

# August Newsletter

## **Next Presbytery Meeting**

Tuesday, September 10

Time: TBD

Associated Church, Owatonna

## **Next Session Meeting**

No session meeting in August!

## **August Scripture readings**

**Sunday, August 4 -**

- Guest Preacher- Reverend Tammy Rider

**Sunday, August 11-**

- Isaiah 53:2-6, 10-11; Luke 15:11-32
- **Greatest Showman #9**

**Sunday, August 18 -**

- TBD

**Sunday, August 25 -**

- Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 4:11-16

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**From the  
Pastor...**

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.  
~ from the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story"*

**We all have our own stories...**

- Our own Scripture that speaks to us,**
- Our own journeys of faith,**
- Our own experiences of God in our lives.**

**And the beauty of being part of a Christian community is that we get a place to share those experiences with one another– to share our particular threads in God's overarching story.**

**But sometimes, when it comes to sharing our stories and even when it comes to putting those stories into words, we're not really sure where to begin. So in attempt to figure that out– where to begin, how to get your own story started– here are some prompts. Maybe they'll encourage you to share parts of your story with someone else.**

**Where has God surprised you this summer?**

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**Where did you intentionally seek out God this summer?**

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**How did others help you encounter God this summer?**

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**How is God challenging you?**

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**What are some ways you feel you've helped other feel God's presence?**

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**What are some questions about God/faitth that arise for you?**

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**What are some God-moments you want to remember?**

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*My mouth will repeat your righteous acts and your saving deeds all day long.  
I don't even know how many of those there are!  
I will dwell on your mighty acts, my Lord.  
LORD, I will help others remember nothing but your righteous deeds.  
You've taught me since my youth, and I'm still proclaiming your wondrous deeds!  
~ Psalm 71:15-17*

## **National Night Out**

Oronoco is once again hosting a National Night Out party at the Oronoco City Park on Tuesday, August 6. National Night Out was started as a way to heighten awareness about safety and crime prevention and to enhance community relations. Once again, we will have a table at National Night Out and will be giving out church cups and candy for anyone interested,

Celebration starts at 5:00 p.m. at the park. If you'd like to come and join us at our table, please contact Pastor Lisa



## **All Around the Campfire**

We had so much fun with our campfire gatherings last summer that we're at it again this summer! One Sunday a month, we'll be gathering in the evening on the church lawn. There will be a campfire. There will be lawn games. There will be s'mores. This is a chance for us to spend some fun, relaxed, unstructured time together, and to invite people who may not be as comfortable coming through the church doors for the first time. Bring your neighbors and friends. Bring kids. Let's have fun!

- ~~June 23: 5:30-8:00 p.m.~~
- ~~July 28: 5:30-8:00 p.m.~~
- Aug. 25: 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 22: 5:30-8:00 p.m.



## **Summer Sermon Series- “The Greatest Showman”**

In December 2017, Twentieth Century Fox put out a movie musical that became both a smash hit and a life-changing experience for a lot of people. “The Greatest Showman” is a movie loosely based on the life of 19th century circus innovator P.T. Barnum. As Barnum builds his troupe of performers, he pulls from all the oddballs and outcasts of society, proving to them that they deserve to be valued and celebrated just as much as everyone else. Not only did this family-friendly, “its okay to be different” message resonate with people of all ages, the soundtrack struck powerful chords with people from all walks of life as well. So this summer, we’re going to work our way through “The Greatest Showman” soundtrack one sermon at a time.

## **Pastor Out of the Office**

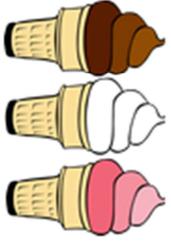
Pastor Lisa will be out of the office July 21-August 4 for continuing education and vacation. She can be reached via her cell phone, email, or Facebook message during that time.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2 Sandy Bowers' Birthday	3 Katha Johnson's Birthday
4 10 a.m. Worship	5 	6	7 Annette Glabe & Mackenzie Luhman's Birthday	8	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 11:30 Confirmation	12 Ardith Ottman's Birthday	13 Nancy Tiedeman's Birthday	14 5 p.m. Food Shelf	15 David & Vivien Midhun's Anniversary	16 	17 Todd Wickre's Birthday
18 10 a.m. Worship	19	20 Brenda Longman & Joanne Schenck's Birthday	21 	22	23	24
25 10 a.m. Worship 11:30 Confirmation	26	27 Rachel Stanton's Birthday	28 5 p.m. Food Shelf Joy Bertsinger's Anniversary	29	30	31 