

Annual Church Picnic in the Park



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 10 a.m. when we will join our friends from Aurora Presbyterian for our annual Worship/Picnic in the Park. Services that morning will be held at the amphitheater in Aurora City Park, followed by a potluck picnic. Hot dogs & burgers will be provided, as well as paper products, punch, water & coffee. We invite each family to bring a side dish and/or a dessert (not intended for the auction) to share. After the meal we will have our annual Pie and Dessert Auction which benefits our local Backpack Buddies program.

Be watching for more details in the bulletin along with a signup sheet for ways you can help make this great success!

How does the Dessert Auction work???

- **Do you enjoy baking?** We are looking for pies, cakes, cookies or any type of desserts (homemade or purchased) for the auction.
- **We will need two categories for desserts:** open auction (especially decadent treats) and others fall into the \$5.00 table (example simple small plates of treats).
- Remember to mark your pie plates, cake pans or any other dessert dishes with your name if you would like them to be returned.

Daily Readings

August 1

Psalm 65:8-13;
Genesis 30:37-43;
Ephesians 6:10-18

August 2

Psalm 65:8-13;
Genesis 46:2-47:12;
Mark 4:30-34 -15

August 3

Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Isaiah 14:1-2;
Philippians 4:10-15

August 4

Psalm 17:1-7 15;
Isaiah 41:8-10;
Romans 9:6-13

August 5

Psalm 17:1-7 15;
Genesis 31:1-21;
Matthew 7:7-11

August 6

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 7

Psalm 17:1-7 15;
Genesis 31:22-42;
Romans 1:8-15

August 8

Psalm 17:1-7 15;
Genesis 32:3-21;
Acts 2:37-47

August 9

Psalm 17:1-7 15;
Isaiah 43:1-7;
Matthew 15:32-39

August 10

Psalm 105:1-6 16-22
45b; Genesis 35:22b-
29; Acts 17:10-15

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far. From a practical perspective, the season is more behind us than ahead of us. If summer is the time between Memorial Day and Labor Day, we are already two thirds of the way through. It always goes too fast.

As a kid, I always measured "summer" as the time between when school got out for break and the first day of school in the fall. After a few days of adjustment in early June, my days started to fall into a rhythm, with activities, adventures, chores, swim lessons, and playing "kick the can" until the sun went down.

With my oldest two grandchildren (6 and 8) on summer break, we have developed a rhythm with them as well. Most Friday nights, the boys and Kate come for dinner and a movie or a family game, and then they all spend the night with us. Saturday mornings it's pancakes or waffles and then some simple little adventure, like the Farmers Market, haircuts, or a trip to the Human Bean for slushies. Then Kate takes the

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August 11

Psalm 105:1-6 16-22
45b; Genesis 36:1-8;
Acts 18:24-28

August 12

Psalm 105:1-6 16-22
45b; Genesis 37:5-11;
Matthew 16:1-4

August 13

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 14

Psalm 28;
Genesis 37:29-36;
2 Peter 2:4-10

August 15

Psalm 28;
Genesis 39:1-23;
Romans 9:14-29

August 16

Psalm 28;
Genesis 40:1-23;
Matthew 8:23-27

August 17

Psalm 133;
Genesis 41:14-36;
Revelation 15:1-4

August 18

Psalm 133;
Genesis 41:37-57;
Acts 14:19-28

August 19

Psalm 133;
Genesis 42:1-28;
Matthew 14:34-36

August 20

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20]
21-28

August 21

Psalm 130;
Genesis 43:1-34;
Acts 15:1-21

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boys on a hike or a bike ride or for a swim. Something to try to get the wiggles out, which with these two, is a nearly impossible task.

Over this summer's break, Karen has set aside some time every Saturday for reading with each of the boys. Just Charlie or Lucas with Grandma. They have a special chair in Papa and Grandma's room where this happens. They take turns reading the story and sounding out words. Each boy has seen real growth in their reading proficiency, but the time spent together is what everyone will remember.

