

“Reflecting God’s generosity by serving and caring.”

# THE EPIPHANY STAR

## National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2  
from 5:00-7:00pm



Join us as we partner with the Eagle Lake Area Lions Club to put on this free event! Epiphany’s parking lot will host the police squad, fire truck, games, prizes, and food. The free will offering for food will be given to the Little Pantry.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

## Back to School Blessing



Sunday, August 14 during worship  
Sunday, September 11 during worship

Due to having such a wide variation in school start dates this year, we will have two opportunities to bless students and school staff as they prepare to go back to school! Whether starting the first year of preschool, the final year of your doctoral dissertation, or anything in between, we want to take time to pray for and bless your school year. We also want to bless teachers and school staff!

## Annual Church Deep Clean *LET’S HAVE FUN WITH THIS!*

During the month of August, the Generosity Committee is asking the congregation members to help with the annual deep cleaning of the church, but not without offering something in return for your generous work towards keep our building clean and inviting!

Start looking for the sign-up sheets for an area of the church you would like to concentrate on. Make your own team of 4-6 people or sign up along with a team that is already in place. Come up with a unique team cleaning name i.e., Dirt Devils, Dust Busters, Powder puffs, Property pounders, are some names you can use.

You have the month of August to complete your task. When you are done, your team will receive a \$50 gift card of your choice to Eagle’s Nest, Dairy Queen, Michaels, or Eagle Express. If you choose to do the cleaning and not take a gift card, \$50 will be given to The Little Pantry for supplies. It’s a win for all!

After you sign up your team, you will need to contact a council member for the use of the church key. Cleaning supplies will be ready for you in the supply room. Bring your team, a bunch of cleaning rags, some music, hydration, and the job will get done quicker than you think! Turn your key back in, and you will receive your gift card. Your team can celebrate their hard work. Thank you for serving your church in this very dirty but important way! We appreciate YOU!

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## August 2022

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*Sunday Worship  
9:00 a.m.*

*View Online Worship on  
Facebook or the  
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# Abide with Me

By Pastor Sarah Deutsch

*“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.” John 15:4*

The hymn *Abide with Me* (ELW 629) was first sung at the funeral of its composer in 1847. It was written by a pastor named Henry Lyte who was in failing health, and was penned just weeks before he died.

The word “abide” is one of those words that we do not use all that often apart from at church. If you google the definition it means to “accept or act in accordance with (a rule, decision, or recommendation)”. However, the Greek word used in scripture is so much more than that. In Scripture, it is an active verb. It is not a feeling or a belief, but something that we do. It means to “remain” or “stay”.

Abiding in Jesus is a continuous action. And it is extremely difficult to do because there are so many other things vying for our attention and time. But our relationship with God is not one-sided. Jesus abides in you. Jesus, *the word*, actively remains with you. God cares for you so deeply that he actively pursues you, even when you are not actively pursuing him. We are able to remain in God, because God chooses first to remain in us.

I think that is why I love the hymn “Abide with me” so much, and why learning the story of its composition made me like it even more. It was written by a very sick man, asking God to remain and stay with him, through life and death, through change and darkness, through cloud and sunshine. Through all things, God actively

remains with you, seeking you out and persisting even when you do not.

In the fifteenth chapter of John, the NRSV translation of the Bible uses the word “abide” ten times in the first ten verses. Jesus uses the illustration of branches coming off of a grape vine to show that if the vine and the branches do not remain together, no fruit will grow.

Because the vine is there, the branches can flourish and produce good fruit.

Because Jesus is there, you too can flourish and produce good things in this world.

Jesus speaks with authority and tells us we must abide in him. But he does not say, “If you abide in me, then I will abide in you.”



It is the other way around. Because Jesus abides in you, because Jesus seeks you out and remains with you, you are able to abide in him.

And like a branch that is firmly attached to a good vine, you are able to produce fruit (i.e. good works), for your neighbor.

