

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, July 4: Norm Roffey, Emily Granata, Chloe Estavil


Tuesday, July 6: Jerry Goodman, Peri Decker

Thursday, July 8: Linda Andreassen, Olivia Catlin

Friday, July 9: Carol Bushnell, Sandy Fahy, Ally Wolf

Saturday, July 10: Bridgette Ulrich, Amy Schultz, James Towel

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Eleanor Cicerchi



In Loving Memory of Richard H. Tomb and Phillip Cicerchi

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2021 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:


(9:00) Spencer & Ann Briggs

(11:00) Jessie Loy, Roger Snay & Dan Hyden

USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Babs Bailey

(11:00) Eleanor Cicerchi & Dee Rivers



Ushers & Greeters

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Galatians 5:1

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

Cindy Huffman will be leading a study of the prophet, Jeremiah, featuring the book by Matthew S. Harmon. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lu-cindyl@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link.

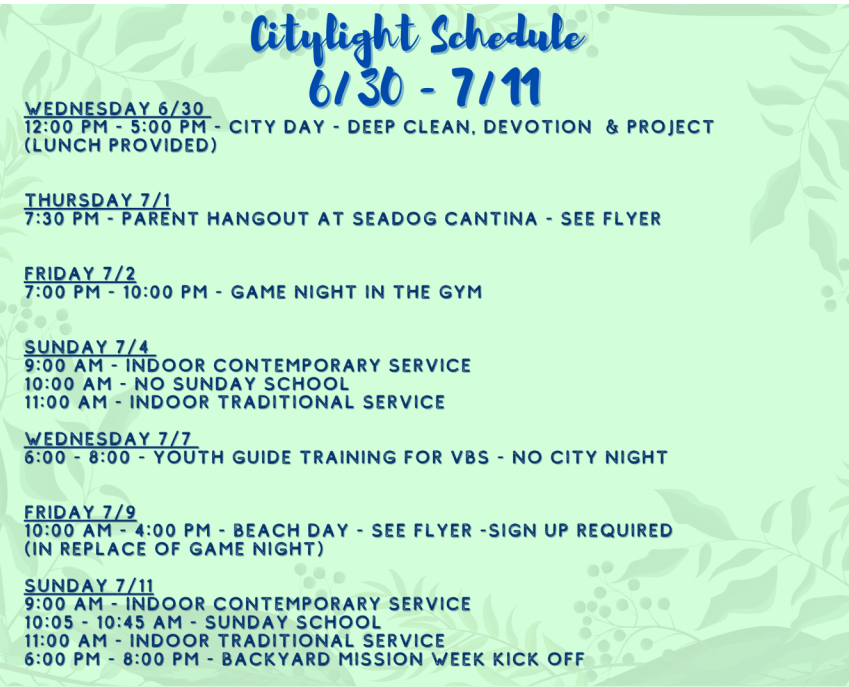
Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer. We will meet again starting in September. Please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vick-ilee33@aol.com if you have any questions.

Fresh Brewed, led by Louise Mylin

Fresh Brewed will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/cc335d8cc091/citylightupdate-6512047>

Welcome To

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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 4, 2021
6th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP
OPENING VOLUNTARY “America the Beautiful Medley”
(God of Our Fathers) arr. Sharon Wilson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We draw near to the one, true God who rules over all nations.
People: Righteousness and compassion exalt a nation, but sin and oppression bring misery and shattered dreams.
Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.
People: We will celebrate the goodness of God and proclaim the good news that in Jesus Christ we have been set free.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #337 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” AMERICA
(stanzas 1,2,4)
My Country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrill like that above.

Our Fathers’ God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedoms holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, your word makes it clear that “it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” Yet we confess that far too often we not live out the reality of that freedom in our lives. Instead we too easily embrace the illusion that true freedom is doing what we want, when we want. In your grace, forgive us and free us to obey your life-giving commands and to faithfully do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED (Together)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM “Battle Hymn of the Republic” arr. Roy Ringwald
Michele White, Soloist;
Four-Hand Piano, Linda Pointer & Katharine Vennink

WE GROW IN THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READINGS John 17: 6-11, 17-19; Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)
SERMON “True Freedom”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” MATERNA
(stanzas 1,2)
O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thy every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty and law!

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND
THE SHARING OF THE CUP
(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

COMMUNION HYMN #530 “One Bread, One Body”
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
*HYMN #340 “This Is My Song” FINLANDIA
(stanzas 1,3)
This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations,
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

*BENEDICTION
CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Finale: Star Spangled Banner” Charles Callahan
(From Patriotic Suite)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.
Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“America/My Country ‘Tis of Thee”
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISE SONG
“America, the Beautiful/
O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”
VIDEO
“The Word on Freedom”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“For Our Freedom”
by Larry Stephen
SCRIPTURES
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Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)
MESSAGE
“True Freedom”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”
GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU