

## Annual Church Picnic in the Park



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 25, 2024 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! Questions? Contact John Ries.

### 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

Exodus 12:33-42  
1 Corinthians 11:17-22  
Psalm 78:23-29

#### August 2

Exodus 12:43—13:2  
1 Corinthians 11:27-34  
Psalm 78:23-29

#### August 3

Exodus 13:3-10  
Matthew 16:5-12  
Psalm 78:23-29

#### August 4

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29 (24, 25)  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

#### August 5

Numbers 11:16-23,  
31-32  
Ephesians 4:17-24  
Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43

#### August 6

Deuteronomy 8:1-20  
1 Corinthians 12:27-31  
Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43

#### August 7

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Mark 8:1-10  
Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43

#### August 8

1 Samuel 28:20-25  
Romans 15:1-6  
Psalm 34:1-8

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## Trying to Fit It All In...



Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to August 1st, that unofficial milestone that reminds us that there is less summer going forward than has passed.

Now, I know from a technical perspective, that is not true. If summer officially began on June 20 and ends on September 22, we are still less than half-way there. But most of us measure the summer season as that time between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Only August remains to accomplish all of those summer projects that we planned earlier in the year.

How's your summer 2024 "to do list" looking? Have you taken some time to relax or get away to recharge your batteries? Have you begun some of those tasks around the house that require sunny skies like exterior painting or fence repair? Are you feeling anxious trying to fit all of the "things", both required and desired, that you wanted to do this summer?

Summer "to do" lists, for me, are like a buffet. No matter how hard I plan, I don't always fill my plate wisely. I have purchased two books for summer reading. I am only half-way

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### **August 9**

2 Samuel 17:15-29  
Galatians 6:1-10  
Psalm 34:1-8

### **August 10**

1 Kings 2:1-9  
Matthew 7:7-11  
Psalm 34:1-8

### **August 11**

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25—5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### **August 12**

1 Kings 17:1-16  
Ephesians 5:1-14  
Psalm 81

### **August 13**

Ruth 2:1-23  
2 Peter 3:14-18  
Psalm 81

### **August 14**

Jeremiah 31:1-6  
John 6:35-40  
Psalm 81

### **August 15**

Job 11:1-20  
Acts 6:8-15  
Psalm 34:9-14

### **August 16**

Job 12:1-25  
Romans 16:17-20  
Psalm 34:9-14

### **August 17**

Job 13:1-19  
John 4:7-26  
Psalm 34:9-14

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through the first. (I blame Netflix.) The windows on my house, which I planned to wash in June, mock me with their smudges every sunny morning, reminding me that I haven't got to them yet. (Don't worry. I'm only planning on cleaning the first-floor windows. The second story I am leaving to professionals!) But I have come to realize that not getting it all done is okay, too.

I just returned from a week of vacation. We took the grandkids to Great Wolf Lodge Waterpark for a weekend and visited family in Washington. Exhausting, but fun!

There were things that I wanted to fit into those seven days that we simply didn't get to, but the important things happened. The kids had a blast, I enjoyed my time with my brothers, and especially appreciated just being in the car with Karen.

The older I get, the more I think about how I had imagined this stage of life and how it really turned out. Not bad, but different. There is an old Yiddish saying. "Man Plans, and God Laughs". There have certainly been some detours along the way, but the journey continues to make me smile! I am grateful for the journey.

Proverbs 16:9 has a slightly different twist on things. "The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps." And a lot of the time, those steps are made taking a road that wasn't necessarily on the map.

On a vacation, the "to do" list can be an obstacle to the journey. Some of my favorite moments of the trip were spontaneous. We visited a small municipal beach in Sequim with my brother and sister-in-law. Known mostly to locals and not very crowded, we sat near the boat launch at a picnic table and watched small row boats and sea kayaks enter the calm sea. I am still wondering about a man, probably in his forties, and his chihuahua. They got into a very small rowboat with a fishing pole and a package of cinnamon rolls from Safeway. As they slowly rowed way out into Sequim Bay, I wanted to know

### August 18

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14 (10)  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 19

Genesis 43:1-15  
Acts 6:1-7  
Psalm 36

### August 20

Genesis 45:1-15  
Acts 7:9-16  
Psalm 36

### August 21

Genesis 47:13-26  
Mark 8:14-21  
Psalm 36

### August 22

Joshua 22:1-9  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Psalm 34:15-22

### August 23

Joshua 22:10-20  
Romans 13:11-14  
Psalm 34:15-22

### August 24

Joshua 22:21-34  
Luke 11:5-13  
Psalm 34:15-22

### August 25

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22 (15)  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### August 26

Nehemiah 9:1-15  
Ephesians 5:21-6:9  
Psalm 119:97-104

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their story. Was this a regular event, or something they just improvised? At the very least, I wanted to commend them for making the most of the afternoon. Carpe Diem (Seize the Day) indeed!

We also visited a S'Klallam Native Art Store to look at some local creations. Not expecting to buy anything, I was drawn to a carving of an otter in coastal style, lying on its back, with a spikey sea anemone on its stomach. It made me smile! I was going to leave and think about coming back, but then decided that I would regret not bringing it home. I could Carpe Diem too!

I have made peace with the fact that this summer, I will not fit it all in. What I do plan to do is to be grateful for the unexpected and to allow myself some grace to get to the other things when I can.

Here's to not fitting it all in, yet being thankful that God accompanies us along the way, directing our steps.

Peace!