There is so much “change and decay” happening in our world. As our political landscape, world

economy, and the relationships around us ebb and flow it is easy to feel fearful. But God is unchanging, shining through shadows of this world, and has overcome death so that you may have a safe place to remain for all time.

God is the one who supplies us with all good things, that we may in turn share them with others. Even on our worst days, God is actively coming to us and staying with us. Death is not an ending but a moment in time with God. Sickness and fear do not win the day, because God has chosen to abide with you, now and forever.

No matter what comes in this life, you will triumph over the grave, because God has chosen to abide with you.



## 2nd Sunday Youth Group

Sunday, August 14

Middle School: 3:00-4:30pm

High School: 4:30-6:00pm

Join us for our final summer youth group event! We will enjoy root beer floats, play games, and talk about some of the challenges that going back to school can bring to the our lives. We would love to have an adult volunteer with each group. Please speak with Pastor Sarah if you are interested in hanging out with these awesome youth!



## Blood Drive

Monday, August 8th

1:00-6:00pm in the Community Room

Contact Jim Enz with questions



## Scraftin' Event

Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1

A scraftin' event fundraiser is being planned—our theme is “Bees”. Make plans now to attend and help spread the news to friends and family. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used in support of the General Fund. To make this event a success there are areas that we could use your help: serving meals to our attendees, set up before, clean up after the event, donating supplies or food. We are well known for our hospitality at this event. It's all because of you.

The cost for this retreat is \$35 for Friday (5pm-11pm), \$45 for Saturday (8am-8pm) or \$60 for both Friday and Saturday.

Please contact Vickie Huebl at 380-8425 if you have any questions or would like to be a member of the scraftin' event team.

## Time and Talent Sheets

Please return your time and talent sheets to the church office by Sunday, August 21.

It takes a lot of people for the ministries, events, and programs of Epiphany Lutheran to take place. By filling out the Time and Talent Sheet, we can help fit your gifts and passions to the needs of the congregation and broader community. We also want to keep you informed about happenings that interest you and your family! PLEASE take a few moments to fill this form out as a family. Did you lose your copy? Pick up an extra under the Happenings Board.

## Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 29

Plans are being made for a day long women's retreat to be held at the church on Saturday, October 29. We welcome all women to join us for a relaxing, rewarding weekend. Details on the retreat will be published in future bulletins and newsletters. Please share the news and save the date!

We need your input! We encourage and welcome anyone interested in helping to plan the retreat. A brief planning meeting is planned for Sunday, August 14 following worship. Please contact Becky Overholser (257-3417) if you are interested in helping.

## Bus Trip

“The Church Basement Ladies”  
Ames Center in Burnsville, MN  
Wednesday, September 21



The price per ticket is \$80, which includes your transportation, lunch, and your ticket to the show. The bus will leave from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN at 10:00am. We anticipate returning by 5:00pm. Pick up a registration form at the Happenings Board!



# Fall Education Preview

## Faith Formation

For age 2-grade 5  
Begins Sunday, October 16

Faith Formation is starting again! Whoo hoo!! We are excited to start the year with some exciting stories, music and learning experiences for 2 year olds thru 5th grade! Come all and invite your friends! Keep your eyes and ears open for more updates and volunteer opportunities!

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## Confirmation

For grades 6-8  
Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm  
Parent/Student meeting on Wed. September 7

Confirmation is an educational opportunity for middle school age students to learn more about the Christian faith, while developing an understanding of how their faith impacts their daily life.

## High School Youth Group

For grades 9-12  
Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm  
First meeting will be Wed., September 14

Join us for time each week as we talk about how faith and real life intersect. Come when you can!

## Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 10:15am  
Begins Sunday, September 18

Grab your coffee and treats and join us for time in the scriptures! This year we will study Martin Luther's Small Catechism and discuss how it is still relevant today, beginning with the Ten Commandments.

