



# The Announcer

## August 2018



DEAR FELLOW REDEEMED:

As a man was shaving one morning he began staring at his face. After a while he called out to his wife: “You know I’m not really very good looking.” To this his wife made a very wonderful and most perceptive reply. She said, “No people are good-looking when they are just looking at themselves.”

There’s a lot of truth in that statement and that could well be the problem with a lot of people—they are forever looking at themselves. This is where Christ and His church shine on us. The church causes us to realize that we are a part of a very special kind of fellowship—a “family” we call it around here, and as a part of this family we are to look not just at ourselves and at how we can be served but rather, first looking to our Lord Jesus, we are then to look at one another. The Apostle Paul said it this way to the Philippians: “Do nothing from selfishness or conceit...Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others,” (Philippians 2:3-4).

It makes for a much prettier picture when we look at someone other than ourselves. We praise God that we have so many opportunities around here to do just that and I can think of no better time for us to be looking at others than during the month of August as we journey through the summer season. Our Lord has provided us with many open doors and He has, likewise, equipped us with the necessary gifts to do great things for Him and others. But it does take all of us—each looking at someone, each looking at what we can do, and each looking to what we can give. And I don’t doubt but that the Lord is looking at us too—looking to see us do that which He has already enabled us to do.

Please join me then this month in looking at a most beautiful picture.

Joyfully linked with you in service,

*Pastor Dan*

Rev. Dan L. Siedenborg

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## PRAYER MINISTRY

*"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray.*

*Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.*

*Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray ... and the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up." James 5:13-15*

Prayer Ministry

For God's blessing upon the process of Calling our next Pastor and for Godly discernment within the Call Committee.

For Blessing Through Medical Treatment & Convalescing - John Bartko - Dee Dolny - Lorraine McKay

Our Home bound & Those In Care Centers

Ruth Rogers - Pat Hibben - John Garay - Leonard & Renea Lipovsky - Ruth Bartko - Mary Mickelson - John Arne -

Bethleen Connor- Dan & Vera Marko (The Commons, 1380 Marice Dr. Eagan 55121) - Lydia Marko (Presbyterian Home in Bloomington, Room 233)

Our Local & Global Mission Ministries

-Rev Dr. Dan & Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia (Recipients of our "Together In Mission" )

-Rev. Bliidi Minely, Liberia, Africa (Recipient of our "Care Barrels")

-Noisy Offering Recipient This Month: Feed My Starving Children



## August Birthday's

- 8/4 Thomas Prok
- 8/6 Renea Lipovsky
- 8/7 Charlie Westlund
- 8/8 Robert Chellew
- 8/9 Lillian Prok
- 8/10 Lorraine McKay
- 8/11 Neil Darling
- 8/11 Lauren Affeldt
- 8/12 Mike Burkhardt
- 8/13 Jeffrey Walsh
- 8/13 Lisa Bauman
- 8/13 Rachel Caruso-Novack
- 8/15 Robert Shulfer
- 8/16 Gladys Lossow
- 8/19 Jason Steen
- 8/19 Christopher Pfeillsticker
- 8/19 Sophie Pfeillsticker
- 8/20 Kris Farrington
- 8/24 John Arne
- 8/25 Benjamin Shulfer
- 8/27 Judith Swanson
- 8/28 Laura Schluck
- 8/29 Gabrielle Shulfer

## August Anniversaries

- 8/7 Jason Steen & Christine Ewald (8)
- 8/12 Dan & Vera Marko (68)
- 8/12 John & Sandy Carlson (23)
- 8/13 Jordan & Alexis Gerrish (9)
- 8/14 Lester & Carole Frey (42)
- 8/14 Dave & Kelsey Rickert (8)
- 8/19 John & Vicki Bartko (13)
- 8/23 Clark & Krisha Goset 10
- 8/26 Rachel Caruso-Novack & Jeff Novack (12)
- 8/30 John & Kristin Westlund (4)
- 8/31 Cory & Sandra Sanders (33)

## News at Holy Emmanuel

### RUMMAGE SALE

Now is the time as we do our Spring Cleaning to remember to save items for our annual rummage sale. This years sale will be Thursday thru Saturday September 6 - 8. with setup on Wednesday September 5th. please start to bring in your items the last week of August. Thank you, The Faith Workers

### RECYCLE

Don't forget to recycle your old reading material for ICLD (International Christian Literature Distributors).

