

Good News

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Sunday, August 13 we will be treated to a performance by the Dunn County Barbershop Northern Lights Chorus. They will be in Eau Claire to sing at several churches in town that day, and they have planned to be here about 10:20 A.M. Don't miss it!

Wednesday, August 16 7 P.M. Songs & S'mores

Come and enjoy fellowship, music, and dessert around the campfire!



the **COMMUNITY TABLE**
WWW.THECOMMUNITYTABLE.ORG

We have received a thank-you from the Community Table:

“You are one of our top donors for the second quarter of 2023. We love and appreciate your support, especially as we see a rise in our numbers of those we serve. You are awesome! Thanks you for all you do!”

August Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship
Communion the first Sunday of the month

August 6

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Hunger offering

Genesis 32:22–31 or Isaiah 55:1–5;
Psalm 17:1–7, 15 or Psalm 145:8–9,
14–21; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew
14:13–21

August 13

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 or 1 Kings
19:9–18; Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b or
Psalm 85:8–13; Romans 10:5–15;
Matthew 14:22–33

August 20

12th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Genesis 45:1–15 or Isaiah 56:1, 6–8;
Psalm 133 or Psalm 67; Romans
11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew 15:(10–20)
21–28

August 27

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8–2:10 or Isaiah 51:1–6;
Psalm 124 or Psalm 138;
Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20



2	Mike Tschumperlin
8	Heidi Sprouse
10	Gabe Sprouse
15	Haddie Mayer
16	Sam Zehms
24	Mary Stygar
25	Dana Wachs
	Sue Thompson
	Peggy Larson
31	Matt Gilbertson
	Ken Snart

Prayer Ministry

In August, we are praying for these individuals/families: Kenny (Annette) Polden, Aurora (Matt) Robison, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter, Louise Sanders

Memorials

Landscaping:

Cindy Halfen

In memory of Dorothy Gilbertson:

Michael Siker

In memory of Pete Spitt:

George Stecher
Larry & Barb Kleist
Gregory & Jill Spitt and Family

Birthday Challenge:

Louise Partlow

Food for Thought

Communion will be August 6. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table and there will be a Brat & Burger pot luck that day. Bring a dish to share. Summer favorites would be ideal.

As mentioned, our Community Table offering will be taken on August 6. Please continue to be generous. Some of the federal funding for those on lower incomes has ended and they are finding it harder to afford food for their families. More and more people are using the Community Table for a daily source of good food.

We are still recording our worship service to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. Even though COVID is on the down side, please make sure you are vaccinated and boosted. Maybe we can keep it from coming back this fall and winter.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money, gas or food cards, and fast food cards. There is a great need for water and gatorade, so monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. There's also the need for men's tennis shoes sizes 11 and 12, jeans sizes 30 and 32, antiperspirant, and hoodies sizes large and XL. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website, chippewavalleystreetministry.org, and donate through PayPal.

Also, don't forget our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. August birthdays—it's your turn!

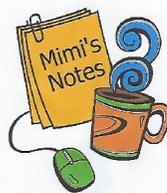
Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

If anyone knows of a family member or member of this congregation who is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Unless someone tells us, we don't know if you're in the hospital.



From the archives...

During our centennial year of 1985, the Lenten series was called "2010: An Odyssey." Wednesday evenings in Lent featured a vesper service followed by dinner provided by the Centennial Committee and then a program with different speakers each week focusing on where we may be in 25 years. It was hoped that this would stimulate our thinking as we planned for our second century.



Running out of offering envelopes? Let me know and I will give you a new box.

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We've come to a time of year in which there often isn't much to say, other than that my prayers for you all move from prayers for general health and welfare to prayers that you are keeping safe from extremes of heat, humidity, and the seemingly endless days of smoke-filled air from wildfires, that you will have safe and meaningful travels, that your family reunions or gatherings for weddings will be filled with joy and love.

FROM THE



PASTOR

Smoky air notwithstanding, August can be a month of breathing for churches as it often is for so many of us as individuals. The kids are having their last weeks of summer vacation, many workers are taking vacations, the hot weather often means a lowering of activity. August offers a chance to take a pause from the busy-ness, to sit down, rest, refocus, take advantage of the last month of summer before fall kicks in, while we fill the church's lungs with new air (the Holy Spirit, perhaps?!).

Take advantage of that time. And take advantage of our Sunday worship services, which are also a time to catch one's breath, recombobulate after an anxious week, see friends, enjoy some spiritual fellowship and singing and the reminder that you're loved by God and that we have been called together by the Spirit to be God's people.

Also take advantage of our August 16 Songs & S'mores—an evening around a campfire to celebrate the work we've done on our property, to have time to talk story with one another, sing some songs, and enjoy some s'mores. This won't be a worship service as we've done in the past, but a gathering simply for the enjoyment of being together as the people of Plymouth. I hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>August 2023</h1>						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4	5
6 Hunger offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Leadership Team	14	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters	16 7:00 P.M. Songs & S'mores	17	18	19
20 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	21	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30	31		

A Summer Celebration
Thursday, August 31 5–7 P.M.
Dove Healthcare/Rutledge Home
300 Bridgewater Ave, Chippewa Falls

Festivities include music by Nostalgia, food trucks, caricatures by Jonny, dunk tank, cotton candy, bake walk, raffles and more! Proceeds will benefit *Stand in the Light Memory Choir* and fundraising for a trishaw bike as part of the special program *Cycling Without Age*.