## Women's Bible Study

First Monday of the month @ 6:30pm

Due to the Labor Day holiday, we will begin in October. Each month we will take up the story of a different woman in scripture.

## Pastor Sarah's Seminars

Fourth Monday of the month @ 6:30pm

Join us for a night of learning each month as we dive into ways that our faith impacts our daily lives.

- September 26  
Citizens of Two Kingdoms-God and Politics
- October 24  
What does it mean to be Lutheran?
- November 28  
The Five Love Languages

### **CHOIR PRACTICE IS STARTING**

***Wed. August 31st | 6:30-7:30pm***

**On Wednesday evening, August 31st at 6:30pm you are invited to the sanctuary for choir rehearsal! If you have thought about being in choir but are not quite sure, this is a great time to come try it out! This choir is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 101! We invite low voices, high voices and everything in-between! I invite back all of our current members as well! If you're concerned about reading music, DON'T BE! Listening and learning works great too! Normal practices will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30pm. YOU ARE WELCOME!**

**~Blessings, Jan Lange  
507-420-4023 | jedlange17@charter.net**

### **ATTENTION 9TH GRADERS**

All 9th graders that are planning on being confirmed this fall need to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Sarah. She would like to meet all of you and talk briefly about what you learned in confirmation.

**Confirmation Sunday is October 30.**



# The scoop of the day!

The latest updates Fairy Tale/Nursery Rhymes Month

We will be learning all the wonderful stories from “A LONG, LONG TIME AGO”. Why did little Jack Horner sit in the corner: Are dragons real? Did the giant make it down the bean pole? So many questions!

We will be reviewing all our Bible Lessons, Colors, Shapes and Numbers.

Yes, we will be going back to Kamp Dells Waterpark on Aug 16th.

This is the last month before school starts. As we are preparing you will see a lot of new things going on with the building, staff and friends.



The School year starts on September 12th this year.



We are looking for a few parents to be on the School Board. It is one night a month and benefits the staff and students when you have a voice in the program.

The Tator Day Parade was so much fun! Thank you to all who helped make it possible!





July 18, 2022

Call to Order: 6:31 pm

Members Present: Amy Ely, Melissa Fisher, Katie Sieberg, Kari Severson, Korey Leiferman, Michael Sorenson, Jan Lange, Duane Anderson, Pastor Sarah Deutsch, Becky Overholser  
Members Absent: None

**Prayerful preparation** – Duane Anderson

**Opening question** – Melissa Fischer

**Agenda review** – Amy Ely made a motion to approve the agenda, Kari Severson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

**Approval of minutes from June 20, 2022 Council Meeting** – Michael Sorenson made a motion approve the meeting minutes with correction to add Becky Overholser to absent, Melissa Fisher seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

**Pastor’s report** – Written report from Pastor Sarah Deutsch.

**Treasurer’s report** - Financial Statement review. See Treasurer’s report for details.

Amy Ely made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Korey Leiferman seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bills to be paid** with and the transfer of \$1,137.53 from General to Building. Michael Sorenson made a motion to approve the Bills to be paid, including the transfer of funds from General to Building, Kari Severson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Preschool Report** – Korey Leiferman – Star Light meeting’s verbal report. Based on review and requests from Council, Star Light will pay \$900/month rather than \$500/month for utilities starting July 1. Next meeting August 9.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Telephone/internet service progress** – Project in front of us got bumped back, so will start once that is complete they will start. Extenders are helping, but still cannot get the full speed we are paying for with Consolidated.

**Annual Cleaning** – Jan is working on a “fun” cleaning competition. Will add to newsletter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**National Night Out** – Have a Thrivent Grant for hotdogs, buns, chips, soda and prizes. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Lions Club is running games, Eagle Lake Police and Fire Department, Star Light providing a treat, face-painter and balloonist coming. Funds raised will go toward Little Pantry.

