



*United in faith,
our mission is to grow in
Christ and serve others.*

Dates to remember:

September 15th
Rally Sunday

September 11th
Starting Wednesday
Night Activities
Music 5:30pm
Dinner 5:50pm
Faith In Action 6:10pm
Confirmation 6:30pm
Youth Group 7:45pm

Lil Faith in Action
Pre-K + Kindergarteners

Big Faith in Action
1-6 graders

8 Week Chosen Series
Monday's at 5:30pm
Starting Sept 23

Lectionary Bible Study
Tuesday's at 9am
Starting Sept 24

Faith FINDINGS

- FRI, AUGUST 2 PRAYER SHAWL, 10AM
- SUN, AUGUST 4 WORSHIP, 9:30AM
BREAD OF LIFE SERIES
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
- MON, AUGUST 5 LOCAL & GLOBAL, 10:30AM
- TUES, AUGUST 6 WORSHIP TEAM, 11AM
- WED, AUGUST 7 GATHER TO PRAY, 10AM
WORSHIP ON THE WATER, 5:30PM
AT MCQUOIDS
- SUN, AUGUST 11 WORSHIP, 9:30AM
BREAD OF LIFE SERIES
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
- MON, AUGUST 12 GARDEN CLUB, 1PM
WOW, 6:30PM
- TUES, AUGUST 13 PRAYER TEAM, 10AM
- WED, AUGUST 14 CONNECT TEAM, 10AM
GATHER TO PRAY, 10AM
- FRI, AUGUST 16 PRAYER SHAWL, 10AM
- SUN, AUGUST 18 WORSHIP, 9:30AM
BREAD OF LIFE SERIES
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
- TUES, AUGUST 20 COUNCIL MEETING, 6PM
- WED, AUGUST 21 GATHER TO PRAY, 10AM
- FRI, AUGUST 23 RURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
- SAT, AUGUST 24 RURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
- SUN, AUGUST 25 WORSHIP, 9:30AM
BREAD OF LIFE SERIES
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
RURAL MUSIC FESTIVAL
- WED, AUGUST 28 GATHER TO PRAY, 10AM

August 2024



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Unapproved council minutes Faith Lutheran Church July 16, 2024
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The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by president Karen Gabriel.

Members present: Sue Temte, Dennis “Doc” Moss, Kortney Swatzsky, Pastor Josh Blair, Rose Marie Nutt, Aliesha Holbert, Tim McArdle, Nancy Hendry Karen Gabriel and Diane Gibas.

Members absent: Craig Lemieux and Derek Karels.

The agenda was approved with an addition after a motion by Nancy, seconded by Doc.

Minutes of the June 25 council meeting were approved with a motion by Rose Marie, second by Tim.

The treasurer’s report was received. Aliesha told us we are doing pretty well. She is beginning to work on the budget for next year. Teams are requested to get budget needs for the next fiscal year to Aliesha by August 5. After a motion by Kortney, seconded by Diane the treasurer’s report was approved.

In his report to council, Pastor Josh told his pastoral acts included four funerals/burials and two preplanning sessions with people. He had two premarital counseling sessions. Four nursing home visits and 17 pastoral care visits. Scheduled pastoral acts as of July 16 are one baptism (exact date has not been set at this time), three weddings, one premarital counseling session, three shut-in visits, and five nursing home visits.

In synodical and church-wide activities he lead a staff Bible study training at Camp Onomia; met with two synod staff; his is working with synod staff for using Faith for the RIC retreat in November; working with synodical ministry rep to plan an event at Faith with the L and G team; he is having mentor meetings with Rick; he is on the synod worship planning team and starting to plan a fall theological worship text study. Community activities include graduation with included two graduation parties, election judge training; R.U.R.A.L. fundraising; and Isle Days.

Ecumenical activities include two pastor-pastor meetings and planned chapel in the park.

Pastor Josh also listed completed events including: baccalaureate; mission trip send off; mission trip; worship, mission trip presentation and church picnic at Sandy’s; taco Tuesday; Isle day’s parade and chapel in the park.

