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Rejoice

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all ye lands....For the LORD is good:
his mercy is everlasting; and his
truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 100:1, 5



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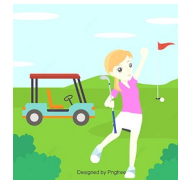
For the Calendar

Sun. Sept. 5: Labor Day Worship
with Blackhawk Presbytery



Sun. Sept. 12: Rally Day
9:00 am Celebration
10:15 am Worship

Sun. Sept. 19: All Church Picnic
at Lockwood Park



Sun. Oct. 3 1:30 pm
Golf Play Day at the
Red Barn golf course



**"Well Done,
Thou Good and
Faithful Servant!"**

**Bidding Farewell to
Heather Lopez
Our Church Secretary**

In December, 2017, Heather Lopez brought her heart, mind, and spirit to the role of Church Secretary at Third Presbyterian Church. As a follower of Jesus and a prayer warrior, she diligently moved Christ's work forward as she has worked in media production, bookkeeping, maintaining the prayer chain, and serving as a key link on the staff of the church.

In July, Heather will take on a full-time role as Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper at Rock Prairie Church of Janesville, Wisconsin. She will continue to live in Roscoe. Please take time to express your appreciation for Heather's service to the Lord and to our congregation.

*The Lord bless you and keep you, Heather!
Keep shining the light of Christ around the world—
wherever you are.*

Pastor Steve

Many thanks!!!! I want to thank everyone at Third for making me feel like part of the family this past 21/2 years. This has not been just a job. I have truly enjoyed serving God and His people here. It has been my pleasure working with Steve, Elaine, Tom, Lu and Frank, Leigh and all the volunteers who help me in the office. Thank you for all the support you have given me over the past year with all the changes in my life. I have also greatly enjoyed the fellowship and food with the Piece Corps. I am leaving on a good note, to a full-time position. May the peace of the Lord be with you all!

Your Sister in Christ,

Heather

Meetings in July-August



Piece Corps will resume meeting starting July 14th at 9:30 AM to 1:00 pm in the church basement. Please bring your sack lunch. Coffee and bottled water provided.

Fully vaccinated people "do not" need to wear a face covering.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and spending time together. We will share ideas and talk about plans for the year 2021".

Nancy Justman

Session: The Session will not meet in July, but will plan to meet in person on at 6:00 PM Tuesday August 10th at the home of Jeanne and Fred Fauerbach.

Board of Deacons: The Deacons will meet on at 7:00 pm July 20th on Zoom and at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 17th at the home of Dawn and Larry Bergquist.

Worship and Music: Worship and Music will meet for supper on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00 pm at the home of John and Sue Gustafson. Bring a simple dish to pass.

Faithbuilders Bible Study The Women's Bible Study group is having an informational and fellowship meeting on Thursday July 15th at 10 AM on the lower level of the church. New members are welcome. For more information please contact Laura Chiodini at (815) 985-2432.

Earl and Alyce Lutzow want to thank everyone for their care and card's during Earl's sister Mary's illness and passing.

Hybrid Worship All Summer Long



Finally God's people are able to gather together again in person, bearing in mind that there may be COVID protections that continue to be helpful to you.

You can once again sit in your usual place. Singing is not only permitted, but encouraged—with all your heart! At the same time, we ask that you wear a face covering in the building if you have not yet been vaccinated.

You will still also be able to worship from a distance by Zoom or on Facebook, the technical "miracles" that have allowed us to continue worshipping as a community over the past month.

Here are some reasons that you might continue to do so:

- * On a morning when you don't feel well
- * While traveling to see family
- * For other reasons of convenience
- * Because the kids are sleeping in!
- * You are with grandchildren and want to show off the church to them!

We have learned by experience that we can authentically worship God and be *present* to one another in more ways that we could ever imagine. After all, worship by television of ever Dial-a-Prayer have been helpful for decades!

And so as the season progresses, may the Lord of the Sabbath continue to inhabit our praise, wherever we are.

Pastor Steve



“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

These passages of Scripture will guide our worship over the coming weeks. Following these suggestions may help you experience worship in a richer way.