Pastor Craig

### **August 27**

Nehemiah 9:16-31  
Ephesians 6:21-24  
Psalm 119:97-104

### **August 28**

Isaiah 33:10-16  
John 15:16-25  
Psalm 119:97-104

### **August 29**

Exodus 32:1-14  
James 1:1-8  
Psalm 15

### **August 30**

Exodus 32:15-35  
James 1:9-16  
Psalm 15

### **August 31**

Exodus 34:8-28  
John 18:28-32  
Psalm 15

## **AURORA COLONY DAYS 2024**

**Join us in the Park!**

**Friday, August 9**

**Aurora Colony Days Biergarten**

4:30pm to 10:00pm

Enjoy music by Mark Seymour & Friends starting at 6:00 pm.

Free Event, food and drinks available for purchase.

Root Beer available for the kids and kids-at-heart!

**Saturday, August 10**

**Pancake Breakfast**

American Legion Hall

7:00am to 11:00am

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

**Saturday, August 10**

the Aurora Colony 5K Fun Run will begin right in front of our church at 7:30 a.m. If anyone would like to hand out free water and coffee to the participants and their support people, please see Pastor Craig.

**Aurora Colony Parade**

Begins at: 10:00am Hometown pride at its best!

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

**Old Aurora Colony Museum Living History Day**

11:00am to 5:00pm

1/2 OFF Admission all day!

Take a step back in time and enjoy hands-on activities for all ages!

**Concert in the Park with Slicker Country Band**

Live Performance Aurora City Park Amphitheater

Aurora City Park - 21074 Main St NE

7:00pm to -10:00pm

Free event with food and drinks available for purchase.

Find out more at [www.auroracolonydays.com](http://www.auroracolonydays.com).

### **Congregational Visioning**

It has been a while since we have done a strategic visioning for our congregation. It the council's plan to have a visioning exercise on Saturday, September 21 from 10-2.

We are hoping to have a total of 15-20 people participate. Lunch will be provided. If interested, let a council member or Pastor Craig know.

### **Community Garden**

As summer progresses, there is always work to do in Evelyns' Garden. First, harvest some produce! Second, do a little weeding. Third, give thanks to all who make our community garden possible!



## In Our Hearts & Prayers

<b>Prayers for</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Abraham	Barb B.
Ann Musgrove, Family of	PC
Anna (Grider) Westcott	Jim & Doris Grider
Bankhead Family	Wyatt Akin
Beth Brandt	Mary W.
Betty Gerhardt	Kenton and Mary Wolfe
Bob and Sally Boonstra	Doris Grider
Brian Wolfe	Kenton & Mary
Brooke	Heather W
Bruce Baker	Kevin Baker
Burt Aus	Judi Aus
Carol Smith	Helen D
Charles G.	PC
Colin Brown	Heather W
Conrad Pearson	PC
Cyndy Caufield	Susan W
Dana St. Clair	Diane Schaber
Dennis Ormseth	Mary W.
Doris and Jim Grider	Susan W
Ed Lapsley	Sharon G.
Ellen Paulson	Lorrie Dyrdaahl
Eric Wechter	PC
Evie Berg	PC
Heather Wechter	PC
Heidi Belew Family	PC
Heidi Daniel and family	PC
Howard & Kathy Brandt	Mary W.
Jan G	PC
Jeff Becker Family	Doris Grider
Jerry McKenzie	Sharon G.
Jo Miller	Kinberly Macklin
JoAnn Caufield	Cindv C
Joanna Painter	Dixie
Joyce Colvin	Susan W
Kate	PC
Kim	Lisa
Kimberly Kyser	Cindy C
Larry Marnella	Ilene Marnella
Laurie Boyce	PC
Linda Fender	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Lorrie D	PC
Lynn Bloomfield	Lonnie and Dan Harms
Margaret Schultz Family	Marie Gunther
Marv Wolfe	PC
Matt H	PC
Micah Akin	Wvatt Akin
Mike and Dixie Harms	Dan and Lonnie Harms
Mike McCue	Heather Wechter
Nora Baker	Lynn R
Norman Colvin	Nancy
Oscar D	Sam D
Piper	Heather W
Richard Dvrdaahl	Lorrie Dvrdaahl
Robert	Jordain
Roy Steven	Joyce
Shirlev Ann Andreason	Ilene Marnella
Sylvia Peter	PC
Tom Haskins	Kim M.
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, 2024**

**August 4th**

Reader: Lance Lyon

Usher: Lance Lyon

Donut Host: Helen David

**August 11th**

Reader: Marvis Gilnett

Usher: Dean Pinto

Coffee Host: Kimberly Pearson

**August 18th**

Reader: Dan Harms

Ushers: Dan and Lonnie Harms

Coffee Host: Sonya Johnson

**August 25th**

PICNIC in the park

Reader: Lynn Ries

Usher: Lynn Bloomfield and Ilene Marnella

Nancy Beyers	6
Jim Grider	13
Heide Hendrick	19
Tom Peter	21
Kay Walter	23
Charlene Roberts	24
Glen Nelson	24
Ernie Peter	27



Judi & Burt Aus	12
John & Lynn Ries	30

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# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					6 – 8 pm Wellbriety Recovery Support Group	Aurora Colony Days
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 am Worship	6 pm AA			6 pm AA	6 – 8 pm Wellbriety Recovery Support Group	5:15-6:15 pm AA Speaker Series
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Undie Sunday 10 am Worship 11:15 am Council	6 pm AA				6 – 8 pm Wellbriety Recovery Support Group	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 am Worship in the Park	6 pm AA	Marion Folk Food Pantry 3:30-5 pm			6 – 8 pm Wellbriety Recovery Support Group	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10 am Worship	6 pm AA	3-4 pm North Marion Services Team			6 – 8 pm Wellbriety Recovery Support Group	