



**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.”*

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

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship August 10, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE Pearl Michels  
MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Molly Andersen

L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

**P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.**

L: When the world seems dark and despairs threatens  
to close in upon us;

**P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.**

L: Come and let us worship the Lord, who is always ready  
to reach out to us.

**P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN # 89 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many  
burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to  
be open to your words of healing and restoration.  
Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your  
will for us that we may serve you more faithfully  
by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN**

\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Molly Andersen

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT LaVonna Grissinger**

**Scripture Reading Molly Andersen**

**PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18 NRSVUE**

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

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music: Wendy Baldrige**

**Sermon Series: Living Joyfully**

**MESSAGE: The Joy of Proclaiming Christ** - Pr. Fernando

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

**\*DOXOLOGY #95**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them**

**our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus**

**Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty "**

**\*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**

10 - Ryan Miller  
12 - Joleen LaShelle  
13 - LaVona Grissinger  
15 - Brenda Hamm

**CALENDAR**

Monday, August

Office Closed

1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

Tuesday August 11

Office Open

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Wednesday, August 12

Office Closed

**Pastor's Meeting with DS.**

Thursday, August 13

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

Friday, August 15

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open

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Sunday, August 10  
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service  
Clergy Picnic – Freeport

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	August 10	August 17
Acolyte	Pearl Michels	Tyson Speer
Liturgist	Molly Andersen	Paula Mayer
Counter	Rhonda Law	Lori Miller
Verifier	Pam Darrow	Linda Jachino
Coffee Hour	Vian and Tim	LaVona & Bob
Greeter	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte
Usher	Worship Cmte	Worship Cmte

**Last Week’s Attendance: 63+2 Dogs.**

**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.

**AD. Council:** The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, The 17<sup>th</sup> After Service.

**Trustees:** Meetings will be on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM

**UMM:** Men’s group is meeting on Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> @ at the Church 5:30 PM

**Blessing of the Backpack:** Will take Place on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>

**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 Resume Next Month.

**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.



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August 10<sup>th</sup> , 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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