1. Read the passage(s) at least once during the week
2. Prayerfully consider what meaning it has for you as you live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to aid your understanding

July 4	Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12:9
July 11	Psalm 24, Ephesians 1:3-14
July 18	Mark 6:30-34, Ephesians 2:11-22
July 25	John 6:1-21, Ephesians 3:14-21
August 1	Psalm 51:1-12, Ephesians 4:1-16
August 8	Psalm 130, Ephesians 4:25-5:2
August 15	John 6:51-58, Ephesians 5:15-20
August 22	Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20
August 29	Song of Solomon 2:8-13, James 1:17-27

August Birthdays

8/1 Heidi Milner Vicki Minnick	8/20 Connie Hollenbeck Greg Albert
8/4 Brandon Smith	8/21 Sean Gray Stacy Gray
8/5 Leona Frey Michelle Vosberg Larry Bergquist	8/22 John Murray Haylee Lingel Gavin Raum
8/6 Tracy Murray Robbin Albert	8/24 Gerald May
8/11 Xavier Kundo	8/28 William Crosby-Spires Morgan Milner
8/13 Marissa Olson	8/29 Donald Maxwell Faith Genrich
8/16 Morgan Olson	8/30 Gloria Silberman Zander Ruffcorn
8/17 Amelia Spires	
8/18 Gene Archer Marion Lingel	
8/19 Dixie Lindsey	

Celebrating 40+ Years of Marriage

August 24 David and Linda Clikeman
August 28 Gary and Patricia Nehring



John Victor Murray
Graduated Winnebago
High School
Has joined the Marines

July Birthdays

7/1 Savannah Kujat	7/18 Skip Mosny
Joyce O'Connell	7/19 Macy Olson
Amy Sovina	7/21 Cindy Miner
7/4 Heather Lopez	Barbara Heinzeroth
7/5 Don Vandercreek	Michael Hammer
Nancy Babcock	7/22 Emma Archer
7/6 Ruth Skorborg	7/24 Noah Taylor
7/9 James Crosby	7/25 Dylan Lingelbach
Larry Archuleta	7/27 Carrie Crosby
7/11 Joe Ponder, Jr.	Emily Hollenbeck
Jennifer Facer	7/29 Chris Minnier
7/13 Sue Huston	7/30 Robert Monroe
7/14 Treise Crosby	Aurora Insko
7/15 Leigh Hammer	7/31 Wes Carlson
Beth Amy Watton	Shirley Green
7/17 Marcia Adams	Kristin Tedrick
Spencer Leber	



Celebrating 40+ Years of Marriage

July 7	Don & Jacqueline Vandercreek
July 31	Charles & Mary Raum, Guy & Carol Ritzman, Tom and Elaine Jacoby

Aurora Insko celebrating
her graduation from
Winnebago High School.



**Worship in the
Street
July 4th 10:15 am**

Worship on Independence Day

Celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and worship from in front of the church on Custer Avenue! Bring a lawn chair and your worshipping heart as we celebrate the Independence of our nation and our **dependence** on what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Our Fourth of July treat this year
will be rocket pops, courtesy of Pastor Steve.



**Mission Trip
Report Back
Sun. August 15th**

In worship on Sunday,
August 15th the Night
Crusaders and leaders will bring a report in word and pictures
from their mission trip to Rosscommon, Michigan where the
spent a week improving facilities at the Camp Westminster.

Special recognition will be given to those who bought
stock in the endeavor. Thank God for all of you!

Peacemaking Offering—August



We are the church, together. We are peacemakers, together. We are the builders of God's household of peace. Together. And when, together, we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing sys-

tems of conflict and injustice across the world.

Our congregation will be able to use 25% of this offering to connect local people with Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Church News

Scholarships Awarded to Our College Students

Thanks to your generosity, the Christian Education committee is able to provide up to four years of support so our college students can further their education. This year's recipients are:



1st Year
Jake M.
Aurora I.

2nd Year
Alyssa A.
Macy O.

3rd Year
Jalen C.
Alex B.

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing you for check distribution during worship on either August 1 or 8.

*Savannah, Becca, Jase, Zachary
and Emily at Concrete Cranes VBS.*

