletter and bulletin on who to call for pastoral emergencies in my absence, and of course, Connie can help with that, too. By the time I get back, school and "fall things" will be in swing! Blessings on all the transitions in your lives. Let's pray for one another. See you in church!

Vacation Bible School August 4-7 at UCC Our theme this year centers around all God's critters. The zoo is even bringing animals over on Monday night! Only from 6-7:30 Sunday through Wednesday, culminating in a program and the block party. Registration forms on the table near the front door, or just come a bit early the first night!

Confirmation and Church School starting up again!! It seems crazy that school is starting again already! And so is fall programming here at LCC.

September 4: Confirmation Orientation for grades 6, 7, 8 at 7 p.m.

September 8: Rally Sunday – come meet your church school teacher during worship, and fun activity afterward! Think scavenger hunt!

September 11: Rally Wednesday – Confirmation Small Group night and meet your church school teacher night for younger students with scavenger hunt!

September 25: Confirmation Large Group Service project: assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief and 9th grade + mentors Five Promises meeting, both at 7 p.m.

Study on St. Paul to begin in September

Some of you are planning to go on the footsteps of Paul trip next March. We will be starting a book study in September as we prepare – you don't have to be going on the trip to join in! The book is called "Paul Among the People" by Sarah Ruden. It is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Kindle, or wherever you normally get books! Let Pastor Lisa know what days/times work best for you and watch for further info! (Another recommended title is "Paul" by N.T. Wright, if you'd like to read more about the apostle.

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

Aug: The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens

Sept: The Women by Kristin Hannah

October: Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

November: The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Palaki

August Altar Focus

Ministry on the Margins has put out an urgent call for pillows, bedding, blankets, towels, soap. Please bring pillows (and/or cases) to church for our August altar focus. They don't have to be brand new but should be in good shape.

Note: we will keep accepting school supplies and items for baby care kits right up til our assembly day: August 23rd.

Neighborhood Block Party August 7!

Come join in for our annual neighborhood block party this Wednesday, August 7th! We will begin with grilled hot dogs and pot luck at the UCC church at 5:30 pm. By 6:30 pm, you can walk on over to LCC for dessert, lawn games, a bounce house for kids and more visiting! Come one, come all!

If you would like to help with the block party, here are some needs:

1. bake a pan of cookies or bars for the desserts; or
2. help watch kids on the bounce house for safety.

Please call the office or speak to Pastor Lisa to help with these. Thanks!

Baby Care Kit Assembly!

We have lots of items, so we will plan to meet both on Monday, August 12 and Tuesday, August 13 from 9 a.m. til noon in the multipurpose room. There are more diapers and blankets to be cut, so bring a pinking shears if you have one!

Our Last Summer Wednesday Worship August 14th!

It is hard to believe we only get to do this once more this summer! Happily, this picnic and worship comes just as Camp of the Cross is wrapping up their summer, so the counselors will be here to lead us! We have tables and chairs, but we'll have lots of people with them, too, so bring your favorite lawn chair if you wish, and something to share. Our grillers will be back in action with supper starting at 5 p.m. and worship at 6 p.m.!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 2024 Altar Focus: Pillows and blankets for Ministry on the Margins				1 AA Mtg. 8pm	2 Wired Word 1:30pm	3 Men's Bible Study 10am
4 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour VBS @ UCC 6-7:30	5 Needlework Group 9am VBS 6-7:30	6 Faith & Care Mtg 6:30pm VBS 6-7:30	7 Block Party @ UCC 5:30pm VBS Games, dessert here	8 Gather Bible Study 10:30am AA Mtg. 8pm	9 Wired Word 1:30pm	10 Men's Bible Study 10am
11 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	12 Needlework Group 9am Baby Care Kits 9:30	13 Baby Care Kits 9:30	7 Book Club 1:30pm 5pm, 6pm Monthly picnic , Worship and Church Council	15 AA Mtg. 8pm	16 Wired Word 1:30pm	17 Men's Bible Study 10am
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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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