



JULY-AUGUST 2021

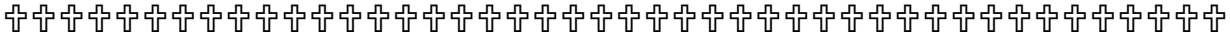


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He remembers his **Testament** forever,
the **Word** he appointed for a thousand generations
Psalm 105:8(JP)

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“Telling the good News about Jesus-In Burt, Iowa, and the World”



Coming Soon: A Continuous Reading of Ephesians

Throughout the history of the Church congregations have used three basic models for how they receive the Word of God when they gather.

The first of these is the lectionary model. A lectionary is a collection of appointed readings for every Sunday or for every day which repeats yearly or every few years. Many lectionaries, such as the one we use, narrate the life of Christ from Advent through Easter, and then highlights important teachings and miracles of Jesus in the season called either Pentecost, Trinity, or “ordinary time”.

The second model for regularly receiving God’s Word is the topical model. In this set-up, weekly or daily readings are organized around certain themes or doctrines of the Church. For instance, we might hear readings related to the Catechism during our midweek services in Lent, or hear prophecies of Jesus’ birth during Advent.

The third model for hearing God’s Word at church is sometimes called a “continuous reading” of Scripture. In this model a congregation hears an entire book of the Bible verse-by-verse from start to finish.

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From July 11 through August 29 we have the opportunity, with some slight modifications to our lectionary readings, to experience a continuous reading of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. I will also be preaching on Ephesians for this two month period. This continuous reading of Ephesians will give us the opportunity on Sunday mornings to, hopefully, be able to understand with greater clarity the setting in which this letter was written and the fullness of Paul's train of thought. Having a better grasp of the content of Ephesians will give a greater sting to the law and a greater sweetness to the gospel than we might otherwise receive from a small, disconnected group of verses.

Now that you know what is coming on Sunday mornings for July and August, you will also be able to open up Ephesians at home and reflect on what you just heard at church as well as prepare to hear the next section on Sunday. Any Bible will be great for this, but I would also recommend reading along in a Lutheran Study Bible for added help with any of the context or concepts which are unfamiliar to you. If you do not own a Lutheran Study Bible, you are welcome to borrow one from St. John's!

God bless you as you receive God's Word of Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians this Summer.

Pastor Thomas Cowell
Season of Pentecost, Anno Domini 2021



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – David Haase
2– Bailey Marlow
3 – Kali Karels
6 – John Cherland
6 – Joel Smith
6 – Debra Steven
8 – Bruce Heetland
9 – Caradene Parsons
11 – Jordan Blocker
12 – Patricia Lavrenz
12 – Craig Steven
13 – Breckin Borchardt
13 – Del Reutzel
15 – Pat Eimers
20 – Barb Meyer
20 – Halie Reimers
22 – Marcia Hanna
22 – Kenna Rae Hatten
22 – Jeff Schutjer
24 – Alex Feuring
24 – Wilma Smith
29 – Joseph Heyes
31 – Janice Schaeller



Special Seniors

Caradene Parsons – July 9
Pat Eimers – July 15
Barb Meyer – July 20
Wilma Smith – July 24
Janice Schaeller – July 31
Mary Schmidt – August 14
Vernal Koestler – August 25
Red Madsen – August 25
Doris Nutt Gifford – August 28
Peggy Schadendorf – August – 30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 – Wade Briggs
4 – Esther Lavrenz
5 – Penny Cowell
8 – Joseph Culbertson
13 – Chris Heyes
14 – Stan Eimers
14 – Linda Huber
14 – Linda Kerkove
14 – Mary Schmidt
15 – Mary Steven
19 – Ben Borchardt
19 – Pam Crosser
20 – Denise Shipler
21 – Randy Reimers
23 – Micah Lavrenz
23 – Vickie Madsen
25 – Rachel Feuring
25 – Vernal Koestler
25 – Merlin Madsen
26 – Sylvia Loken
26 – Ryder Parsons
28 – Connie Aaron
28 – Doris Nutt Gifford
29 – Nick Symonds
30 – Michelle Feuring
30 – Peggy Schadendorf
31 – Marvin Heidecker
31 – Linda Peter



FUNERALS

Pam Madsen

March 9, 194-May 27, 2021

Service: June 1, 2021

Interment: Burt Township Cemetery

Wendell Christensen Sr.

December 19, 1936-June 15, 2021

Service: June 18, 2021

Interment: Buffalo Township Cemetery