**Scraftin’ Event September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1** – Will do sign-up sheets for each meal – serving and menu.

**Gas Stipend** – Suggestion to give a gas stipend to both Shelly and Marita given the increased fuel prices. Do it for August, September and October, revisit at October meeting. Korey Leiferman made a motion to give \$20 monthly to Shelly and \$10 to Marita coming from Auto Reimbursement-Mileage budget. Michael Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Storage** – There is paint and stain stored in the storage room that is taking up a lot of space, and not stored



properly. A can of stain was inadvertently spilled recently. Duane will reach out to members he knows have helped paint and find a solution.

**Resignation from Council** – Heidi Johnson has requested to resign from the Council. We feel we can leave the spot open until the next Annual Meeting. Amy Ely made a motion to accept Heidi’s resignation and Michael Sorensen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Next meeting date:** August 15, 2022

**Question:** Katie Sieberg

**Adjourn and close with the Lord’s Prayer**

Motion to adjourn by Amy Ely

Respectfully submitted, Katie Sieberg

The next church council meeting is Aug 15 at 6:30 p.m.



**Financial Report as of June 30, 2022**

**General Fund**

**For the Month:**

Beginning Balance 6/1/2022	\$ 28,579
Monthly Receipts	9,048
Monthly Expenses	<u>(11,570)</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/2022	26,057

**Year to Date:**

Beg Balance 1/1/2022	\$11,157
Year-to-date Receipts	64,033
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>(49,133)</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/22	26,057

**Mortgage Fund**

Beginning Balance 6/1/2022	\$3,403
Income	\$3,011
Expenses	<u>(3,011)</u>
Ending Balance 6/30/2022	\$3,403
Year-to-date Receipts	\$11,592
Year-to-date Transfer from Gen	\$8,140
Year-to-date Expenses	(19,732)

**2022 Church Council**

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# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30  National Night Out from	3 Quilting 9am-11	4 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	5	6
7 Worship at 9:00am	8 Red Cross Blood Drive from 1-6 pm	9 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30  Starlight Board Meeting at 6pm	10 Quilting 9am-11	11 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	12	13
14 Worship at 9:00am with Back to School Blessing  Women’s Retreat planning meeting after worship  2nd Sunday Youth Group 3-4:30 MS 4:30-6 HS	15 Council at 6:30pm	16 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	17 Quilting 9am-11	18 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	19	20
21 Worship at 9:00am  Time & Talents sheets are due!	22	23 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	24 Quilting 9am-11	25 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	26	27
28 Worship at 9:00am	29	30 Exercise Class 9:30 –10:30	31 Choir rehearsal at <u>6:30pm</u> Pastor Sarah will be out of town 8/31/22-9/3/22 _____	1	2	3



### Prayer Requests

All serving in the military, especially Garrison Pfeffer (US Air Force)

Our church family living with cancer: Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker

Hudson Johnson	Dean Rutland	Mitchel Weber	Nate Brunz
Harvey Anderson	Chris Hughes	Barbra Ries (sister of Patty Adams)	Carol Asmus
Linda Kiecker Wyatt (great nephew Linda Kiecker)	Barb Arndt Chris Price (friend of Winnis Buesing)	Ralph Buesing Mark Buesing	Henry Hansen Barb Youell (sister of Marylss Johnson)
Terry Weber Johnson	Matt Anderson	Marlyce Nordby	

### Praises

- Becky Overholser doing the sorting and delivering of the plastic recycling.
- Duane Anderson for finishing the fence in the Preschool play yard.
- To All the quilters and sewers for their continued diligence!
- Melissa & Brooklyn Fisher for their caring of The Pantry!
- Dennis Hallaway for keeping the church yard always looking so nice.
- Ryan Hatfield & Amy & Jaylee Ely for running the projector at worship service.
- All who attended worship last Sunday when Pastor Sarah was installed as our new Pastor. We had a wonderful turnout for the potluck where we shared an abundance of delicious food.
- Linda Arndt, Donna Nielsen, Barb Johnson, and Carol Regnier for preparing the Newsletters for mailing.
- Jim Enz delivered 46 Lbs to Echo Food shelf this month for donations! Thank you to all who donated and to Jim for delivering it!



