

# **June/July 2023 Newsletter**

## **FROM THE PASTOR:**

### **summertime....**

Fresh mown grass, flowers blooming,  
Pine pollen and cottonwood seeds blowing in the air,  
Hot days and chilly nights,  
Lemonade and ice cold beer,  
Campfires and fire bans,  
Blue skies and smoky haze,  
Cooling off at the lake and on the river...

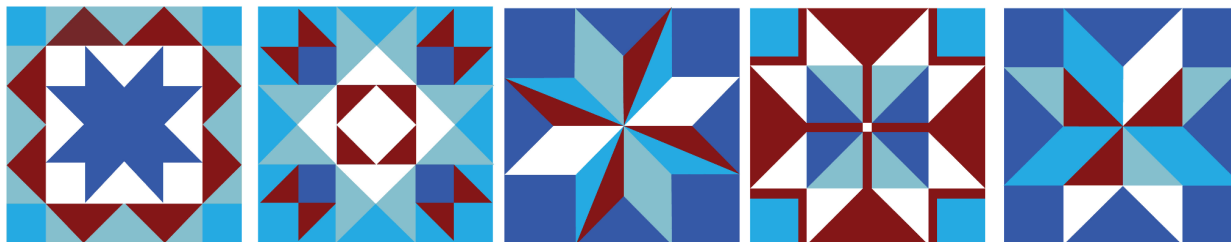
Welcome to summertime, dear friends. In the church, this time of year is often called “ordinary time”, because, after all, it is not Advent or Christmas or Lent or Easter...those church seasons we observe with all sorts of special events. No, summertime is just “ordinary” in our church year. But, that doesn’t mean it’s not significant in our faith or our life together. It is when we realize that faith isn’t just for extraordinary times in our lives, whether they are times of crisis or times of celebration. During these ordinary summer days, we gather together to remember that **everydays**...not just the “big event” days...are holy. Ordinary days -- sneezing and sweating, splashing and floating, basking in the warmth and finding respite in the shade -- are filled with God’s presence. They are jam packed with moments of love and kindness, with opportunities for forgiveness and new starts. This summertime, may our eyes be opened to the grace and beauty of our ordinary days and ordinary lives.

Pastor Janine





We are planning for Mark Bender's Memorial service which will be Tuesday, July 25th. If you'd like to serve or contribute, please contact one of the Evangelism team: Val Samson, Sandy Loskill, or Carlene Bliesner-Bowen. Your help is much appreciated.

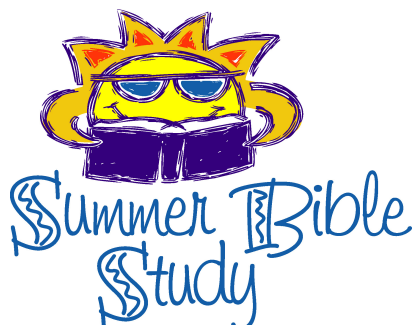
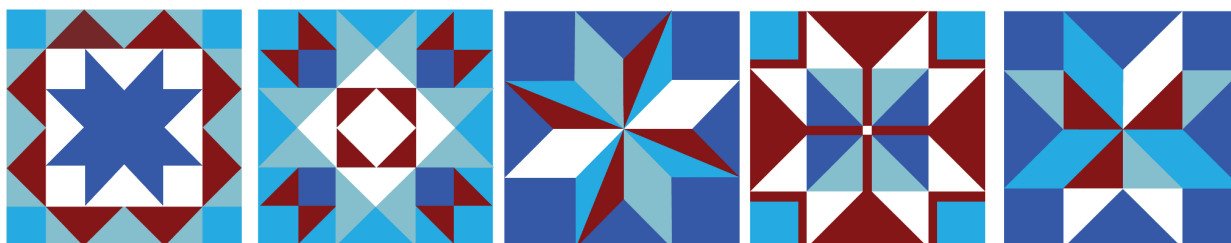


The ALC quilters would like to thank people who bought quilts while they were displayed.

We would also like to remind people quilts can be purchased any time during the year.

The quilts are stored upstairs. In December every year, the money which purchased the quilts is split evenly among the Newport, Cusick and Priest River food banks.

We are asking \$200 for any quilt. If you are interested, please contact one of the quilters. Thank you!!