Upcoming events include Vacation Bible School July 22-25; Taco Tuesday July 30, Health care center elections July 30; Worship on the Water Wed. Aug 7, on McQuoid’s launch (This event will be held in conjunction with First Lutheran in Hinckley.) Take a vet fishing on Aug. 10; Fall Theological Sept. 15-17; and R.U.R.A.L. food truck Aug. 23-25. (Hunters Grill donated their grill for Faith youth to use for the weekend.)

Pastor Josh is planning God’s Work Our Hands, rally Sunday, CYFE activities and schedule, a young adults group, together here event, upping digital worship and the annual meeting Sept. 29.

He also listed his work/life balance, upcoming time off and continuing education and reading.

In Old business:

* Council discussed an update on church spring clean-up. There are still a number of projects that need to be addressed.

* The rocks on the ground in the playground were again discussed. Pr. Josh said Carlson Timber Products, Inc. in Sandstone provides wood chips that will be one foot deep for the playground. They will deliver and dump the chips for \$868. The playground fund has \$1,558.33. Nancy made the motion to put wood chips on the playground for the price quoted, Kortney seconded the motion and it passed.

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- * Vacation Bible school is good to go. The camp staff at Camp Onomia will furnish the staff and materials. We need kitchen help and volunteers to help with children.
- * The floor by the piano and organ in the sanctuary will have to be removed. At this time we will not replace it with another, but let the material underneath dry before making a decision on what will be used in place.
- * It was reported that the gutter is not the issue on the northwest door in the education wing, but rather more of a door issue. This is ongoing.
- * The mission trip was good, but there were some issues with site set-up. Josh said we should get some compensation for next time.

In New Business:

- * The mobile tech gave a bid for cyber security of \$2,000 annually. We need to determine what our needs are and get an appropriate bid.

The cemetery issue is ongoing.

Moving pews for use by people with special needs is ongoing. Pastor will talk with people who can help.

A new youth curriculum was discussed. The GROW curriculum for grades seven through 12 focused on building faith would cost \$298 for a year's subscription. There is money in the youth fund to cover the cost. Rose Marie made the motion, seconded by Kortney to purchase the curriculum. The motion passed.

Rally Sunday will be held Sept. 15. Ministry teams will come up with ideas for the date.

The connect committee needs reorganizing. They are looking for people to join. The focus of the committee is in house projects, including college care packages and serving refreshments for the contada practices and performance.

The annual meeting will be held Sept. 29. The nominating committee will be looking for willing council members. We will need four council members. Karen will contact the committee, the audit committee will soon meet to get the audit completed. Ministry reports are needed by Kristi by September 5.

Guests will be welcome at council meetings to voice their concerns. A spot will be reserved for those who would like to speak to council in the consent agenda between the secretary's report and the the treasurer's report. Guests will be given five minutes to speak to the council and they are then free to leave or listen to the remainder of the meeting.

Under future needs:

It was learned that heat is no longer an issue, however insulation will remain on the agenda.

Ministry team reports:

Worship and music will meet August 6 for planning.

Prayer, Ellory is woruiking hard for next year.

Local and Global missions is looking at the next year. They are talking about reconciling in Christ and a Yagm team for next year.

Stewardship and finance: A meeting will take place at the end of August.

The next meeting will be held Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. Nancy will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Josh, seconded by Doc.

We Pray for:

"Worship on the Water", August 7
RURAL Music Fest, August 23-25

Taco Tuesday @ MUGGS

WOW Bible Study

Youth Group

60 for 60 - Water bottles for school kids

9:30 Worship
Sunday School
Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Church Council
Building & Property
Caring Ministry Team
Children's Education Ministry Team
Connect Ministry Team
Finance/Human Resources
Local & Global Missions
Music Ministry
Prayer Ministry Team
Prayer Shawl
Quilting
Stewardship Ministry Team
WELCA
Worship Ministry Team
Youth Ministry team
Youth Group

"Common Prayer Time"

Every Wednesday - pray from home or
at Church

"Pray with your directory"

Lift up individuals/families in the church
directory each time you pray.

