

## American Cancer Relay for Life

The Chisago County Am. Cancer Relay for Life will again have an event on Wed., Aug. 18, 6-10pm at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City. We will have food, music, and a display of hundreds of candle lit luminary bags honoring and memorializing persons who have been affected by cancer. Please consider donating and joining us at this beautiful, full moon event.

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[www.relayforlife.org/chisagomn](http://www.relayforlife.org/chisagomn)

## Third Grade Bibles

We safely delivered Bibles to all of our third and fourth graders in June, some of them during our worship services, some of them following worship at their homes. Congratulations to our young Bible recipients: Zachary P., Tristan S., John K., Isabelle H., and Aiden V. Happy Bible reading!

but the fruit of the Spirit is  
**love, JOY, peace**  
patience, kindness, goodness  
faithfulness, gentleness, and  
self-control.  
Galatians 5:22

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## Wyoming United Methodist Church

# Messenger

July 2021

### Our Pastor Intern

Alaina Boettcher, our pastor intern for the summer (until August 8) has been doing a lot of learning, leading and growing. Meeting weekly with Pastor Holly, plus meeting weekly with the other pastor interns across Minnesota this summer, we are focused on five areas of learning and growing: Preaching/Leading Bible Study, Planning/Leading Worship, Social Justice/Community Outreach, Leadership Development/Discipleship Ministry, and Pastoral Care. By the time she finishes the internship on August 8, Alaina will have had experiences in all five areas, helping her in her discernment process as she learns more about local church ministry and her role in it going forward. So far, she has really enjoyed getting to see the behind-the-scenes ministry at Wyoming Church.

### Missions Donation Opportunity in July

Our focus for many years has been helping families experiencing homelessness in our area through the work of the St. Andrews Family Shelter in Hugo and the New Pathways program in Cambridge. Your mission team will be meeting soon, in part to gauge when we might begin to help "in person" once again, but for now we have the chance to help the Cambridge families with FOOD. The three families currently in the program are staying at a motel in Princeton, paid for by New Pathways. Some nearby churches have been providing meals for the families. We are a LONG way from Princeton so the shelter is asking for help in the form of food gift cards. If you send or bring a financial donation to church and mark it NEW PATHWAYS, we can help you provide meals for our neighbors in need. Your generosity is appreciated so very much! Thank you!

-WUMC Missions Team



### Worship Services in July

This month we are finishing up our series of sermons on the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Although probably none of us have ever been called apostles, we are disciples of Jesus Christ, followers of the one who started the Christian Movement. As we continue our look at what the disciples were able to do in the days and years following Jesus' departure, we get clues about how we can be effective as a church community as we emerge from the pandemic.

#### July 4

Christian Integrity  
Acts 5:1-11

#### July 11

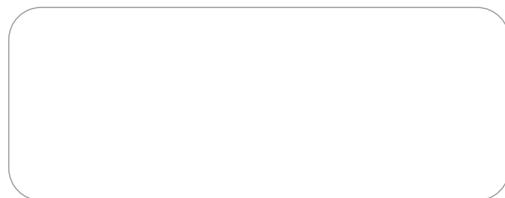
A Change in Plans  
Acts 9:1-19a

#### July 18

Division, Diversity, and Oneness  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26

#### July 25

Measuring Our Words  
James 3:5-12  
Rev. Marty Rath, Guest Preacher



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## July Celebrations



### Birthdays

- 7/7 Ryan R.
- 7/9 Cameron J.  
Jack L.  
Troy S.
- 7/11 Dan I.
- 7/12 Dela P.
- 7/13 Alec A.
- 7/14 Logan K.
- 7/15 Deb M.
- 7/19 Jim K.
- 7/20 Alex S.
- 7/23 Colleen H.  
Kaye L.  
Austin S.
- 7/28 Michelle J.

### Anniversaries

- 7/14 Ron & Barb L.
- 7/17 John & Holly K.
- 7/25 Dave & Jan F.
- 7/29 Ed & Karen K.

\*If you do not see your special date, please let Michelle know: office.wyomingumc@gmail.com

## From the Pastor . . .

Happy July everybody!

Included in this newsletter is a map called Journey Toward Vitality. It was a map we worked with during June's Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It has four quadrants: Rooted in Jesus, Grounded in Wesleyan Theology, Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation, and Inclusive of All Persons. I encourage you to look at the map and figure out where you feel you are right now in each of those quadrants. Where are you in the Rooted in Jesus quadrant—Courageous Cove or Fear Peak? Where are you in Grounded in Wesleyan Theology—Wilderness Beach or Grace Land? Continue on by looking at the final two quadrants and after you've recognized where you are with different parts of your life, reflect on what that means for your life. For example, if you're in Grief Gulley, mourning the losses of the past year, what do you need to find healing so that you can move forward? If you feel like you're in Safe Harbor, what do you need to do to journey toward the Prairie of Possibility or the Valley of Vulnerability?

Take just five minutes with the map and find where you are on it and where you would like to go next.

As we emerge from the coronavirus and all its restrictions, we are continuing to be careful about what we do together and paying attention to the bishop's guidelines about safe gathering. We're grateful that over 80 percent of the current worshipping community is able to be vaccinated and is vaccinated so that we can continue to worship safely without masks. Some of those who haven't had the chance to get vaccinated are wearing masks.

Well done, good and faithful servants, for all that you have done and continue to do to support your brothers and sisters in Christ. If this experience over the past year has taught us nothing else, it has taught us that we depend on each other and that we live and pray and worship in community, not just a collection of individuals, but an intentional community that gathers for the purpose of bringing God's kingdom, God's reign, ever so slightly closer to a lived reality in our midst.

Peace be with you all.

~ Pastor Holly