### In Memory of

Sharon Farinacci ~  
by Enz Family

Gracious God,

As the summer begins to fade, new possibilities lie on the horizon.

Bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as teachers, administrators, and school staff. May this school year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Bless children and youth, along with their parents, as they begin a new school year. May their minds be open to learning and to the wonder of discovery and insight.

Make our schools a safe place of refuge for all who work and learn their.

Be with those who work to transport children to and from school safely.

Grant all of us your wisdom, your patience, and your mercy.

Amen.





### Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
Greeters:	Howard Gibbons & Jolene Dammann	Mike & Linda Arndt		
Reader:	Jane Carter	Lisa Nagel		
Communion Servers:	Duane Anderson & Donna Nielson	Colleen Hall & Lisa Nagel		
Usher:	Jane Carter	Joe Fisher		
Open/Close:	Heidi Johnson & Michael Sorensen	Jan Lange & Melissa Fisher	Kari Severson & Amy Ely	Korey Leiferman & Katie Sieberg
Altar Guild:	Susan Brunz & Carol Regnier	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams	Kathy Gerdes & Cheryl Wellner
Counters:	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber	Dave Overholser & Tom Wellner	Tricia Purrier & Amy Ely	Colleen Hall & Melissa Fisher
Fellowship:	Kieth & Sue Edstrom Joel & Donna Nielsen	Fisher Family Terry Johnson		



The Sunday morning volunteer schedule is created using Time and Talents sheets that have been submitted. If you are unable to help on the morning you are assigned, please trade with someone else!

When possible, please notify the church office of changes in the schedule.

### Volunteer of the month

This month’s volunteer of the month is Linda Arndt! Check out what a fellow member had to say about the incredible efforts that Linda gives to this congregation!

“Linda Arndt serves on the Caring Team and volunteers her time to help prepare and decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and other special seasons and events. On Wednesday mornings you will find her in the Community Room sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other organizations. Linda recently served as secretary for the Call Committee. Often Linda helps prepare the monthly newsletter for mailing. Linda is a wonderful asset to Epiphany!”

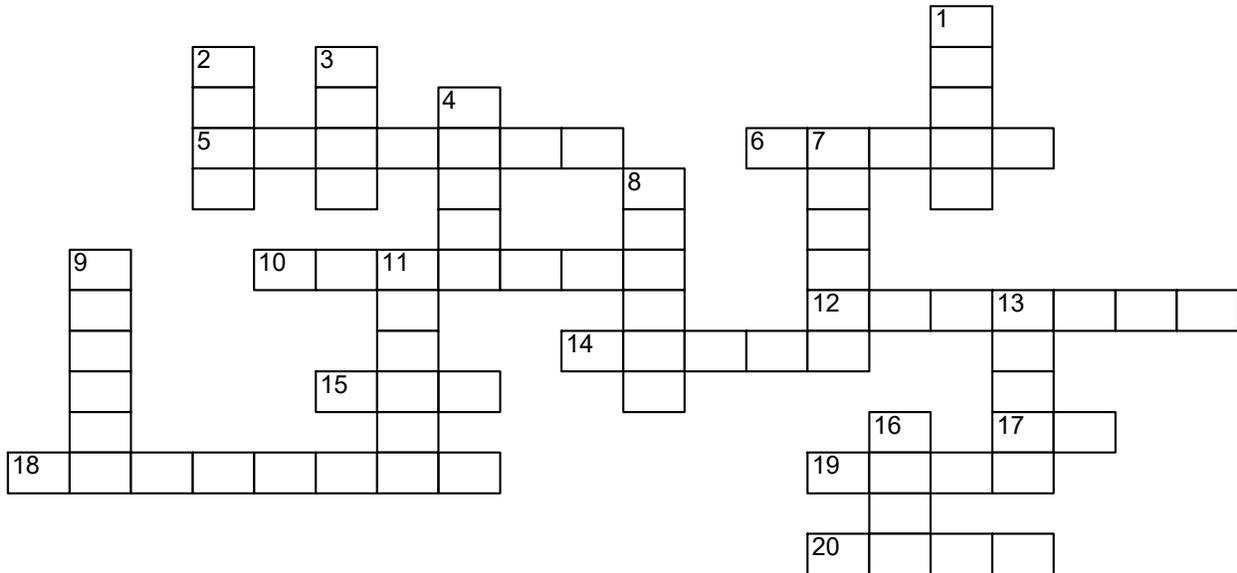
Linda also serves on the altar guild and fills the Little Pantry on Wednesday mornings. Thanks for all you do Linda!

