

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sept. 17, 2023

10:30AM

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Terri Branstrom

*Call to Worship

Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

Christ Jesus welcomes us here.

Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

God's grace embraces us all.

Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

The Spirit binds us in unity and love.

*Opening Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

Epistle reading

Romans 14:1-12

Wayne Large

*Gospel reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Hymn

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

Children's Time including the noisy offering for Heifer Project Int.

Message

Pastor Terri Branstrom

Praise Song

Jesus, Name Above All Names

TFWS 2071

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory

Kum Ba Yah

Barb Schutzenhofer

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

*Departing Blessing

Please join us after worship for a picnic and games.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Diane Oxford and Nannette Martin

Counters: Jeanne Wescott and Wilma Vanderdonck

Sound: Dylan Messina

Ushers/Greeters: Laurie Kaufman, Nannette Martin, Sally Brainard



Flannel Shirt drive

September's Missions project is collecting new or gently used flannel shirts to take to God's Country Cooperative Parish. Their winters are even colder than ours!

Sunday School If you would be interested in helping with the children's class on a rotating basis, please speak with Lisa.

Lonely College Freshmen Two young members of our congregation who have helped out in many ways and have been great assets to our congregation are now off to their first year of college. It's exciting ... but also lonely at times. If you would like to send them a thinking of you card / note of encouragement, their addresses are:

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Bells & Vocal Choir are starting up for the fall. Now is a perfect time to try either or both. Please speak with Kathy Young 450-1878.

Peanut-Free Church: Due to peanut allergies among some of our children, we are working toward becoming a peanut-free church. Please check labels for hidden peanut oils.

Date change: You are invited to a **card-making party** on Wednesday, Sept. **27**, 10am-1pm. Lunch is included. The cards that are made will be sold on the white table in front of the bulletin board to continue raising money for the Building Maintenance Fund.

New renters! We now have another group using our building and donating money. They are a Music Co-op, and they have a "jam session" in room 6 on the **1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 1pm – 3pm**. They have invited you to jam with them any Saturday you want.

The Music Co-op is a grassroots idea for networking people who want to make music with others. Whether you sing, play an instrument or write songs, you are welcome to join, regardless of age or skill level. The Music Co-op is a growing pool of local musicians from which to draw in order to perform the songs of your heart. Perhaps you play guitar, but your voice could sink tall ships. Maybe your violin piece needs piano accompaniment. Or maybe you've written a song that you want others to perform. Come to the Music Co-op!

For more info, please email lois.corcoran57@gmail.com.

Prayer List

New Concerns

Nancy Campbell
Jim Hubbard
Bernie Hubbard
Elenor Love
Family of Bill Springer
Family of Rev. Eric Stone
Kay Shapy

Recent Concerns

Pat Sodermark
Walt Houghton
Helen Palo
Rev. Jackie Roe
Caroline Mileski
Family of Tommy McCarley
Marianne Watson Milkowski

Ongoing Concerns

Ukraine	Mindy A.
Betsy Anderson	Bud Baltic
Lisa Richer Barta	Lorna Benson
Sarah Benson	David Bohlen
Sally Brainard	Tom Butch
Lois Cady	Nancy Campbell
Mary Clark	Bud and Pat Clark
Shirley Clark	Eileen Collins
Chris and Kim Diamond	Brian Galvin
Michele Geyer	Ian Goldi
John Gudwer	Caroline Hart
Al Jensen	Liz Kempfer
David & Cheryl LaCarte	Susan Lindgren
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	Rhonda Mulligan
Zach Nardi	Michelle Ottensman
Vickie Ottensman	Emily Shada Polega
Josiah Pryor	Jordan Rabbitoy
Brandon Sodermark	Marv Sodermark

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study on the Gospel of John

TUESDAY 2:00 Missions Committee

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knit & Crochet
6:15 Band
7:00 Jubilee Choir practice

SATURDAY 10:00 District Conference and Book Exchange in MQT

SEPT. 27 10am – 1pm Card-making party (Lunch included.)

OCT. 1 late afternoon Color Tour

OCT. 8 Altar Guild training after church

OCT. 12 Simplified Board Structure meeting

NOV. 3 – 4 Pasty Bake

NOV. 11 12:30 Church Conference (location: Central UMC)

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