

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, July 24th**

Knights Templar Service, 1:30pm

**Monday, July 25th**

August Newsletter Deadline

**Wednesday, July 27th**

Youth Meeting, 7:00pm

**Sunday, August 7th**

Communion Sunday

Hymn Sing Sunday

August Birthday & Anniversary Fellowship



Our church will be participating in a Paxton Church Softball tournament on Saturday, August 27th, beginning at 9am at Nelson Field in Paxton. If you are willing and able to play on our team and have not yet been contacted, PLEASE talk to Pastor Colleen IMMEDIATELY!

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jessie Niewold

11<sup>th</sup> - Janet Goudy

16<sup>th</sup> - Doug & Deana Niewold Anniversary

22<sup>nd</sup> - Matt Anderson

23<sup>rd</sup> - Pat Tipsord

Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing  
and faith for these friends and family members

Lee Lampe

Jeff Legener

Torrie Jones

Brent Lawrence

Glen Vermette

### Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Donald Rhodes

Dorothy Rhodes - Knights Templar Home

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

Eloise Shear at Gilman Nursing Home, Gilman

For the month of July, please bring  
cereal, peanut butter & hamburger helper for the Food  
Pantry. *As always, all non-perishable  
food items are welcomed.*

## Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders

July ~ Dunahee, Johnson, Vermette

August ~ Megson, Smith, Cofel, A. Turner

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July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Sixth Sunday  
after Pentecost



The Federated Church of Paxton

9:00 a.m. Worship Service



# Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

**Unison Song**      *"This is the Day"*      Insert in pew

## Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

**Opening Prayer** *(in unison)*      *Matthew 13*

God of the ages, we are waiting:  
waiting for grace, waiting for peace,  
waiting for love, waiting for your realm.  
Patient and loving God,  
strengthen our faith,  
that our waiting may be transformed  
into hope and action.  
Help us be people who know how to wait  
with hope and expectation.  
Help us be people who trust your promise  
and your purpose for our lives,  
not only in this time of worship,  
but in the days and weeks and years to come.

**Prelude**      *"Ave Verum"*      Haydn

## \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Opening Hymn**      *"At the Name of Jesus"*      PH #148

**\*Call to Worship** *(responsively)*      *Psalm 105, Romans 8*

One: Call to God and sing Christ's praise!  
**All: Give thanks to the Lord above!**  
One: Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.  
**All: Remember God's wonderful works!**  
One: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.  
**All: Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love!**

## Youth Moment

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

**Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*      *Psalm 105, Romans 8, Matthew 13*

Loving God, as we seek you,  
search our hearts.  
Root out those places  
where we are frightened  
and unsure of your love.  
Forgive us when we give up too easily  
or refuse to wait for new beginnings.  
Help us trust that nothing in all of creation  
can separate us from you.  
Draw us into your arms of love,  
that we may always know your presence  
and rest in your strength.

**\*Words of Assurance**      *Romans 8*

Remember, beloved children of God,  
that we are more than conquerors  
through Christ who loves us.  
Neither angels nor rulers,  
powers nor principalities, can take God from us.  
Nothing present now or coming in the future  
can separate God from us.  
Dead or alive, sinful or saintly, we are with God!  
No height, no depth,  
nor anything else in all of creation,  
is able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
Thanks be to God for this marvelous gift!

**Solo**      *"Hymn of Promise"*      Kammy Johnson

## Lectionary Scripture

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**\*Hymn**      *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*      PH #303

## Message

## Pastoral Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**Response**      "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen."

### Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures

**Offertory Hymn**      *"Adagio"*      R. L. Smith

**\*Hymn**      *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* *(one verse)*      PH #428

**Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)*      *Psalm 105, Matthew 13*

God of all gifts,  
thank you for your deeds of love  
and for your marvelous works of grace.  
For this earth and its bounty, we give you thanks.  
For our lives and their abundance,  
we give you praise.  
Bless the gifts we lay before you,  
that they may be signs of your loving kingdom  
to a world awaiting good news.

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"Be Thou My Vision"*      PH #339

## \*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*Benediction**      *Romans 8, Matthew 13*

If God is for us, who is against us?  
Nothing can separate us  
from Christ's gracious love.  
If Christ is with us, what can stop us?  
We go forward now with the strength  
and the power of God.  
For we are convinced that love is our guide  
and God is our constant companion.  
We go forth with this promise:  
the kingdom of heaven is here among us now.

**\*Postlude**      *"Chorus of Praise"*      Peery

Organist - Priscilla Andreae