*Nominate someone for Volunteer of the month!  
Send an email or leave a note in the office stating why you believe an individual should be recognized!*



# THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

## Luke 16:19-31



### Across

- 5 When Lazarus died, he went to heaven at \_\_\_\_\_'s side. (Luke 16:22)
- 6 The rich man wanted Lazarus to dip his finger in \_\_\_\_\_ to cool his tongue. (Luke 16:24)
- 10 The rich man was in \_\_\_\_\_ when he went to hell. (Luke 16:23)
- 12 What was the name of the beggar who laid at the gate of a rich man? (Luke 16:23) 14
- 14 Who is telling the story of the rich man and Lazarus?
- 15 Did the rich man, who was in hell, see Abraham in heaven? (Luke 16:23)
- 17 Did Lazarus cool the rich man's tongue in hell? (Luke 16:26)
- 18 Abraham told the rich man his brothers should listen to Moses and the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 16:29)
- 19 The rich man wanted Abraham to have \_\_\_\_\_ on him. (Luke 16:24) 20 When the rich man died, he went to \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 16:22-23)

### Down

- 1 Abraham told the rich man his brothers should listen to \_\_\_\_\_ and the prophets. (Luke 16:29)
- 2 Abraham said if someone does not listen to Moses and the prophets, he will not believe if someone from the \_\_\_\_\_ comes to warn them. (Luke 16:31)
- 3 The rich man said he was in agony in this \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 16:24)
- 4 A great \_\_\_\_\_ exists between heaven and hell so that no one can cross over to the other side. (Luke 16:26)
- 7 When Lazarus died, who carried him to Abraham's side in heaven? (Luke 16:22)
- 8 The title given to Abraham by the rich man (Luke 16:24)
- 9 Lazarus was a \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 16:20)
- 11 The rich man was convinced that if someone from the dead would warn his brothers, they would \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 16:30)
- 13 The rich man was in \_\_\_\_\_ in this fire. (Luke 16:24)
- 16 The rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his \_\_\_\_\_ brothers not to come to this place of torment. (Luke 16:28)



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**NEWS DEADLINE**

Sunday Bulletin: **Noon on Wednesday**  
 Newsletter: **The 15th of the month**  
 Editor: Shelly Ingram

**Schedule of Events**

*Each Sunday: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:00am  
 Fellowship time in the Community room following worship*

*Each Wednesday: Quilting & Sewing 9 a.m.*

*Star Light Early Learning Center Chapel*

*Upcoming Events*

*Aug 8: Blood Mobil 1-6pm*

*Aug 9: Star Light Early Learning Center Board Meeting (6:00pm)*

*Aug 14: Back to School Blessing*

*Aug 14: Woman's Retreat Planning Meeting (right after worship)*

*Aug 14: Middle School (3:00pm) and High School (4:30pm) Youth Group*

*Aug 15: Church Council Meeting (6:30pm)*

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