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Facebook page or YouTube and connect with the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling

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Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

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August 8th, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** God Welcomes All x3 #399

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 93)**

One: The Lord is our ruler, God is robed in majesty!

All: The Lord is robed in majesty, God is girded with strength.

One: God established the world. It will never be moved.

All: God is more majestic than the crashing of the mighty waters, more majestic than the waves on Superior and the sea.

One: God, your decrees are very sure.

All: May we recognize that God is present, no matter what is going on, our God is with us.

***HYMN** Break Thou the Bread of Life #460

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God who loves us despite our complaints:

We confess that we often complain about you and our circumstances.

We confess that sometimes we believe we need to do more to earn a relationship with you.

We confess that life is difficult. Often we find it easier to not praise but spurn you.

We want to love you God,

We want to believe,

We want to follow faithfully.

It's difficult.

When we feel like we can't make it on our own we want to give up.

When we try to follow and can't, it makes us weary and tired.

Remind us though, that God is with us, remind us that God will never leave or forsake us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Angry at God, sad about God not changing your circumstances, waiting for God to do what God said they'd do? It is understandable! God promises to be around, God promises to be involved but we don't always feel it or witness it at work. Still, God loves us, desires a relationship with us and still presents Godself to us. God forgives us over and over again, and so we repeat in light of the gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may connect with others in a way that is comfortable with you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Dustin Anderson
Exodus 16:4-9,31-36

SERMON "What If I Told You?: Despite Our Best Efforts..."

New Testament Reading

Rev. Brett M Foote
John 6:35, 41-51

***HYMN** Here I Am Lord #69

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

Alex Sandor
#647

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what

the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who continues to show up , we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. In each and every gift we give, whether it be time, talents, or treasures, may we reflect Christ to others. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** What a Friend We Have in Jesus #465

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:4-9,31-36

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’

Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.” ’

The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. Moses said, ‘This is what the Lord has commanded: “Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, in order that they may see the food with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.” ’ And Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a jar, and put an omer of manna in it, and place it before the Lord, to be kept throughout your generations.’ As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the covenant, for safe-keeping. The Israelites ate manna for forty years, until they came to a habitable land; they ate manna, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan. An omer is a tenth of an ephah.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/8

**10:00 AM Morning Worship
Coffee Break following service**

MONDAY 8/9

TUESDAY 8/10

**4:15 PM Mission Committee
6 PM Softball**

WEDNESDAY 8/11

**12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)
4 PM Fellowship & Outreach Meeting
4-6 PM CSA Pickup
6:15 PM Finance Committee**

THURSDAY 8/12

5:30 PM B&G Meeting

FRIDAY 8/13

SATURDAY 8/14

5-8 PM Arts Gala

Birthdays This Week

8/11 Sandy LeMieux
8/13 Mary Voss

LOOKING AHEAD

**August 10 Softball
August 14 Arts Gala
August 28 Wilderness Adventure Retreat**

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. If you’d like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

SOFTBALL

UPC led 6-1 early, but falls 27-12 vs Darrow Road. Bill #24 and Jay #2 homered for UPC in the game. Laura Foote stepped in and had a hit for UPC!



CONTACTING US

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

On that note, our phone is on the fritz due to a number of reasons, so if you're attempting to reach us and are struggling to get through, please call again later, or email us. The phone has also been randomly disconnecting, so if we hang up on you, know that we are sorry, and please try again!

COFFEE HOUR

This month, Fellowship & Outreach's coffee hour will be moved to the third Sunday of the month. The second Sunday will be done by the Presbyterian Women. If any other groups or committees would like to take the other Sundays, they are welcome to do so.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

WILDERNESS ADVENTURE RETREAT

August 28th is our Wilderness Adventure Retreat at the Lake Nebagamon YMCA camp. We have use of the camp between 11-5. F&O will provide some light breakfast snack items upon arrival and a campfire meal later in the afternoon. We will enjoy some games, arts and crafts, walking, lots of singing and fellowship, and possibly some water activities. Everyone is invited to come and play or to just to visit with one another. All ages are invited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PDA BAGS

Good news! 50 PDA bags are ready to be filled. Due to a very generous donation last summer, we already have enough pencils. The first of the school supplies ad will be appearing soon.

PDA School Kit Supplies

- 1—Pair of blunt scissors (blunt tip)
- 3—70-count spiral notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)
- 1—30 centimeter ruler (12 inches)
- 1—Hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1—Large eraser
- 1—Box of 24 crayons

Please donate only items on this list, as some of the bags may need to go through customs, and PDA has clearance for the bags filled this way.

Thank you!

WEEDING

We need some help weeding the landscaped area on the side facing 28th street. If you feel up to helping with that, make sure to bring gloves (they are prickly), and swing by anytime to help out! If you have any questions, you may contact Beth Lisak.

ARTS GALA

As many of you are aware, a few members of our congregation have teamed up with members from Bethel Lutheran to make art over the summer with pen pals from Harbor House. They've been working hard, and are all very excited to show everybody their hard work! Their work will be shown at a Gala hosted at United Presbyterian on August 14th from 5-8 PM, with food from JamRock Cultural and Mocktails from the Spirit Room. There will also be an opportunity to bid on some of the art in a silent auction. All proceeds will be going towards supporting those affected by homelessness here in the Twin Ports.

The menu from JamRock is as follows: Jerk Wings with a mango Chamoy sauce, mac n cheese balls (fire balls), and shrimp fritters

If you would like to attend the Gala, tickets are \$15, and will be available to via a link available on Facebook, in your emails, or below, as well as at the door the night of the event, and before and after church services. Children under 12 are free. We hope to see you there!

Ticket Link: www.eventbrite.com/e/gallery-night-to-benefit-harbor-house-tickets-162187754941

God Welcomes All 399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

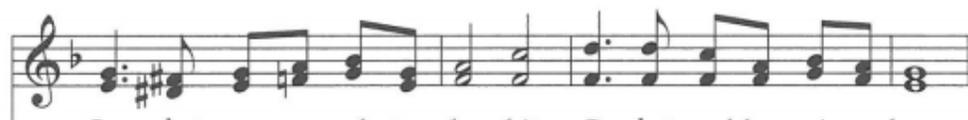
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1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all - be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