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SUMMER

Continuing through Sunday, September 2nd the Holy Emmanuel congregation will worship at ONE SERVICE each

Sunday at 9:30 AM. **Holy Communion** will be celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Music for each worship service will be equally blended with organ, Piano and praise band leadership. \*Sunday adult **Bible Class** begins at 8:30 AM. Be sure to make summer worship the "**Peak Of Your Week**".

### VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

Food donations are needed, please remember to bring your non-perishable food items for VEAP. Financial donation to VEAP are also accepted.

### NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering recipient for August is Feed My Starving Children. Please plan to support this necessary ministry with your coins.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

TUESDAY AUGUST 14th We will work at the Feed My Starving Children packing facility in Eagan. We will start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Please come and turn "hunger into hope" by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. Children 5 and older and sit-down volunteers can participate. Please wear closed-toed shoes and remove any jewelry. Meet us at the Eagan packing site (990 Lone Oak Road, Suite 136

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The cost is \$20. To sponsor flowers, sign up on the list in the narthex

## Bible Studies

### SUMMER SUNDAY CHAPEL BIBLE CLASS

Back by popular demand, "Great Hymns Of Faith" is returning and will be the topic of our Summer Sunday Bible Class (06-03 thru 09-02). Information about the authors, tunes and the development of many of our favorite classic hymns will be presented via DVD and class discussion each Sunday in the air-conditioned Chapel at 8:30 AM. These presentations were well received by our members 5 summers ago and folks have requested that we repeat the series. Please plan to attend and enjoy the history and beauty of our favorite hymns.

## FALL BIBLE STUDY

### DARING FAITH (6 SESSION DVD SERIES)

Authored by Rick Warren

Daring Faith is all about taking bold risks in becoming more like Christ. It requires unshakable courage to STEP UP and face your giants as you STEP OUT into the unknown. Cultivating a daring faith goes hand in hand with trusting God's will. Where God guides, God provides. This is an opportunity to leave your comfort zone and bravely move to where God is calling you.

What does God want to do next in your life, and in your church,

while you are living completely for Jesus Christ? Take a stand in your ethics, relationships, and business practices. Don't live in safe conformity...boldly take risks in Jesus' name. Bravely follow our King, Jesus Christ, into the future He has planned for us. Led by Pastor Dan and Randy Marko. Baby sitting is provided. Please join us for this congregation wide study during the Sunday education hour (9:30-10:30 am) on September 9 through October 14.



## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

### Grace Yurik Memorial

Devon Sanders

Cory & Sandra Sanders

Marion Michalik

Randy & Cindy Marko (2 DVD Players)

### Harold Burrows Memorial

Dorothy Chovan

Dorothy Overby

### Jeff Gamec Memorial

Sylvia Gamec

### VEAP

Pat Hibben

Lillian Prok (School Supplies)

### Birthday

Lorraine McKay 90th

Pat Hibben

### Sunday School

Pat Hibben

### Property Upgrades

Pat Hibben

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## CAMPFIRE

August 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:30-6 pm: Dinner and Fellowship

6 pm: Singing and Devotion

### Next GRILL AND CHILL:

Saturday, September 15th @6pm

Hosted by Steve and Amy Sedio!  
Address: 5715 27<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis

Please bring a dessert or side dish to share! :)

### Join us for VBS Sunday!!

Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> will be a special Outdoor Worship to celebrate our VBS Theme: God is always with us! We will have fun VBS songs and a special message! After Worship we will have Crafts and Projects for all ages, followed by a Potluck lunch! 😊

## Wednesday Evening Kid's Programs:

(Coming soon)

### Kid's Praise:

(Starting Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>)

**For:** Preschool kids ages 3 ½ +

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's of every month : 4:30-6:30 pm

**What:** Movie time, Dinner, games, crafts, Bible Story, and singing!! Kid's Praise sings in Church at HE once every 2 months.

