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Worship Services

Sunday 9:30 am

Contemporary 4:30pm

Upcoming:

Family Dinner—July 30

VBS July 24-28

Family Dinner—August 20



From the desk of our Pastor...

A Time for Freedom—A Prayer for July

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

For the Christian in the United States of America, July is a time of vacations, picnics and freedom. This freedom goes beyond a national policy or a style of life where everyone can do as they please to this very basic reality of who we are; of who God has created us to be. Ours is a freedom to be for God and for one another. We are free to serve God and one another, free from the bonds of sin that would hold us tightly into ourselves. In our work this July let us remember our freedom—as a nation and as forgiven individuals who are free to serve and to love.

An Invocation

We begin in the name of the Father, source of our freedom and of the Son, who died that we might be free and of the Holy Spirit, who continually inspires freedom in us.
Amen.

A Time to Sing

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand Thro' storm and night! When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by Thy great might. For her our prayer shall rise to God above the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, to Thee aloud we cry, God save the State!

The Scriptures Speak on Freedom

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast, therefore and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love

your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.
Galatians 5:1, 13-15

A Time To Pray

Brothers and sisters, for freedom Christ has set us free! Let us give thanks, therefore, for our freedom—so obvious that we think it insignificant too often; so plenteous that we can ignore it; so constant that we could not imagine living without it. For the freedoms we share, gifts from you, we praise and thank you, Lord.

Let us ask forgiveness for those times and ways when we would forsake our freedom for a yoke of slavery. When we would oppress others in order to further our own ends, forgive us, Lord. When we would use our freedom as a license for selfish excess, forgive us, Lord. When we would neglect our freedom through failure to vote and involve ourselves in the affairs of our nation, forgive us, Lord.

In all our weakness we ask, that you forgive us, Lord. Let us pray for those whose freedom is not complete. For the poor of the earth who suffer with no release, for Christians in so many lands who are yet martyred for their faith, for all those whose worship of God cannot be tolerated by evil people, for those captive by sin, addition and the yokes of personal slavery, for all captives of the earth, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Give us freedom, Lord. And give us the grace to thank and to praise, to serve and obey you, and to share this freedom with all people everywhere.

A Brief Closing

Let us go forth in peace, remembering Jesus our Lord. He was freed to serve those he loved, to serve us unto death. Let us go forth to rest, renewing ourselves for this same freedom, giving thanks to God for his mercies and faithfully serving him forever. My brothers and sisters, go in peace; serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

J is for July. J is for Jehovah-nissi (The Lord is my banner.) J is for Just.

A is for August. A is for Adonai (God is Lord over all.) A is for Almighty.

Our God is guided by truth, reason, justice & fairness in the way we are dealt with; He is Just & Almighty! We are on His team & His banner over us is Love!

May we all remember that we are on the winning team no matter what happens & we can F.R.O.G. & D.O.G. That is fully rely on God & depend on God! Here's to a lovely summer of remembering who we are & Whose we are!

Mrs. Z

Isaiah 26:3

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28

9am to noon

702 G St., Blaine

To Register e-mail office@bglutheran.com



Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8
9	10		11	12		13	14	15
	16	17	18	19		20	21	22
	23	24		25	26		27	28
29	30		31	32	33		34	35
36	37		38	39	40	41	42	43
44		45	46	47	48	49	50	51

SERVANTS	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Hannah	Caeden	Caitlyn	Caeden
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann	Carolyn & Ann
SCRIPTURE READERS	Lenore Onyon	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	April Mouw	Sandie Miller	Dan Persse
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
COMMUNION ASST.	Steve Roe		Lenore Onyon		Dick Johnson
FLOWERS					



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV


The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2023 Actual Jan—May	2023 Budget
Income	132,878	96,740
Expenses	<u>114,420</u>	<u>105,920</u>
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	18,458	(9,180)

SERVANTS	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Steve	Caeden	Hannah
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl	Patty & Cheryl
SCRIPTURE READERS	Caeden	Gwynne Fowler Briggs	April Mouw	Sandie Miller
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
COMMUNION ASST.	Dennis Wildermuth		Sandie Miller	
FLOWERS				

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	24 VBS 9-12	25 VBS 9-12	26 VBS 9-12	27 VBS 9-12	28 VBS 9-12 Pastor Convention →	29
30 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School Family Dinner	31 Pastor Convention					

BIRTHDAYS

1 Gail Wildermuth
 3 Noel Liebert
 Ella (Hrutfjord)
 5 Amanda Craig
 Clarissa Renskers
 7 Carolyn Higby
 Cora Dickey
 8 Ruth Skeete
 12 Mark Halldorson
 13 Carole Aguirre
 Steve Phelps McDonald
 15 Dan Dehnke Sr.
 16 Andrew Onyon

17 Max Shelton
 18 Jacquie Robbins
 Rachel Johnson
 Dalton Mouw
 19 Ron Scott
 21 P.J. Aguirre
 Tamie Phelps
 22 Mark Galbraith
 Bud Halldorson
 23 Pam Markusen
 Craig McDonald
 24 Mary Johnson
 25 Angus Pratt

26 Susan Halldorson
 28 April Mouw
 29 Lenore Onyon
 31 Colleen Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Lary & Nancy Breitbarth
 11 P.J. & Carole Aguirre
 22 James & Anna Aguirre
 30 David & Jean Archer

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 — Pastor Convention	2	3 — Secretary Vacation	4	5
6 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	7	8	9	10 — Pastor Vacation	11	12
13 9:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Pastor Vacation			
20 9:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School Family Dinner	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Pastor Vacation			
27 9:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & Sunday School	28	29	30	31		

BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Marlis Lisiecki | 15 Dick Johnson |
| 5 Nancy Breitbarth | 16 John Liebert |
| 6 Marijo Galbraith | 21 Karen Halldorson |
| Steve Nelson | Logan Liebert |
| 7 JJ Liebert | 25 David Archer |
| 14 Jason Wildermuth | 26 Faith Mateer |
| Paul Thompson | 27 Conner Hrutfiord |
| Kitira Mouw | 30 Valerie Renskers |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Carole Liebert
- 2 Dennis & Gail Wildermuth
- 3 Jeff & Rika Kent
- 5 Richard & Shauna Johnson
- 6 Brian & Amy Matta
- 14 Vicki & Mike See
- 15 Jared & Nicole Liebert
- 17 Roy & Carol Delong
- 19 Steve & Kristi Galbraith
- 26 George & Susan Holmes
- 31 Tim & Susan Allen