



**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."*

9:30 am Sunday Worship August 4, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronda Rathje

\*CALL TO WORSHIP LaVona Grissinger

L: All who are gathered here this day are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

**P: We come from times of stress and worry, needing God's healing love.**

L: Come to this place of healing and feeding.

**P: Christ bids us welcome!**

L: From the worries of our lives

**P: Christ bids us welcome!**

L: From the things that draw us down and away,

**P: Christ bids us welcome!**

L: Let your celebration begin!

**P: Let us partake of the banquet of God in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

\*HYMN #4152 "Change My Heart O God" (2X)

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison) LaVona Grissinger

In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and needs. Even as children on a carousel, we were taught to try to grab the golden ring, and it would fulfill our dreams of glory and wealth. How we have been corrupted to think in these terms. Our "dollar for a dream" mentality has gotten us into lots of trouble. We chase after all those false idols that cannot ever sustain us and bring us peace. Forgive our stupidity, Lord. Forgive us when we believe that if we only could win the Lottery, everything would be OK and we would be happy. It is your Son Jesus Christ who leads us in the ways of

happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving bread. Nurture us again, Lord, with this Bread of Life, that we may truly focus on the ministries and mission you have set before us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

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, dead, 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 Ephesians 4:1-16 (CEB) LaVona Grissinger

L: The Word of God for the People of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SONG "He Has Made Me Glad" Worship DVD

MESSAGE "You Are Special in the Body" Pastor Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (call/text Ronda 815-275-8045)

PRAYER FOR PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Fernando

Merciful God, in this time of offering, we come before you, acknowledging your steadfast grace and boundless love. As we present our gifts, may we also offer our contrite hearts, recognizing the depth of our humanity and the need for your

healing touch. Grant us the courage to confront our failings and the wisdom to seek reconciliation and renewal in your divine presence. 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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

\*HYMN #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (verses 1 & 2 only)

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD Vivian Eaton

**In Our Prayers**

Emilee Derrer, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belandar) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, John Jachino, Dennis Plattenberger (Mary's friend), Kristin (Bob & LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter), Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Joe Jensen, Chris Falk, Alyssa Volkens, Mary Ellen Dreger, Karen Hoffman, Emily Medley, Sharon Guiling, Ennie Maria (Pastor Fernando's daughter), Bob Grissinger, Burt Prins, Jan (Karen Hoffman's friend), Lisa (LaVona's friend), Denise David (Billy David's sister), Jill (Melinda Dykema's daughter), and the family of Jackson Kradle.

**Our shut-ins:** Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Haiti, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, people affected by the heat, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 10 – Ryan Miller

CALENDAR

- Monday, August 5
- 1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies
  - 2:30 to 5 pm – School Supply Drive
  - 3:30 pm to 5 pm – WC Food Pantry
  - 7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group
- Tuesday, August 6
- 9 am to 12 noon – Savanna Food Pantry
  - 6:30 pm – United Women in Faith
- Wednesday, August 7
- 1:00 pm – Pass out water at the Fair
  - 5 pm – Finance/Growth meeting
- Thursday, August 8
- 9 am – Bible Study
  - 9 am to 12 noon – Savanna Food Pantry
  - 1:30 pm to 3 pm – Senior Service
  - 7 pm – Soul Sisters Sunset Cruise (carpool @ 4:30 pm)
  - 7 pm – Weekly Prayer Zoom
- Sunday, August 11
- 9:30 am – Worship

WORSHIP HELPERS

	August 11	August 18
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Kirk Hoffman
Liturgist	Esther Losh	Jason Moore
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	NO Coffee hour	Coffee hour
Greeter	Worship cmte	Worship cmte
Ushers	Worship cmte	Worship cmte

Last Week’s Attendance: 41 + 2 dogs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WC Food Pantry** - Please consider giving to the food pantry for the summer as the kids will not be in school to get two meals a day. As a result, the food that parents do get twice a month will not go near as far. Food pantries will be in desperate need of fruit, peanut butter & jelly, Mac & cheese, crackers, pancake mix, syrup, Chef Boyardee, and cereal! Please remember this is all so no child goes hungry!!!

**Blessing Basket** – We are in need sunscreen, men’s & women’s shampoo, lotion, deodorant, sandwich bags, and aluminum foil. We always need

paper products. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

**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.

**Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings** – will begin on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Details and link will be emailed to you.

**Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am** – will continue thru the summer.

**Meet with Pastor Fernando** – If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Pastor so you can get to know him and he can get to know you, feel free to reach out to the office to schedule a time or see if he is free.

**August Communion Offering** – will go to Blessing Basket

**School Supplies** – are on sale right now if you are considering donating to our school supply drive for the kids. Glue sticks, wide-ruled notebooks, plastic folders and markers are always in demand and on sale now We want all our West Carroll students to have a great school year! Please place your donations in the box outside the office. School Supply Drive will be Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5 pm. (Please be sure to bring proof of school registration and your children if you are wanting shoes. They must try on the shoes.) If you are interested in helping, please let Molly or the office know.

**Soul Sisters August Outing** – will be a Sunset Cruise on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 om at the Rock Creek Marina & Campground in Camanche, Iowa. There is no cost to attend however donations are much appreciated. You may bring a safe lunch/dinner or purchase something from the Café. Carpool leaves the church at 4:30 pm. If interested, please call Linda Jachino at 815-541-4760.

**Church Conference** – will be Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm to 5:30 pm. Paperwork will be coming to all committee chairs.

**Midwest Mission Trip** – is planned for Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Irons or Cindy Law.

**Savanna Thrift Store** – could use some volunteers to sort, straighten, and/or work during open hours. Please see Linda Stubbe if you are interested.

**Nursery Room Usage** – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

**New Sewing Ministry** – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!



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Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
at 9:30 am

**Vision Statement**  
“Our faith calls us to action in the  
body of Christ and in the local  
community to love God and to  
love others”

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