



Weekly Announcements

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

For the Week of June 26, 2022

JUNE 26 – COOKOUT

Save the date for a Better Together Cookout on June 26 after Worship at Audubon Park. For the last several months, Mt. Carmel and Gustavus Adolphus have been talking about the ways that we can be Better Together. Building strong relationships takes intentional time together, and we want to bring our two communities together this summer to keep building on our connection. We have reserved a room with tables chairs and refrigerators, so we can gather rain or shine. We'll provide hot dogs and all the fixings plus coffee and beverages. If you wish, bring a snack or your favorite picnic food to share. If you have questions, or would like to offer a hand, contact Nick Tangen at nick@nicholastangen.com or Leona at onondave@yahoo.com.

DONATE TO MEALS ON WHEELS

This month's Third Sunday ministry partner is Eastside Meals on Wheels. As food prices increase, the need for meal deliveries has grown. Our neighbors rely on this service to help keep them in their homes. Unfortunately, food costs and high demand for service has pushed the program to its limit. Eastside Meals on Wheels is set to run out of funds in July. Please give generously so deliveries can continue as scheduled. You can place your special offering in the pew envelope and mark the Third Sunday box. If you give online, please let the office know so we can direct your gift to the right place.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. The new schedule is Monday-Thursday, 10:00-2:00 p.m.

COMMUNION UPDATE

We have returned to receiving Communion at the front of the Sanctuary! Please come forward when the usher invites you. Servers will wear masks and gloves. If you're not comfortable communing this way, please stay seated and continue to use the kits available in the Narthex.

FITNESS CLASS

Mt. Carmel is hosting a community fitness class on Wednesday mornings in the Narthex. Class meets at 10:00 a.m. for an hour of chair yoga with teacher Ginny Snow. Class is free and all are welcome. Contact the office if you'd like more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/26 Vicki Bowers
6/27 Scott Wetterland
6/28 Trina Benedict

SCAM ALERT!

Watch out for scam emails. Your pastor will not ask you for money via email. If you are unsure about a message, give us a call!

MT. CARMELITES CO-ED SOFTBALL

The Mt Carmelites are having a lot of fun this season. Thank you to our fans! We will continue with our appreciation nights the rest of the season treating our fans to snacks and drinks. Come cheer on your team!

Next Game June 28 7p.m. vs Swingers

Location: Lions Park Softball Field at Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton

Questions Diane Langer 612-718-4229

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- The family of Virginia Schaal, who passed away June 12
- Al Erickson, recovering from surgery
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, receiving wound care and transitioning back to live in her group home

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office. If you would like the pastor to be aware of your prayer concerns but do not want them named publicly, please be sure to note that. Please provide an update to the office every 3 weeks if you want your request to remain on our prayers list.

HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Marion Harris, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol

REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/give or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex by the elevator. The cost of one bouquet is \$27. You may pick up the flowers following the service.



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PRAYER CHAIN

To lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.



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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.

Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW 768

Refrain:

**Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]**
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting allmy trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]**
- 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without.... thy sight to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]**

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

C: **Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:51-62

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 (Verses 1-2, 4-5)

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?**

- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- L: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.
A brief silence.
- L: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict, especially in Ukraine. God of grace,
- C: **hear our prayer.**
- L: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying, especially..... Uphold those who grieve.

Attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

MEAL

- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead**

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the distribution words:

**P: This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L: Let us pray: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
C: Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

**P: The God of peace, Father, ⁺Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today

Presiding.....	Rev. Christine Wenzel
Music Director.....	Ruth Bills
Altar Guild	Janell Partyka
Liturgist	Barbara Johnson
Lector	Karen Moeller
Soundboard Tech	Paul Lathrop
Usher.....	Rich Feist
Mini-Bus Driver	Rick Labandz

Altar Flowers are given by Rich and Sue Feist in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

No Coffee Fellowship today. Please join us at Audubon Park for a cookout with Gustavus Adolphus!

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

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This little Light of Mine

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