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August



Outdoor Worship!

Worship services through September 4 will be outdoors in our cathedral of trees, weather permitting! Be sure to bring a comfy chair to sit in and maybe a sun hat and bug spray...just in case!

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a letter from the pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

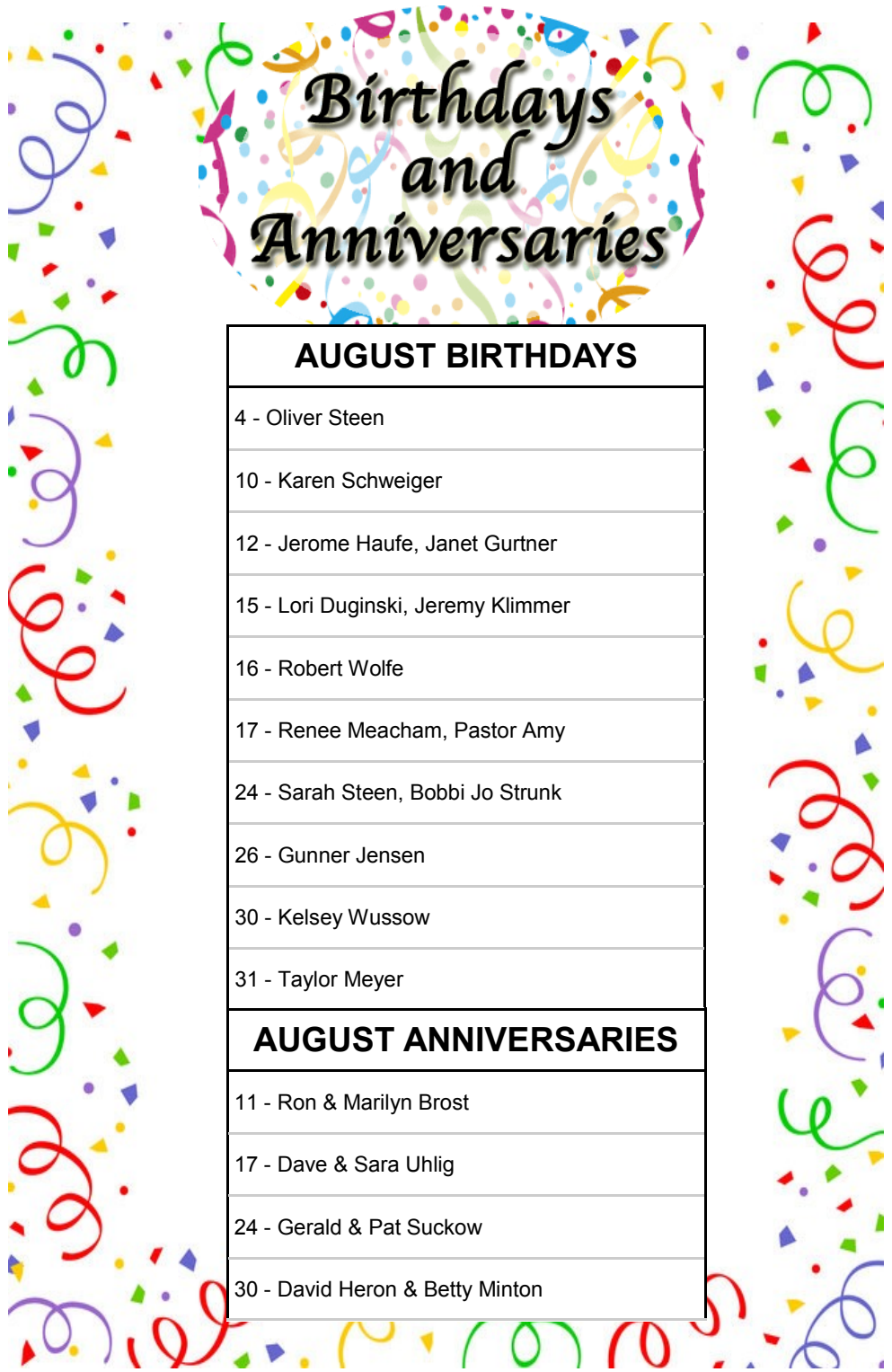
Exodus 13:21 [NRSV]

This is how the Israelites traveled on their way out of slavery in Egypt. Day and night, always on the move, guided by the Lord every moment. Little did they know they would soon face hunger and thirst, illness, boredom, snake bite, weariness, and death. Little did they know they would soon be longing to return to their bondage in Egypt simply because they didn't think they would be able to take much more hardship. Just think! They didn't even know where they were going or how long it would take.

In a few days, I'm leaving for a three-day immersion in a program called the Moses Project. I'm pretty excited about this ten-month journey to deepen my understanding of serving as a rural/village/small town pastor. You'll see more information about the project and about Grandview University elsewhere in this newsletter.

