



**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.”*

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

09:30 AM Summer Sunday Worship August 17, 2025

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Bonnie Davies

L: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**C: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

L: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**C: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

L: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**C: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

L: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**C: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors With the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

L: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells With us as we gather, proclaim, respond, And go forth from this place.

**All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen**

\*HYMN # 577 “GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY ”

\*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Rev. Bonnie Davies

**Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Paula Mayer

**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 : Esther Losh  
Scripture Reading Rev. Bonnie Davies  
PHILIPPIANS 1:19-26 NRSVUE  
L: The Word of God for the People of God  
P: Thanks be to God  
Special Music: Kay Davis

Sermon Series: Living Joyfully

MESSAGE: The Joy of Living with Purpose - Pr. Fernando

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us, and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your Ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance in the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect The joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 2130 “The Summons ”  
\*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**  
` 18 - Pastor Fernando C. de Castro  
18 - Wayne & Martha White (1963)  
18 - Jason & Cori Moore (2018)  
22 - Jean Jones  
24 - Brigit Jepsen  
24 - Ron Miller  
26 - Jeff Law

**CALENDAR**  
Monday, August 18  
Office Closed  
1 pm to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies  
Tuesday August 19  
Office Open  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
UMM- Will meet at 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, August 20  
Office Open  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Thursday, August 21  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open  
Friday, August 22

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Office Open  
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Sunday, August 23  
8:30 am – Prayer group 9:30 AM – Main Service

**WORSHIP HELPERS**

	August 17	August 24
Acolyte	Ellie Johnson	Kurt Hoffman
Liturgist	Rev. Bonnie Davies	Paula Mayer
Counter	Lori Miller	Ellie Johnson
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: 59+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 today, After Service.

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

**School Supply:** Will be held at our Church on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August

**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** – New Testament Bible Study starts Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Monday at 9:30 AM Books are in office Now!

**Summer Worship:** hour will be from 9:30 am during The summer.

**AROUND OUR CONNEXION**

**Prairie North** :How to Reach New People Workshop- Coaching with Paul Nickerson our Church should participate Will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Faith UMC in Freeport

**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 17<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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