

# The *Celebration!* Connection

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**June and July 2024**

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## From the Pastor

Summertime,  
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Some of the wonderful signs of summer are being seen all around. People are out jogging more. Convertibles go around with the tops down. Children go off to school wearing shorts. Golf leagues and softball leagues are getting started. People come to picnics and cookouts, backyard barbecues in a various state of dress -- or undress: golf shirts; wild, loud, plaid Bermuda shorts; T-shirts with all manner of strange pictures or sayings on the front; sandals; flip-flops; bathing suits; hair tangled from salt water, legs covered with sand from the beach, sweaty from softball games, whatever. Summertime is a great time for "come-as-you-are."

I wonder if it was summertime when Jesus appeared to the disciples after this resurrection. Remember that? When the disciples had been out all night fishing in a boat. No doubt they were sweaty and tired. Probably they smelled pretty bad: fishing boats are smelly. Their faces no doubt were dirty, and their hair was all messed up from the wind and the waves. Peter was dripping wet after having impulsively jumped into the Sea of Tiberias and waded to shore.



But there's no hesitation, no standing on formality in the Risen Lord's invitation or welcome. It's "Come and have breakfast!" (And what more intimate and informal meal is there than breakfast?) "Come and have breakfast! And come as you are!"

In this little invitation, I see an echo of all the great invitations of Scripture. God is always inviting us into fellowship with God's Self, into deeper love and closer communion. And God's invitation is always gracious and open!

*"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." Isaiah 55:1*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28*

*Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and<sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5*

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Revelation 22:17*

That's the kind of God we have -- open and generous and loving; more willing to provide for us spiritually than we are to receive.

And who does God invite into communion? Perfect people who never make mistakes? Self-righteous and sanctimonious "saints" who are above all moral reproach?

Of course not! Jesus knew that love and acceptance is a more powerful change agent than belittlement, put-downs, condemnation, and fear.

Jesus **never** said, "Stay as you are," to anyone. But he did say, over and over again, "Come as you are." It's not so much that any of us need to change our whole life to moral perfection before we are welcomed by God. It's more like we come to God in humility with all our sins and imperfections and then we start to change. Or put another way, you don't have to "get good" before you are invited to be God's friend. You have God as a friend and then you begin to "get good."

So this summer, (either in person or online) don't take a vacation from Jesus and your community of faith. Come as you are!

So, see you in church!

## Pastor Fogle



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pastor Fogle's Ordination Sunday, June 9

June 13, 2024 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pastor Fogle's ordination into the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

To help celebrate this milestone, please join us after worship on Sunday, June 9, for some brunch and cake.

There will also be some photos and memorabilia from that day on display.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**



## Attention All Acolytes (And Parents)

To help you be the best acolytes possible, there will be an acolyte review for *all acolytes to attend this summer. Any new procedures will be introduced during the review.*

There are two dates the review will be held; you only need to attend one of them. The two dates are after worship service Sunday, July 28, or after worship service Sunday, August 25. Please plan which date will work for you and mark in your calendar. Please let Mrs. Fogle know if neither of these dates will work for you.

In addition, acolytes will be checked for proper length of their alb (robe), and new ones will be assigned as needed.



## Fall Confirmation Class Start Date

Confirmation classes for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin on Sunday, September 8 after worship service, in the Chapel. Requirements for this “Small Catechism” year will be discussed. Parents are invited to attend this first day. This is the year that students should make every effort to attend each and every week.

Upon completion of the requirements, the rite of confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.

## Summer Fun Nights at Celebration

Join us for a summer of fellowship and fun! Bring your friends and families to enjoy our exciting Summer Fun Nights in July and August.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and stay tuned to our weekly newsletters for more details.

### Movie Night

**Date:** Tuesday, July 9th



**Time:** 6:30 PM

Beat the summer heat with a fun movie night! Enjoy a great film with FREE popcorn in our air-conditioned space. We'll also have a concession stand, with all proceeds going to support Heifer International, our Sunday School's sponsored charity.



### Game Night

**Date:** Friday, August 9th



**Time:** 6:30 PM

Gather your family and friends for an evening of games and laughter! Bring your favorite game or choose from our selection. We'll provide the tables and snacks for a memorable night.

We can't  
wait to see  
you there!



## After Certainty Curiosity

The new women's Bible study series focuses on what it means to live in faith after certainty. In these years of a worldwide pandemic, escalating climate change, political turmoil and a changing religious landscape, it may feel like the days of predictability and stability are behind us. What will the future bring now?

For Christians' times of uncertainty can feel like a spiritual problem to solve, rather than a spiritual opportunity to embrace.

However, the Bible shows us that God's people have often lived in deep uncertainty. Adam and Eve left the garden for unknown future beyond. Sarah laughed to hear she would have a child in her old age. Moses questioned his call for leading God's people out of slavery in Egypt--only to face forty years of uncertain wandering the desert. When Israel's kingdom and temple crumbled, prophets like Isaiah consoled the exiles in Babylon who did not know whether they would ever return to their homeland. Jesus and his disciples lived under an empire's rule, knowing that the status quo could change at any time. Early Christians shared the Gospel and built churches without any certainty about what would become this new faith.

The apostle Paul stood firm in promises of the Gospel, but his descriptions of faith did not always sound like certainty: "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

**The Womens Bible study will meet on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:00 pm and Wednesday, July 16 at 1:00 pm.**

## Women's Health Retreat



Mark your calendars and join us on **Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 am** for the Women's Health Retreat.

Diane Yagerlener has graciously accepted our invitation of speak. Diane is a retired, registered Dietitian and was a member of the Nutritional Support team at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland.

Diane will speak on **Nutrition and Healthy Eating.**

- why it is important
- how to make healthy choices
- fat, carbs and fiber
- fad diets
- how to read food labels
- how to make choices when eating out

## Days for Girls



Please continue to support Days for Girls by donating the following items for the kits:

- 100% cotton flannel and quilting fabric
- Girls underwear, dark colors preferred (brief style only), 100% cotton (sizes 8, 10, 12 or 14)
- Wash cloths
- Travel size bars of soap or soaps retrieved from motel stays

## Altar Flowers

You may sponsor a vase of flowers for \$23. This may be in honor, memory, or in celebration of someone or some event. Sign-up on the Communication Board, call the office (734) 582-4112 or email the office (office1c@celebrationlc.com) or place an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday, or, finally, mail directly to the church.

This month's sponsors:

**June 2 ?**

**June 9**

- Rick and Jodi Reed in celebration of Rick's birthday
- Pastor and Heather Fogle in celebration of Heather's birthday and the 25th anniversary of Pastor's Ordination.



**June 16**

The Wommer Family in celebration of Bruno and Chris' birthday

**June 23**

Stew Israel in memory of his wife, Kathy.

**June 30**

Trudy Buelow

**July 7**

Rick and Jodi Reed in memory of Patricia Reed

**July 14**

Phil and Cindy Sweier

Christine and Larry Snowden in celebration of their 60th anniversary

**July 21**

Mike and Linda Bierbaum in celebration of Mike's birthday

**July 28**

Robert and Janet Clisch in celebration of their anniversary

## Worship Services by Live-Stream Broadcast

Please consider sponsoring live-streamed broadcasts for \$15 per Sunday. These may be in honor, memory, or in celebration of someone or some event.

Sign-up on the Communication Board, or call or email the office (office1c@celebrationlc.com), Payment can be made by placing an envelope in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed directly to the church.

June and July's live streaming broadcasts have been sponsored by:



June 2: The Reid Family

June 9: Jim and Susan Hardy

June 16: The Reid Family

June 23: Gerald and Roberta Schmucker

June 30: Steve and Andrea Kolhoff

July 7: Steve and Andrea Kolhoff

July 14: Steve and Andrea Kolhoff

July 21: Steve and Andrea Kolhoff

July 28: Justin and Michelle Lair





## Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled

Donate blood *and help  
save lives* at our next

Community Blood Drive on Friday, June  
14, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Although, walk-ins are welcome, there is  
no guarantee they will be able to fit you in.  
To schedule an appointment, please log  
onto the **RedCrossBlood.org** website and  
enter the sponsor code: **celebration-**

## Hamilton School News

School may be out for the summer as of June,  
but we can't forget the students all summer. As  
in the past several years, we plan to begin  
building the 500 starter kits in July for the new  
students that start at the end of August. All de-  
tails for that project will start flowing with the  
July Sunday newsletters. Thanks in advance  
for the continued support.

By George Evalt  
and the Social Ministry Team

### Notes from the Office

The office will be closed July 4th and 5th.

We need someone to answer phones  
on August 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 9:00 am -  
noon. Call or email the office if you can  
help. The phone number is 734-582-4112 or  
email [officelc@celebrationlc.com](mailto:officelc@celebrationlc.com).

## Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors



**Benjamin Holt** is  
graduating from  
Plymouth Canton

High School. In the fall he will attend  
Central Michigan University where he  
will study Electrical Engineering.

**Lily Szczembara** is graduating from  
Franklin High School in Livonia. In the  
fall she will attend Central Michigan  
University where she will be studying  
Physical Therapy.



## Crafty Connections

The summer is a perfect time to work on  
the crafts you have been procrastinating  
on and/or even learn a new skill! We  
would love to see what you are working  
on. Bring your craft to church Monday,  
June 10th at 7:00pm and Wednesday  
June 26th at 10:00am, and on Monday,  
July 8th at 7pm and Wednesday July 31st  
at 10am.

We also provide support and advice to  
new crafters. We have some very talent-  
ed women who love to share their  
knowledge and opinions.

We have several crafters in the congrega-  
tion who are busily creating crafts for  
craft shows, family members, Christmas  
gifts, and more!



## June Birthdays

- 1 Karen Call
- 4 Beth Codd
- 5 Laureen Preston
- 6 Gloria Tapper
- 7 Scott Bowker
- Judy Dauss
- 9 Heather Fogle
- 14 Rick Reed
- Bruno Wommer
- 15 George Evalt
- 16 Adreinne Dent
- Julia Gardner
- Laura Harrison
- 17 Janice Taylor
- 18 Kathy Tyler
- 20 Emily Jung-Hoste
- 21 Christopher Wommer
- 26 Cliff Switzer
- 27 Gerald Schmucker
- Margi Danakili

## June Anniversaries

- 25 Eric and Joan Thompson
- 28 Ken and Estelle Zoller



## July Birthdays

- 3 Bernie Vaughan
- 8 Janet Buck
- 13 Reece Hardy
- Lauren Reid
- 14 Estelle Zoller
- 15 Roberta Schmucker
- 20 Margaret Thompson
- 19 Mike Bierbaum
- 27 Cindy Sweier

## July Anniversaries

- 11 Larry and Christine Snowden
- 14 Cindy and Phil Sweier
- 15 Ciro and Megan Troncoso
- 27 Lee and Laura Szczembara



Sunday June 9th will be the **last** “Bring One” Sunday for the Good Hope Food Pantry. Any non-perishable food items that you bring will be much appreciated. The pantry is closing; the last food distribution is June 15th. At this time, we have not chosen another pantry for our contributions. Watch for more information in the coming months.

The folks at the Good Hope Food Pantry wish to extend their gratitude to our congregation for our continued support over the years. We thank Greg and Gloria Tapper for overseeing this ministry. We appreciate your time and dedication.

# June Devotionals

Saturday, June 1  
Psalm 81:1-10  
Leviticus 24:5-9  
John 7:19-24

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**  
**Psalm 81:1-10**  
**2 Corinthians 4:5-12**  
**Mark 2:23—3:6**

Monday, June 3  
Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72  
Exodus 16:13-26  
Romans 9:19-29

Tuesday, June 4  
Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72  
Exodus 16:27-36  
Acts 15:1-5, 22-35

Wednesday, June 5  
Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72  
1 Samuel 21:1-6  
John 5:1-18

Thursday, June 6  
Psalm 130  
Isaiah 28:9-13  
1 Peter 4:7-19

Friday, June 7  
Psalm 130  
Deuteronomy 1:34-40  
2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Saturday, June 8  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 2:4b-14  
Luke 8:4-15

**Sunday, June 9**  
**Genesis 3:8-15**  
**Psalm 130**  
**2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**  
**Mark 3:20-35**

Monday, June 10  
Psalm 74  
1 Samuel 16:14-23  
Revelation 20:1-6

Tuesday, June 11  
Psalm 74  
1 Kings 18:17-40  
Revelation 20:7-15

Wednesday, June 12  
Psalm 74  
Isaiah 26:16—27:1  
Luke 11:14-28

Thursday, June 13  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
Genesis 3:14-24  
Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 14  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
1 Kings 10:26—11:8  
Hebrews 11:4-7

Saturday, June 15  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Kings 14:1-14  
Mark 4:1-20

**Sunday, June 16**  
**Ezekiel 17:22-24**  
**Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**  
**2 Corinthians 5:6-17**  
**Mark 4:26-34**

Monday, June 17  
Psalm 52  
Ezekiel 31:1-12  
Galatians 6:11-18

Tuesday, June 18  
Psalm 52  
Jeremiah 21:11-14  
Revelation 21:22—22:5

Wednesday, June 19  
Psalm 52  
Jeremiah 22:1-9  
Luke 6:43-45

Thursday, June 20  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
Job 29:1-20  
Acts 20:1-16