### \*Good News Kids:

**For:** Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's of every month: 5:30-7:30 pm!

**What:** Movie time, Dinner, games, crafts, Bible Story, and singing! GNK will sing in Church once every 2 months!

## LOOKING UP

World-renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) stated: “Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.” His sentiment is especially fitting for August, when many people try to count the falling stars of the Perseid meteor shower.

As a self-proclaimed atheist, Hawking relied on science to answer “what makes the universe exist.” Yet many Christians believe that while science shows how things happen or were created, our faith tells who made them so.

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV) declares: “And when you look up to the sky and see ... the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshipping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven.” We can be grateful for the work of scientists and the wonders their study reveals, but instead of “bowing down” to nature, we worship its Creator and Ruler — the Lord of heaven and earth.

## HARVEST TIME!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus’ words to the disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God’s love can’t be done “mechanically.” Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of “You might be God’s answer to your own prayer!” — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guiltling people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus’ authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God’s love.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

Keep close to nature’s heart ... break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

—John Muir

## CROSSING THE BORDER

Some Christians know the exact date they received Jesus as Savior. Others come to faith through a gradual process; they can’t say precisely when they became a disciple.

Norman Warren (How Do I Face Life’s Uncertainty?) tells of meeting refugees who’d fled horrible circumstances and crossed into Austria. One woman had left Yugoslavia after her parents died of starvation. At the Austrian border she was given a visa stamped with the date and time of her entry, so she could always name the exact moment she stepped into her new life.

Another refugee had journeyed over the mountains from Communist Russia. He didn’t know precisely when he crossed the invisible border line, but when he arrived at an Austrian village, he knew for certain he was free.

God leads people into new life in various ways. We travel different routes but — thanks be to God! — our final destination is the same.



When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.



## Serving In August

Lay Readers

05 August Jarred Leese

12 August Dave Sedio

19 August Scott Ramsdale

26 August Natalie Mylander

Power Point

05 August Al Scherf

12 August Scott Ramsdale

19 August Sandra Sanders

26 August Anita Bakalar

Ushers

Lester Frey

Altar Guild

05 Bakalar's

19 Phyllis Schadewald/Nancy Reich

Communion Assistants

05 August Robert Melde/Brad Affeldt

19 August Dave Yurik

Acolyte

05 August Phillip Geist

12 August Jaden Sieling

19 August Matthew Anderson

26 August Ben Shulfer

Counters

05 August Ed Bauman/Al Scherf

12 August Nancy Reich/Phyllis Schadewald

19 August Les & Carole Frey

26 August Arlys Edstrom/Sara Wiech

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## Classified Ads

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# Kid's Korner

## BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

**PUZZLE**

**GOD'S amazzzing BEES**

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

**CLUES**

1. rhymes with cow	8. the tongue's job
2. opposite of sour	9. more sweet
3. pronounced "R"	10. rhymes with pan
4. rhymes with four	11. golden liquid
5. Letters create _____	12. Pleased __ meet you.
6. not too or two	13. rhymes with fly
7. rhymes with by	14. body part

**WORD BANK**  
than your to are sweet sweeter How my honey mouth words to taste, my

Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Call Committee	2	3 7:00 Mar Thoma Worship	4
5 8:30 Education Hour 9:30 Blended Worship McKay Reception following service 11:00 Ladies Craft Event	6	7 11:00 Yurik funeral National Night Out	8 5:30 Campfire Worship	9 11:00 Psihos Funeral 5:30 Lay Ministers 7:00 Church Council	10	11
12 8:30 Education Hour 9:30 Blended Worship 9:30—Noon VBS	13	14 6:00 FMSC—Eagan	15 11:30 Work no More	16	17	18
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