"Personal Prayer"

Need of personal prayer: Seek prayer
during communion on Sunday's or
contact any prayer team member who
will pray with you.

Spice up your Prayer Life...

Making Sense of Prayer

We have spent a year of introducing various ways to spice up your prayer life. Never forget that God wants to hear from you on a daily basis; to guide you through the ups and downs of life; to comfort you when you are suffering; and to celebrate all the joys you experience. As it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing."

In John 10:27, Jesus promised, "My sheep hear my voice." Our prayers should never be one sided. They should be like conversations we have with our friends; where we talk **with** them and not **to** them. God listens and converses with his people today, even if it is not face-to-face like it was with Moses. And in Psalm 46:10 it says, "Be still and know that I am God." The only way to hear his voice is by being quiet and listening with our mind and our heart. Then he will speak to us with his "still small voice" as it says in 1 King 19:13. His voice will come to us as spontaneous thoughts, ideas, or inspirations that enter our mind and will lead or guide us in specific ways. In Habakkuk 2:2 we read "...write the vision...". Recording or journaling our dialog with God will help us sort out what might be our own thoughts from those coming from God.

God does listen to our prayers and he hears what we have to say, but it is not our place to try to change God's mind nor persuade him what we pray for is right for us. He knows what aligns with his plans for our life and what is best for us. Just as it says in the Lord's Prayer... "Thy will be done".

Remember, you will never be alone in prayer. As we end our series of Spicing up your Prayer Life, we have a small booklet titled "Prayer Basics for Everyone", by Terry Glaspey. Let it become your handy reference guide to prayer.

**"Prayer is how we press our hands into the invisible
and find the hand of Christ reaching back".**

-James K.A. Smith

Children's Prayer Time

Dear Jesus, Thank you for giving me
prayer as a way to share my problems
with you and to thank you for my fun
times. Amen





Dear God, we thank you for giving us life, for friendships, and most of all your grace and love that supports us each day. But, we can't ignore what is happening in this world and to your planet. Forgive us for not doing our part in caring for your creation. We see people suffering at our hands due to carelessness and negligence on our part. We have not paid attention to how wasteful we are with resources you have given us. We have not been doing our part to slow climate change that is threatening all of humanity. We are having to live with more polluted air; and we are feeling the affects of extreme weather events that threaten peoples lives, their livelihood, their homes, health, and food. Help us to be more responsible for doing what is best to control global warming. Help us to give our children, their children and the generations to come a world that they can live on and one where they will be able to enjoy the beauty of all of your creation.