Special summer Bible Study at the Church  
(You may contribute to offset costs, thank you)

**Bear, Boys and Bible:**

7pm June 28, July 26, August 23

**Wine, Women and Wisdom:**

7pm June 14, July 12, August 9

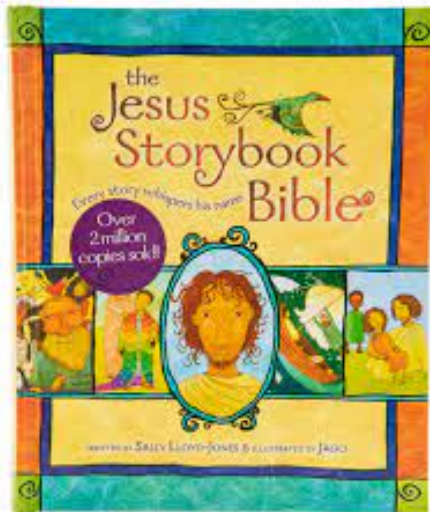


Help us keep the lawn neat and tidy  
Please sign up on the sheet in the church lobby  
For information/help with the mower please contact:

Jason Jones: 509-671-0449

Toby Johnson: 916-718-9399

Dennis Alliger: 602-625-4163



### **Bible stories for all of us**

This summer our worship will be centered around Children's bible stories from the "Jesus Storybook Bible". We will be reading the stories with our kids and talking about how they speak to them...but then we will also explore how they continue to speak to us as we grow older and our lives become more complicated.

We will also be sharing Bibles on June 4th with all the young ones in the congregation as we have in the past -- storybook Bibles for our young ones, easy readers for those in 2nd grade and up, and study Bibles for our 7th graders and up.



### **Confirmation Sunday June 4th**

Congratulations to Tanner Hughes and Brennan Jones

We are so grateful for you and will continue to love and support you as we continue to grow in faith together with you.



## LUTHERHAVEN DAY CAMP

AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 19TH - 23RD

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

THEME: "BIG TABLE"

PRE K (4&5YR OLDS): 9AM-11:30AM

1ST THROUGH 7TH GRADE: 9AM-3PM

7TH GRADE AND OLDER CAN HELP/VOLUNTEER

BRING A LUNCH



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, PLEASE CONTACT THERESA WATSON  
(208-304-2978)



**Reminder:**

**Please sign up for Coffee Hour on the sheet**

**in the narthex.**

**Keep it simple. (Check the fridge/freezer for leftovers)**



### ***Birthdays***

Marri Hinchliff	06-03	Jim Willner	07-01
Heather Double	06-04	Mary Brooks	07-06
Judy Bell	06-07	Colton Seeber	07-06
Patty Wall	06-08	Ellen Mischenko	07-07
Carleen Bliesner-Bowen	06-10	Chloe Jones	07-07
Geoff Jones	06-12	Monica Jones	07-12
David Grice	06-17	Dawn Morey	07-12
		Clara Willner	07-13
		Gary Heckathorn	07-19
		Carol Hood	07-20
		Chad Smith	07-26

### ***Birthdays***

If your birthday is not listed and you would like it to be, please email:

[alc.churchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:alc.churchoffice@gmail.com)

## Ushers & Greeters



### ***June 2023***

***4 Annie Frederick***

***11 Marva Heckathorn***

***18 Eloise Opp***

***25 Roger & Terry Brandt***

### ***July 2023***

***2 Elaine Petersen***

***9 Liessa Thorson***

***16 Katie Kersting***

***23 Toby & Gail Johnson***

***30 Carleen Bliesner-Bowen***




### **Save the Dates:**

August 10

November 9

# 2023 . JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 10 am Worship Confirmation	5 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon	6 10 am Quilting	7	8	9	10
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Lutherhaven Day Camp						
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**President:** Annie Frederick

**Vice-President:** Katie Kersting

**Secretary:** Pam Thompson

**Treasurer:** Kristi Bell

## Education:

Shannon Radke  
Monica Jones  
Terry Zakar

## Evangelism:

Val Samson  
Sandy Loskill  
Carleen Bliesner-Bowen

## Missions & Social Concerns:

Mary Bug Smith  
Jeff Bell  
Bob Kowal

## Property & Maintenance:

Toby Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Dennis Alliger

## Stewardship:

Sophie Hinchcliff  
Ken Brown  
David Grice

## Worship & Music:

Nancy Sauer  
Hedy Mitchell  
Millie Brumbaugh

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,  
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*