



**First United Methodist Church**

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.*

*To all who need comfort, all who need friendship.*

*All who are lonely and need companionship.*

*all who want sheltering love, all who sin*

*and need a Savior; and whosoever will*

*—We open wide our doors and say, “Come; let us worship together.”*

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Year C.**

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship August 03, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Joe Pasch

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

**Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ,**

**Who surrounds us in love.**

**\*HYMN # 64 “ Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty ”**

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls, and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow you.**

**As you lead us to the land you have created for us, where we may dwell with you and in you. Amen.**

\*THE APOSTLE’S CREED #881 Joe Pasch

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended Into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and**

**The dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11 NRSVUE**

**L: The Word of God for the People of God**

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music: Nikki Honchell**

Sermon Series Living Joyfully

MESSAGE: **The source of our Joy,** Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION/ CONFESSION & PARDON**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds**

**On things above, to let go of all that weighs us down,**

**and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring**

**these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands**

**in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings**

**be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and**

**to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that**

**We give because you have first given so abundantly to us.**

**In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy**

**kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not**

**into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the**

**kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 140 “ Great is Thy Faithfulness”**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Fernando

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Sandy Froehlich, Glen White, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling’s

friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Angie (Paula’s friend),

Roger Furrow, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, John Jachino, Kristin & Eli

(Bob & LaVona Grissinger’s grandchildren), Alyssa Volkers,

Lisa (LaVona’s friend), Jill (Melinda Dykema’s daughter, Bob & LaVona

Grissinger, Lola McCutcheon (Tim Cavanagh’s friend), Karen Burcham

& Kandi

(Paul Mayer’s sisters), Beth (LaVona’s colleague), the Norman family,

Dan Zambon (uncle of Kim Gonzalez), Pat Kemp, Jon & Jody Kragle

(Dianne Percy’s friends), Dave Miller (Brigit Jepsen’s boyfriend’s father),

John Norse, Howie Von Haden (LaVona’s brother), Jamie Harkness

Townsend, baby Wesley and family, Paul & Charlene Mayer,

Vivian & Jim Eaton, Jaime (Paula’s daughter), Mia (Paula’s co-worker),

Christina Pasch, Baby Adrian, Julie Brunner (Linda Jachino’s cousin),

Martha White, Tim Cavanagh, Beverly & family (Emily Medley’s cousin),

Christine Jensen, Vanessa (Bob & LaVona’s daughter), Derek Osborn,

Nadine Law Renfro, Vicki & Michael Thomas ( Paula Mayer’s friends),

Chuck Atherton, Janet Smith (Denise’s sister), Freida Nichols, Mike Medley,

Lexi Piercy, Christa Jachino (Linda’s daughter-in-law), Ross Bronkema,

Pat Gilmore (Pam Darrow’s brother), 5 firefighters were injured from the

area fire departments, the Lars Colgan family.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve & Linda Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Florence Bevins-Powell, Jackie Walker, and Howard Nichols.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars; Haiti; Syria; Israel and Iran, the Gaza Strip; peace In the Middle East, snow, cold temperatures, the towns, families, students, and school administrators, and those who experience everyday violence and their families.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**August**

**1 -Tom Neumiller**

**4 - Joe Guilinger**

**CALENDAR**

Monday, August 04

Office Closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

West Carroll Food Pantry

3:30 PM- 5:00 PM

Tuesday August 05

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, August 06

8:30 am to 4:30 PM Office Open

Thursday, August 07

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

Friday, August 08

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office open  
Sunday, August 10  
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	August 03	August 10
Acolyte	Anikka Law	Pearl Michels
Liturgist	Joe Pasch	Paula Mayer
Counter	Molly Anderson	Rhonda Law
Verifier	Mary Irons	Pam Darrow
Coffee Hour	Esther Losh	TBA
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

**Last Week’s Attendance: 54**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WC Food Pantry** –West Carroll School Food Pantry is preparing for the summer months when children are out of school and missing 2 meals a day. Please consider donating kid-friendly foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, soups, and snack-sized puddings or fruit cups. The pantry always needs crackers, too. Thank you for thinking of our children in the community who are food insecure.

**Women of Faith:** Women of Faith will be visiting the Millers Farm on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> and have Dinner after the visit, call Mary Irons For more information.

**Blessing Basket** – Blessing Basket is asking for donations of men's and women's deodorant this month. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry .

**Soul Sister:** Will be in Thomson, August 15<sup>th</sup>, River View 7071, they will be leaving at 10:00 AM from our Church. Contact Linda (815) 541-4760

**The Women's Group** is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags. The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people. You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

**Prayer Group** – Prayer Group Meets Every Sunday at 8:30 am. Feel free to attend!!!

**New Member Class** – will be given by Pastor Fernando. This will be 5 classes, **either in person or via Zoom**. If you are interested or have questions, let the office know.

**Thursday Bible Study** – Will be Thursday 07

**Summer Worship:** HOUR WILL BE FROM 9:30 AM DURING THE SUMMER.

**AROUND OUR CONNEXTION**

**Prairie North Clergy Family Picnic 2025**

All Pastors and their families will be together for The annual Clergy Retreat is next Sunday, August 10, at Faith UMC in Freeport from 4 to 6 PM

**United Methodist Men:** Spiritual Congress will be held September Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men

**2025 Spiritual Congress**

**September 12-14, 2025**

**Theme:** "Forged by Grace"

**Location:** Conference Point Center, Williams Bay, WI

**2025 Safe Sanctuaries Trainings**

**Upcoming 2025 Northern Illinois Conference Trainings**

**Online Via Zoom -Cost \$15,** including class instruction and background check

- **Sat., Aug. 23,** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 24,** 3 to 6 p.m.



**First United  
Methodist Church  
August 3rd, 2025  
Sunday, 09:30 am**

**Vision Statement**

**“Reaching out to all people and  
inviting them to experience the Love  
of God through Open Hearts, Open  
Minds, and Open Doors.”**

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