

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, July 3rd**

Communion Sunday

July Birthdays & Anniversaries Fellowship



**Monday, July 4th**

Community Worship and Community Celebration for Independence Day, Pells Park

**Wednesday, July 6th**

PAMA Meeting at Noon

VBS at Asta Care, 6:30pm

**Monday, July 11th**

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 13th**

VBS at Knights Templar, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 20th**

VBS at Heartland, 6:30pm

**Thursday, July 21st**

Prayer Shawl Gathering, 6:30pm

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

4<sup>th</sup> - John Goudy

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

Dorothy Rhodes

Lee Lampe

Jeff Legener

Torrie Jones

Brent Lawrence

Glen Vermette

### Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Donald & Dorothy Rhodes

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

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# 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)*

**Almighty Father,  
who didst bless us  
with religious and civil liberty:  
We thank Thee for all the privileges  
Thou hast so abundantly bestowed upon us.  
Help us, and all others  
who seek Thy favor,  
to be mindful of Thy many blessings.  
Stir up, we beseech Thee,  
such love for Thee that we may be  
strengthened to serve Thee.  
And we shall give praise and honor to Thee,  
world without end.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prelude**      *"Chorale"*      Michael Helman

**\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*Salute to the American Flag** *(in unison)*

**\*Salute to the Christian Flag** *(in unison)*

**I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag  
& to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands:  
one brotherhood,  
uniting all mankind in service and love.**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *"My Country, Tis of Thee"*      PH #561

*\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND*

**\*Call to Worship** *(responsively)*

One: O thus be it ever when free-men shall stand  
between their loved home and the war's desolation;

**All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...**

One: Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-  
rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and  
preserved us as a nation!

**All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...**

One: Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,  
and this be our motto: "In God is our Trust."

**All: Blessed is the nation whose God is our trust...**

One: And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall  
wave O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!

**All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the  
people he chose for HIS inheritance.**

**\*Hymn**      *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*      PH #562

**Youth Moment**

**\*Alleluia verse** *(Sung to the tune of "America the Beautiful")*

*Oh, praise the Lord, America; sing anthems gratefully,  
And let God's saving Word sound forth from sea to shining sea. Alleluia!  
Alleluia! With hearts in voices raised  
God's mercies saying: Let freedom ring,  
for which the Lord be praised!*

*Oh, thank the Lord, America! In gratitude recall  
The mighty deeds our Saviour wrought to bring good news to all.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! With praises great and grand  
God's mercies saying: let freedom ring  
through all our favored land.*

**Lectionary Scripture**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Message**

**\*Hymn**      *(Sung to the tune of "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty")*

*Here in this land, by the Spirit's most gracious direction,  
God's Word, unhindered, has flourished with civic protection.  
Let freedom ring!*

*Let hearts and voices take wing, heirs of our Lord's resurrection.*

*Praise we our God, for he prospers our works and defends us.  
Daily the strength of his goodness and mercies attends us.*

*Let freedom ring!*

*Through all the land echoing thanks for the blessings God sends us.*

*Praise to our Father, Almighty, the King of creation!*

*Praise to Christ Jesus, whose death guarantees our salvation!*

*Let freedom ring!*

*Moved by God's Spirit we sing anthems of high adoration.*

**Investment of Time, Talents & Treasures**

**Offertory Hymn**      *"Aria"*      Michael Helman

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

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Prayer**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Sharing the Gifts**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Closing Hymn**      *"I Heard the Bells"*      Insert

**\*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      *"Trumpet Tune"*      Michael Helman

Organist - Priscilla Andreae