Friday, June 21  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
Job 29:21—30:15  
Acts 21:1-16

Saturday, June 22  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
Job 37:1-13  
Luke 21:25-28

**Sunday, June 23**  
**Job 38:1-11**  
**Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**  
**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**  
**Mark 4:35-41**

Monday, June 24  
Psalm 65  
Exodus 7:14-24  
Acts 27:13-38

Tuesday, June 25  
Psalm 65  
Exodus 9:13-35  
Acts 27:39-44

Wednesday, June 26  
Psalm 65  
Joshua 10:1-14  
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, June 27  
Psalm 30  
Lamentations 1:16-22  
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Friday, June 28  
Psalm 30  
Lamentations 2:1-12  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Saturday, June 29  
Psalm 30  
Lamentations 2:18-22  
Luke 4:31-37

**Sunday, June 30**  
**Lamentations 3:22-33 or**  
**Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**  
**Psalm 30**  
**2 Corinthians 8:7-15**  
**Mark 5:21-43**



## July Devotionals

Monday, July 1  
Psalm 88  
Leviticus 21:1-15  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Tuesday, July 2  
Psalm 88  
Leviticus 15:19-31  
2 Corinthians 9:1-5

Wednesday, July 3  
Psalm 88  
2 Kings 20:1-11  
Mark 9:14-29

Thursday, July 4  
Psalm 123  
Jeremiah 7:1-15  
1 Corinthians 4:8-13

Friday, July 5  
Psalm 123  
Jeremiah 7:16-26  
2 Corinthians 10:7-11

Saturday, July 6  
Psalm 123  
Jeremiah 7:27-34  
Matthew 8:18-22

**Sunday, July 7**  
**Ezekiel 2:1-5**  
**Psalm 123**  
**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**  
**Mark 6:1-13**

Monday, July 8  
Psalm 119:81-88  
Ezekiel 2:8—3:11  
2 Corinthians 11:16-33

Tuesday, July 9  
Psalm 119:81-88  
Jeremiah 16:1-13  
James 5:7-12

Wednesday, July 10  
Psalm 119:81-88  
Jeremiah 16:14-21  
John 7:1-9

Thursday, July 11  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Amos 2:6-16  
Colossians 2:1-5

Friday, July 12  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Amos 3:1-12  
Colossians 4:2-18

Saturday, July 13  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Amos 4:6-13  
Luke 1:57-80

**Sunday, July 14**  
**Amos 7:7-15**  
**Psalm 85:8-13**  
**Ephesians 1:3-14**  
**Mark 6:14-29**

Monday, July 15  
Psalm 142  
Amos 5:1-9  
Acts 21:27-39

Tuesday, July 16  
Psalm 142  
Amos 9:1-4  
Acts 23:12-35

Wednesday, July 17  
Psalm 142  
Amos 9:11-15  
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, July 18  
Psalm 23  
Jeremiah 10:1-16  
Colossians 1:15-23

Friday, July 19  
Psalm 23  
Jeremiah 10:17-25  
Acts 17:16-31

Saturday, 20  
Psalm 23  
Jeremiah 12:1-13  
Luke 18:35-43

**Sunday, July 21**  
**Jeremiah 23:1-6**  
**Psalm 23**  
**Ephesians 2:11-22**  
**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

Monday, July 22  
Psalm 100  
Jeremiah 50:1-7  
Hebrews 13:17-25

Tuesday, July 23  
Psalm 100  
Zechariah 9:14—10:2  
Acts 20:17-38

Wednesday, July 24  
Psalm 100  
2 Samuel 5:1-12  
Luke 15:1-7

Thursday, July 25  
Psalm 145:10-18  
1 Kings 19:19-21  
Colossians 1:9-14

Friday, July 26  
Psalm 145:10-18  
2 Kings 3:4-20  
Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday, July 27  
Psalm 145:10-18  
2 Kings 4:38-41  
John 4:31-38

**Sunday, July 28**  
**2 Kings 4:42-44**  
**Psalm 145:10-18**  
**Ephesians 3:14-21**  
**John 6:1-21**

Monday, July 29  
Psalm 111  
Genesis 18:1-15  
Philippians 4:10-20

Tuesday, July 30  
Psalm 111  
Exodus 24:1-11  
Romans 15:22-33

Wednesday, July 31  
Psalm 111  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Mark 6:35-44