- Prepare each of us individually so that we may seek to be a witness to our faith. Help us to grow in our faith through giving our time to be part of the ministry activities here at Faith. When asked to serve, make us willing to do so.
- As our young adults head off to pursue their educational goals, may they turn to you for the wisdom and guidance they will need as they enter a life filled with worldly distractions. Be with them and keep them safe.
- We thank you for all teachers. Be with them as they prepare for another school year. Encourage them and give them the patience and strength to deal with all situations they may encounter.
- Give us big hearts to support our children and especially those who struggle not knowing where their next meal will come from or if they can afford basic needs. May we help to provide for them the school supplies they will need.
- Create a spirit of hospitality within Faith. Help us to welcome others as you welcomed us. Help us to make them feel at home and accepted here at Faith. In August, we pray for the following
 - Week of August 4 – Samantha Christle, Aaron, Ivan, and Isla Bitzan; Ronda Bjornson; Pastor Josh Blair.
 - Week of August 11 – Helen Bland; Wayne and Linda Boike; Jon, Jodi, Isaiah, Ethan, and Noah Borg.
 - Week of August 18 –Paul, Sue, and Justin Borgfelt; Dennis and Ilene Boser; Mark and Becky Bruske.
 - Week of August 25 – Brianna Bruske, David Hill, Rylenn, Roman, Estelle, and June; Lenore Bryant.
- Our hearts go out to all who have suffered this summer from floods, tornados, terrible storms and fires. Bring hope and comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property. We thank you for the safety of living in this community. We thank you for all the first responders and health care workers who are ready to help and care for those needing help.
- Comfort and protect those who are homebound, who have no place to go, and all who are in need of your loving care. We ask your healing presence for those who are sick and grieving. We especially lift up all who are on our prayer network and all who are on our individual prayer lists. Be with them all and surround them with your love.
- Continue to watch over and keep safe those who are away from home this summer, Help them find time to be refreshed from their busy schedules.
- Be with all who are involved in planning for our "Worship on the Water" on August 7th. As we gather to worship you on the water, may we be reminded of our baptism and all the times you have calmed the storms of our life. Pour your grace into our hearts so that we may be refreshed and renewed to go forth and be a witness to your love.
- We thank you for the gifts of music you have bestowed upon the performers for this years RURAL music fest. May they bring your word of hope, and love, and peace to all who attend. Help us to be generous in our time and resources in support of this important ministry within our community.
- Help us to discern the direction WELCA should take here at Faith. Call forth individuals who will help organize and lead this important women's group.
- Guide our nominating committee as they seek the right individuals to fulfill important ministry openings on our church council.
- As we look to a new church year, guide and direct all who will be involved in planning for our upcoming ministry programs and activities. Help them discern the ministry direction you want this church to take.
- We thank you for the outpouring of gratitude from our members in support of the "60 for 60" this past year as recognition for 60 years of being a Christian presence in this community. We thank you for giving us so many opportunities to serve you and may we continue to carry out your ministry work for many more years to come.

Continue to bless the work we do, the sacrifices we make, and the gifts we share while serving you. AMEN

Blessing: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson, Mary Sears, Cheryl Ten Bruin.

NOTE: Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel. Please take and give to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayer. We ask that you record in the Shawl book, the date and to whom the shawl is given. (This helps to not deliver multiple shawls to the same individual.)



60 FOR 60

Dear Faith Church Family,

As you know, on September 10, we celebrated our 60th anniversary. To celebrate our blessings, the Local and Global Missions team has put together a list of items to collect throughout the year - 60 items per month to represent our 60 years.

For July we collected school items. School items include anything that a student, preschool through high school, may need for school - backpacks, binders, spiral notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, crayons, etc. We have collected 120 to date. Items will be donated to Isle Schools for students and families that need help getting school supplies.

August is the last month for collecting items for our 60 for 60 anniversary celebration. This month we are collecting water bottles. All water bottles will be donated to Lutheran Social Services for students in a new preschool program, youth experiencing homelessness or young men in transitional housing. Any water bottle that is new or in good, clean condition is fine and will be happily received. Water bottles should be able to fit in a backpack. Please place your donation in the bin in the narthex.

- September Snacks for school **549 items**
- October Cash or food for Isle Food Shelf **\$790 and 203 items**
- November Community volunteer service **470 recorded volunteer hours**
- December Gifts - Isle school gifts,, ELCA, Toys for Tots, charitable donations, etc **71 gifts**
- January Socks and gloves **125 pairs**
- February Blankets **49**
- March Winter jackets **32**
- April Baby needs/items **918 diapers and 30 other baby items**
- May Community volunteer service **275 recorded volunteer hours**
- June Hygiene items and laundry soap **42 items to date**
- July School supplies **120 items to date**
- August Water bottles for school kids

Thanking God for our blessings and thanking you for your generosity,
Local and Global Missions Team

