

Saturday, August 23 and Sunday, August 24
11th Weekend of Pentecost



Thank you, Pastor Chris and Steve, for your faithful service!



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Parish Education: Sunday School - Grades Pre-K to 6th - 8:30am • Adult Forum - 8:30am
Confirmation - Grades 7 & 8 - Wednesdays 6:30pm

Church Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm • Fri 9am-12pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

for the week of
August 24-31

Sunday	9:00am Worship	PASTOR CHRIS AND STEVE'S LAST WEEKEND
Tuesday	4:30-6:00pm Community Feast at United Church of Sandwich	
Friday	7:00pm-9:00pm Feed My Starving Children Leave church at 5:45pm	
Saturday	5:00pm Worship	
Sunday	9:00am Worship	

SIGN UP

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



Cole's Camp
Fri., Aug. 29th 7-9pm
Leave church at 5:45pm

**Sign up in the
Welcome Center**



After worship on
Saturday and
Sunday, August 23rd
and 24th, please
join us for a retire-
ment celebration for
Pastor Chris and
Steve.

Cake and
refreshments will be
provided.

Offering 8/16 & 8/17	Received	Received YTD
General Fund	6,508.91	\$137,496.00
Capital Fund	\$747.15	\$11,172.52
Good Samaritan Fund	\$25.00	\$870.45
Kitchen	\$200.00	\$1,396.30
LWR - School bag supplies	\$50.00	\$940.22
Funeral Luncheon	\$115.07	\$300.26
LSSI	\$40.00	\$40.00



Sunday School and Adult
Forum will be back in
session on Sunday,
September 14th @ 8:30am!

Worship time changes
to 9:45 am.



Prayer Requests

Mary Bark
Mary Carlson
Mary Carlson's sister,
Sue
Lance Davenport
Lee Gehrke
Gianna

Sharon Goode
Mary Ann Hulon
Mary Ann Hulon's
grandson, Weston
Jen
Judy
Karen
Linda Martin
James Moris

Lonnie Murray
Kay Nelson
Roger & Helen
Larry Rogers
Shelly
Lynn Skryzpiec
Jackie Wendland
Susan White

Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Occasion
AUGUST	26	COMMUNITY FEAST @ UCOS
AUGUST	29	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
SEPTEMBER	7	WORSHIP @ SANDWICH FAIR
SEPTEMBER	14	RALLY DAY

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

P: Our worship begins in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, mighty and immortal,

C: **you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

A: The **First Reading** for this 11 weekend of Pentecost come from the Book of Isaiah Chapter 58 verses 9-14

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins

- and heals all your diseases;
4 **who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
5 who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 **O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
7 You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
8 **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

A: The **Second Reading** comes from Hebrews Chapter 12 verses 18-29

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The **Holy Gospel** according to St. Luke the 13th Chapter

C: **Glory to you O Lord.** **Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 660 Lift High the Cross

Apostle's Creed

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A: ... Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace

- P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us offer to each other the sign of peace.

The congregation may shake one another's hand. If you do not wish to shake hands, please hold your hands in a prayer position and bow to the other person.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

- P:** Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

Dialogue

- P:** The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- P:** Gathered at and around the Lord's table, we remember with thanksgiving that *"In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'* Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"*

The Lord's Prayer

- P:** Let us pray together the words our Savior gave us:
C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- P:** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Holy Communion is served.

Communion Hymns W&P 89 Lord Be Glorified
W&P 6 Alleluia

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

- A:** Good & gracious God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
C: **Amen.**

Blessing

- P:** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn W&P 52 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Pastor & Assisting Minister process to back of sanctuary during Sending Hymn.

Dismissal

- A:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: **Thanks be to God.**



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