But why the Moses Project? On the project website, Deuteronomy 34:7 is quoted:

Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Oliver Steen
- 10 - Karen Schweiger
- 12 - Jerome Haufe, Janet Gurtner
- 15 - Lori Duginski, Jeremy Klimmer
- 16 - Robert Wolfe
- 17 - Renee Meacham, Pastor Amy
- 24 - Sarah Steen, Bobbi Jo Strunk
- 26 - Gunner Jensen
- 30 - Kelsey Wussow
- 31 - Taylor Meyer

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 - Ron & Marilyn Brost
- 17 - Dave & Sara Uhlig
- 24 - Gerald & Pat Suckow
- 30 - David Heron & Betty Minton



Mark your
calendar!

First day of Sunday School
for the 2022-23 year will be
Sunday, September 11th at 9am

BINGE-WATCH



Bingewatching Evenings!

It sounds naughty, but it's not. It would be fun to gather as a group to watch episodes of the streaming series *The Chosen*—the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. I'm thinking Thursday, Friday, or Sunday evenings perhaps; with or without snacks and beverages; either downstairs at church or in someone's home if there are people who would enjoy hosting. If you've been wondering what all the hype is about, let Pastor Amy know the best times for you to join in fellowship with others.

This would be a four week series to watch the first season (there are seven seasons planned). I have personally enjoyed this series and have laughed and cried multiple times throughout the viewings.

I'd like to start this at the end of September, so let me (Pr Amy) know what evenings might work for you.

The overall aim of the program is for participants to have vision and vitality over the long haul. This is accomplished through rediscovering the call; managing the fit between pastor and congregation; building clergy connections; and receiving mentorship and resources pertaining to the particular needs of the rural/small town pastor and their congregations.

We are not in the wilderness because we are in the middle of a cornfield or located on a dusty dirt road; we are in the wilderness because everything has changed. We cannot do ministry the same way we always have, although many of us receive great comfort from that very method. However, the world has moved on; rural and small town life is changing rapidly. We need the Lord's pillar of cloud and pillar of fire because we need to be constantly on the move. We have no idea where we will end up or how long it will take to arrive at that point, but we do know that God is always leading us.

I ask for your prayers as I begin this journey of deepening understanding.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Amy

Happy middle of July from Grand View University and The Moses Project.



We are pleased to have your pastor participate in our 2022-2023 Moses Project Cohort. The mission of The Moses Project is to give rural ELCA pastors a vision of ministry that will help them thrive in congregational leadership and in turn, enhance the vitality of the congregations they serve.

What does participation in the Moses Project look like for your pastor? The Moses Project runs ten months, has 20 participants from eight Midwestern states, and is cost free thanks to a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. The program includes three onsite retreats: one in August, January, and May. Your pastor will also engage in mentoring, small group connections, and monthly common readings. This professional development program provides pastors critical support, promotes innovative strategies, and engages them in ongoing learning and opportunities for renewal. Thank you for supporting your pastor as they participate in this program. We ask you continue to pray for your pastor as well as for The Moses Project. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @GVMOSESPROJECT. You can also check out our Resource Page at <https://www.mosesproject.org/>.

As a university of the ELCA, Grand View offers other opportunities for you and your congregational members to engage with the school.

For Grand View Students, Campus Ministry serves them in many ways. Chapel is held once a week with different guest speakers often featured; there are also multiple Bible study groups, prayer groups, and evening worship offerings. Lutheran students are eligible for scholarships. Luther Memorial Church, at the center of campus, recently completed extensive renovations. If you have questions, please contact the Sr. Campus Pastor, Rev. Dr. Russell Lackey at rlackey@grandview.edu.

The NEXUS High School Youth Theology Institute is a weeklong summer program designed to immerse high school students in Christian community while helping them think about a possible vocation in church ministry. Teaching is led by Grand View's theology faculty and college age mentors help the students put their faith into practice. For more information please contact Nexus Director, Kate Faas at kfaas@grandview.edu or visit <https://www.grandview.edu/academics/other-programs/nexus> to apply for the free program.

We are humbled by the ways in which God is working through these programs. Thank you again for your partnership with The Moses Project.

Warmest Regards,

Dr. Trisha Wheelock, Program Director, The Moses Project
Rev. Dr. Russell Lackey, Program Manager, The Moses Project

Upcoming Deadlines:

- † September Tidings: August 19th
- † October Tidings: September 19th
- † November Tidings: October 19th

FOOD PANTRY

Trinity is in need of more volunteers to work at the food pantry
Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00,
talk to Doug or Cindy for details.



Join us LIVE on Facebook
(Trinity Lutheran Unity WI)
each Sunday at 11:30am