Bev Severson
Diane Gibas
Karen Gabriel
Nancy Hendry



Faith Lutheran MONTHLY GIVING

July 7
Attendance 51
Giving \$2435

July 14
Chapel in the Park
Giving \$1115

July 21
Attendance 53
Giving \$3295

July 28
Attendance 57
Giving \$2620

August Birthdays

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| 8/02 SUE LYBACK | 8/13 CARTER EKLUND |
| 8/03 LINDA HETLAND | 8/15 JAMAYLA KNUDSON |
| 8/04 ELAINE NORMAN | 8/17 PHYLLIS HAGGBERG |
| 8/04 GLENN ERICKSON | 8/22 NANCY RIZER-SCHMIDT |
| 8/05 SHAWNA (BORGFELT) SERTICH | 8/22 MADELYN HAGLUND |
| 8/05 MAGGIE RENS | 8/23 JON BORG |
| 8/06 ELEANOR HAGLUND | 8/23 SUSAN HAGGBERG |
| 8/06 KENDRA LARSON | 8/23 BEVERLY THOMSEN / SEVERSON |
| 8/07 HEIDI PATRICK | 8/24 BRUCE RICHARDS |
| 8/07 ILENE BOSER | 8/24 BOB PETERSON |
| 8/10 AMY PROFFITT | 8/25 JESSICA LESCHAK |
| 8/11 MARK MENKE | 8/26 WAYNE BOIKE |
| 8/12 JANETTE JACKSON | 8/28 SUE BORGFELT |
| 8/13 CHELSEA HUNZIKER | 8/28 MICHAEL NEUMANN |
| 8/13 DIANA KARELS | 8/29 DAVID ANDERSON |
| 8/13 PAM PETERSON | 8/31 JANINE THIELEN |

August Anniversaries

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| 8/03 MIKE & MICHELE HAGGBERG |
| 8/07 DAVE & JOANNE ANDERSON |
| 8/08 MARK & DHONDRA HAGGBERG |
| 8/08 JAMES & MAGGIE RENS |
| 8/11 TOM & CAROL KUELBS |
| 8/12 WAYNE & LINDA BOIKE |
| 8/15 BRYAN & DIANA KARELS |
| 8/19 TOM & MARCY ANDERSON |
| 8/20 ROLAND & LESLIE KARG |
| 8/21 BILL & KARLA FREDRICK |
| 8/31 KIETH & BEVERLY SEVERSON |
| 8/28 KEVIN & MELANIE SLAMA |

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to all of those who volunteer in our Church and in our Community. We especially want to thank **Joan Lundquist** who gives many hours of her time at ONE MORE TIME in Isle. Each month Faith Lutheran Church receives a donation that goes into the Good Samaritan Fund. This donation helps Faith Lutheran Church give to those in need.

Thank you!



Faith Lutheran now has online giving set up. It can be accessed by going to www.faithisle.org or click or scan the following QR with your smartphone.



PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
OR EMAIL WITH ANY CHANGES IN YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION.



Save your receipts from Teals and bring them to church. Teals donates 1% back to our Youth Group. On average, we receive an annual check of approximately \$1,000.00.

Thank you, Teals!

Church Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am–2:00pm
Monday & Friday - Closed

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Faith
Lutheran Church
To Grow and Serve



August 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 10:00am Prayer Shawl | 3 |
| 4 9:30am Worship Bread of Life Series Led by DN Susan 10:30am Coffee Fellowship | 5 10:30am Local & Global | 6 11:30am Worship Team | 7 10:00am Gather to Pray 5:30pm Worship on the Water | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30am Worship Bread of Life Series Led by Doc 10:30am Coffee Fellowship | 12 1:00pm Garden Club 6:30pm WOW | 13 10:00am Prayer Team Ministry | 14 10:00am Gather to Pray 10:00am Connect Team | 15 | 16 10:00am Prayer Shawl | 17 |
| 18 9:30am Worship Bread of Life Series Led by Jon 10:30am Coffee Fellowship | 19 | 20 6:00pm Council Meeting | 21 10:00am Gather to Pray | 22 | 23 ---Rural Music Festival--- | 24 |
| 25 9:30am Worship Bread of Life Series Led by Ellory 10:30am Coffee Fellowship | 26 | 27 | 28 10:00am Gather to Pray | 29 | 30 | 31 |



Notes

Camp Onomia's 26th Annual

Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Celebrating 75 years of outdoor ministry - where we invite you to encounter Christ through creation and community. Special activities are being planned in observance of the camp's 75th anniversary. Follow our website and social media for more celebration details!



Raffle Quilt
85"x 96"
Goshen Star
Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction.
You do not need to be present to win.