I remember that the summer between third and fourth grade, I was sent home from school with multiplication flash cards. We had been learning our multiplication tables (1's through 12's) at the end of third grade, and my teacher didn't want us to lose what we had learned. (Or rely on the tables printed inside our Pee-chee folders. For anyone under 40, ask your elders what a "classic" Pee-chee is). So I practiced throughout the summer and the answers to those problems became second nature. I recognized the problems and knew the answers by heart. No need to count on my fingers or toes.

Summer in the church is sometimes referred to as "Ordinary Time". The readings from the lectionary that we use each Sunday tend to emphasize growth and discipleship. These last few Sundays in July, we have been reading from the parables of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. Each begins with, "The kingdom of heaven is like..." or "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to...". Like all of the parables of Jesus, these stories are set in relatable circumstances and pertain to situations that the original hearer could relate to. Seeds, and yeast, and crops, and treasures and fields.

We read these parables again and again, because we believe that in doing so, we too might begin to recognize the in-breaking of the Kingdom in our everyday lives. Just like

August 22

Psalms 130;
Genesis 44:1-34;
Romans 11:13-29

August 23

Psalms 130;
Genesis 45:16-28;
Matthew 8:1-13

August 24

Psalms 124;
Genesis 49:1-33;
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

August 25

Psalms 124;
Genesis 49:29-50:14;
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

August 26

Psalms 124;
Genesis 50:15-26;
Matthew 16:5-12

August 27

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalms 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 28

Psalms 8;
Exodus 1:1-7;
Romans 2:1-11

August 29

Psalms 8;
Exodus 2:11-15a;
Romans 11:33-36

August 30

Psalms 8;
Exodus 2:15b-22;
Matthew 26:6-13

August 31

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Exodus 2:23-24;
Ephesians 5:1-6

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practicing our reading or our multiplication tables helps them to become second nature to us, reading the parables of Jesus helps us to learn how to interpret the world through the lens of faith.

In fact, I think just about any of us, given a little time, could create a decent parable or analogy for the Kingdom. I'll take a stab at it. "The kingdom of heaven is like a grandparent reading to their grandchild, sharing the story together and learning from one another." Or, "The kingdom of heaven is like a sleep over, where ordinary things become special and the bonds of love are strengthened."

I bet you could come up with images of the Kingdom on your own, from your own experiences. Just look around you. It just takes some practice, like reading and multiplication.

May God answer our prayer when we say, "Your kingdom come."

Peace!

Pastor Craig

Council Thank You goes to...

Marie Gunther for coordinating our volunteer calendars, as well as all the ways she contributes to various teams.

Council Highlights

Year-end budget showed giving came in over plan and total expenditures stayed below budget, with most items closely tracking the plan. Thank you to all the ways you made this happen.

We are taking a close look at how we use our building: This includes everything from improving access in the sanctuary, to creating a more welcoming and flexible fellowship area, to improving our sidewalk and parking. Don't be surprised if someone asks for your opinion--or even for your help in planning!

The work of the church is all our work. There are many ways we are called as a congregation & individuals-- As a congregation, we try hard to make sure every project is led by lay members. This means everyone has the chance to get involved. You probably don't need to be an expert, and no commitment is meant to be permanent. Consider this your invitation.

Be the change: Volunteer!



You may have seen a quote, sometimes attributed to Gandhi, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." Actually, what he wrote was

We but mirror the world. All the tendencies present in the outer world are to be found in the world of our body. If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. This is the divine mystery supreme. A wonderful thing it is and the source of our happiness. We need not wait to see what others do. (1913 journal article for *Indian Opinion*)

In September, we plan to host a full volunteer fair, but there are already some jobs that need filling this month. Many of them are short-term, and so a nice way to try something new. And they tap into a range of interests, callings and skills.

Another quotation: "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give You drink?'" (Matthew 25:37)

For more information, contact Lynn Ries, lynn@familyries.com or 503-880-8095.