- ◆ Live Quilt Auction
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Raffle Quilt

SCHEDULE:

11:00 AM: Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin in Friendship Hall

Noon: Lunch with free-will offering

1:00 PM: Live Quilt Auction begins

2:30 PM: Silent Auction ends

3:00 PM: Raffle Quilt drawing

Come and stay for the Celebration!

We welcome guests overnight on both Friday and Saturday, September 20th and 21st. \$40 per person per night.

Come early, stay late, make some new friends, and experience this amazing setting in God's creation! Friday night includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday; Saturday night includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Register online or call for reservations

Camp Onomia

14202 Shakopee Lake Road, Onamia, MN 56359

Phone: 320-532-3767

Website: camponomia.org

Email: camponomia@gmail.com



View an online preview of the quilts!

www.camponomia.org/quilts

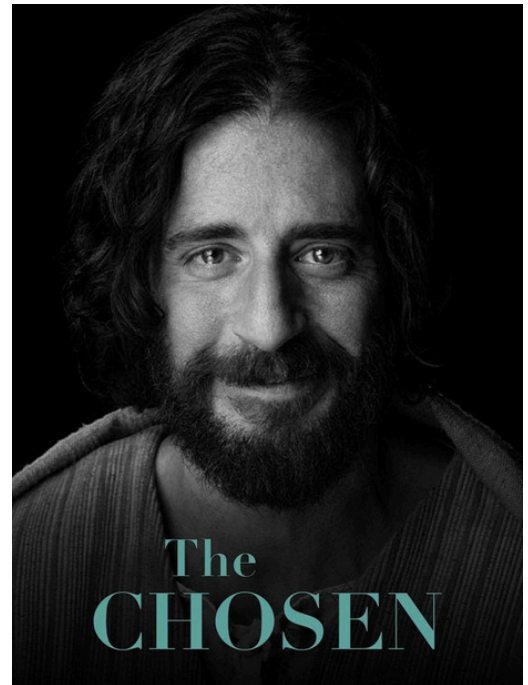
LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY'S AT 9AM, STARTING SEPT 24

Dive deeper into the weekly lectionary teachings.

Grow your spirituality and biblical knowledge with Pastor Josh.

Join every week or pop in when you can.

If you are interested in this being an online series as well, let Pastor Josh know.



The CHOSEN

8 Week Series
Starting Sept 23
Monday's at 5:30pm

SEPTEMBER 11TH STARTING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

MUSIC 5:30PM

DINNER 5:50PM

FAITH IN ACTION

6:10PM

CONFIRMATION

6:30PM

YOUTH GROUP

7:45PM

LIL FAITH IN ACTION

PRE-K +

KINDERGARTENERS

BIG FAITH IN ACTION

1-6 GRADERS

If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday, please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!

SERVERS for Worship August 2024

Scripture Readers:

August 4 - Karen Gabriel
 August 11 - Karen Gabriel
 August 18 - Judy Halvorson
 August 25 - Doug Halvorson

Acolytes:

August 4 - Aidan Heise
 August 11 - Karsen Holscher
 August 18 - Rylan Heise
 August 25 - Blake Larson

Ushers:

August 4 - Al & Sue Gustner
 August 11 - Al & Sue Gustner
 August 18 - Doug & Judy Halvorson
 August 25 - Doug & Judy Halvorson

Communion Assistants:

August 4 - Al & Sue Gustner
 August 11 - Al & Sue Gustner
 August 18 - Doug & Judy Halvorson
 August 25 - Doug & Judy Halvorson

Greeters:

August 4 - Curt & Di Miller
 August 11 - Curt & Di Miller
 August 18 - Dorothy Haggberg
Shari Strecker
 August 25 - Dorothy Haggberg
Shari Strecker

Coffee Servers:

August 4 - Diane Gibas
Karen Gabriel
 August 11 - Joanne Anderson
Glenda Theis
 August 18 - Gabby Perkio
Katie & Livia Raverty
 August 25 - Ellory Christianson
Cheryl TenBruin

Thank You for Serving!