Ministry Who it serves	Job	What does this mean?	How many? 	 (Approximate)
Giving Tree North Marion School District & congregational network	Coordination team	Help plan how the Giving Tree will work this year. Communicate with leaders at the school & church.	2	2-3 hours monthly Aug-October, more in November & December
Fellowship area task force CLC members & funerals, recep- tions, meetings	Planning of upgrades	Insight on what furniture will work best for gatherings, propose a budget.	2-3	2-3 hours in August, follow up until complete (target 2-3 months)
Worship in the Park CLC and Aurora Presbyterian	Worker bee	Gathering, setting up & breaking down furni- ture, etc.	4-6	2 hours ahead of the service August 27, 1 hour after
Undie Sunday North Marion School District	Coordinator	Communication be- tween school & church, arrange for delivery	1	2 hours/month through May
Marion/Polk Food Share Aurora & Hubbard	Coordinator	Communication be- tween food bank & church, arrange for de- livery	1-2	2 hours/month, ongoing, but commit to a year



Saturday, August 12 2023

Pancake Breakfast

American Legion Hall

7:00am to 11:00am

All you can eat pancakes plus scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice!

Aurora Colony Parade

Begins at: 11:00am

Hometown pride at its best!

(Starts north from Aurora City Park on Liberty Street, then south back to the park on Main Street NE)

**Concert in the Park with Best Night Ever
with special guest, The Pride of Portland**

7:00pm to -10:00pm

Live Performance Aurora City Park

Amphitheater Aurora City Park

21074 Main St NE

Free event with food and drinks available for purchase.

Celebrate the conclusion of Aurora Colony Days with one of Portland's best dance bands!

Find out more at www.auroracolonydays.com.

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for	Requested by
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Ashley Becker & Lylah Jayne	Jim & Doris Grider
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Bonnie Riggs, Family of	PC
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Burt Aus	PC
Carol Smith	Helen D
Colin Brown	Heather W
Dave Stegmeier	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Dexter Walter Family	Kay
Dorothy Chesley, family of	Marie Gunther
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Glen Nelson	PC
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Helen D	PC
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
Jill & Ray Goodness	Mary W.
JoAnn Caufield	Cindy C
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Judi Aus	PC
Kate	PC
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Kyla	Jordain
Kylie McMinimee	Barb B.
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Lawson Roberts	PC
Linda Bradley	Barb
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Margaret Schultz	Marie Gunther
Matt H	PC
Mike Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Nicole Callagin	Sharon G.
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Piper	Heather W
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Sandi & Robbie Helman	Terri Weatherly
Shirley Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Stetson McMinimee	Barb B.
Steve Grider	Doris Grider
Summer Railey, Family of	PC
Sylvia Peter	PC
Teresa Condon	Michelle R
Traci	Barb B.
Vi Anderson	Judi

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.



Service Helpers for August, 2023

8/6

Reader: Lynn Ries

Ushers: Lynn and John Ries

Donuts: Helen David

8/13

Greeter: Dick Kaegi

Reader: Carolyn Popma

Ushers: Mary and Kenton Wolfe

Coffee Host: Marie Gunther

8/20

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Ushers: Dale and Susan Williamson

Coffee Host: Linda Bradley

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Reader: Mike Boonstra

Ushers: Lonnie and Dan Harms

Nancy Beyers	6
Linda Bradley	13
Lawson Roberts	15
Heide Hendrick	19
Tom Peter	21
Kay Walter	23
Charlene Roberts	24
Ernie Peter	27



Judi & Burt Aus	12
John & Lynn Ries	30

Directory Info Update

It is inevitable when a new directory is published there will be corrections. Here is the correction for Wayne Tiusanen Corrected spelling of last name and email.
Wayne Tiusanen
wjtiusanen@yahoo.com

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	
10 am Worship 7 pm AA	6	7 6 pm AA	8 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	9 10	11 Pastor Craig Vacation	Pastor Craig Vacation
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