
August 2018

Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

July and August are popular months for a family vacation. It's a great time of year – while the kids are out of school and the weather's warm – to travel somewhere and enjoy exploring or relaxing together. It's a great way to build fun memories together – taking pictures of yourselves with a perfect sunset, the Grand Canyon, or a castle in France. Many of my favorite memories take place during summer vacations in years past. Perhaps many of yours do too.

Recently I finished reading a book by Miroslav Volf called *"The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World."* In it he deals with the *other* end of the memory spectrum – those painful memories of how we've suffered injustice, abuse, or pain. Towards the end of the book he makes the brilliant point that we are more than the sum of our experiences and memories (whether good or bad); by faith we are the dwelling place of God as we travel forward into the infinite life of God. He actually quotes Martin Luther to help explain it. The idea is that we're not stuck being only what or who our history or our memories tell us we are. We're not stuck being what the mirror tells us we are. Through faith in Christ we are also what GOD says we are – what He declares us to be (His forgiven children) and what He is in the process of making us into (holy and reconciled, forgiven and forgiving). Christ changes our identity by freeing us from our past. More importantly than whom we were, is what Christ is making us into now and in the days to come. As the book of Ecclesiastes will remind us this month – Christ bring meaning to where there only seems a meaningless chasing after the wind. We need Christ to be working in us and through us.

What does all this mean? It means go ahead this month and take a vacation – snap some pictures and have a good time. But at the same time, remember to read His Word regularly. Listen to what He has to say about who you are. Listen for how He is directing your life, guiding you to love others and practice His attributes in your daily life. And then join us for worship – where He will feed and nourish you in that life.

In Christ, Pastor Josh

July Official Pastoral Acts:

- 5 sick/shut-in visits
- 7 private communions
- 4 pastoral care visits
- 4 leadership meetings
- 2 family visitations
- 1 circuit visitor activity
- 1 funeral (*Larry Jungeberg*)

Adult Bible Class resumes on **August 12th** as we continue studying **Forgiveness and Reconciliation** – especially in the really hard, difficult cases. If you'd like to come learn more, join us on Sundays after worship in the hallway classroom.

Have a favorite hymn you haven't heard in a while?? For the month of August there will be a **Hymn Request Box** in the narthex, with plenty of blank sheets for you to write down one of your beloved songs.

August Birthdays

Scott Scholl	8/01
Caitlyn Scholl	8/03
Marcia Metzger	8/03
Heidi Scholl	8/12
Pastor Josh	8/18
George Horning	8/22
Aaron Turnbull	8/29

August Anniversaries

Mark & Karen Huston	8/11
Randy & Kathy Sklarek	8/29

* If we accidentally forgot your birthday or anniversary, please tell Pastor and we'll add it to our list.

From the President

With summer well under way, Church business has slowed, attendance has dipped and we're all involved in things that can draw our attention from the Church.

With that in mind I encourage members to remember that we on the council as well as the Elders are here to help. If there are things that are of concern to you please seek out the Deacon that oversees your area of concern. For spiritual or more general concerns, your Elder is always there if you would like their help.

And it goes without saying that in all matters the Pastor is here to shepherd us through any of our problems.

Evangelism Report

Check out the Outreach Bulletin Board in the church hallway to see the August Mission of the Month: the **Redeemer Crises Center**. Located on West 30th Street in Cleveland they provide food, clothing, household goods, support programs, summer VBS programs for kids, and daily devotions to those struggling or in need. (For those of you receiving this by email, you can click on <https://redeemercrisiscenter.com> for more information.)

Redeemer is always in need of volunteers and donations. One way we can help is by donating some of the items left over after our Fall Rummage Sale here at church. Another way we can help is by giving a financial donation this month in church – which will be collected and then given to them at the end of the month in support of their ministry. Just use any envelope in church, write “**Mission of the Month**” on it, and then place it in the offering plate. Are there any other ways we could help them serve??

Altar Guild News

We are still looking to add a few new members to our team. If you are interested in serving on Altar Guild please contact Robin Turnbull.

Serving in August: Colleen Karp

~ Robin

Lutheran Women's Mission League News

10 bags of school clothes were purchased and distributed to Oberlin area students. This was done through Love, INC. Thanks ladies!!!

The **August 18** Community Free Hot Meal will be hosted by Diane Senyak and Dale Rider.

The next women's breakfast will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, **August 23**, at Oberlin Kitchen located on South Main Street.

Coffee Fellowship for August:

- 5 Lee Ann Christner
- 12 Jan Koepp
- 19 Norma Stechow
- 26 Robin Turnbull

Fall Rummage Sale

This year's rummage sale will be held on Friday, August 31 (9:00 am-4:00 pm) and Saturday September 1 (9:00 am- 2:00 pm). Baked goods will be available for purchase on both days. A lunch of cabbage and noodles, hot dogs and sloppy joes will be served from 11:00 am - 1:00pm on Saturday only.

Items can be brought to church on:

Tuesday, August 28 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 29 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 30 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 12:00 NOON ON THURSDAY.

If these times are not convenient, please call Carolyn Husted 774-1441 and a time can be arranged for drop off. We would appreciate it if you brought and/or dropped off your items early and not wait till Thursday morning. This allows us to set up items during the week. Baked goods are needed also. Please bring them in before noon on Thursday. We also need help with the slicing and packaging of baked goods.

Many hands are needed for sorting, setting up, selling -- all week long. Clean up and packing up at 2:00 p.m. Saturday. Please help! **Men are welcome too!** The past few years Ron Mertz, Glen Fridenstine and Dale Rider have been huge helpers.



Daily Bible Readings

Aug. 1	- Job 41	Sept. 1	- Proverbs 2
Aug. 2	- Job 42	Sept. 2	- Prov. 3:1-18
Aug. 3	- Jonah 1	Sept. 3	- Prov. 3:19-35
Aug. 4	- Jonah 2	Sept. 4	- Proverbs 4
Aug. 5	- Jonah 3-4	Sept. 5	- Proverbs 5
Aug. 6	- Lamentations 1	Sept. 6	- Proverbs 6
Aug. 7	- Lamentations 2	Sept. 7	- Proverbs 7
Aug. 8	- Lam. 3:1-18	Sept. 8	- Proverbs 8
Aug. 9	- Lam. 3:19-45	Sept. 9	- Proverbs 9
Aug. 10	- Lam. 4-5	Sept. 10	- Proverbs 10
Aug. 11	- Eccl. 1-2	Sept. 11	- Proverbs 11
Aug. 12	- Eccl. 3:1-15	Sept. 12	- Proverbs 12
Aug. 13	- Eccl. 3:16-4:16	Sept. 13	- Proverbs 13
Aug. 14	- Ecclesiastes 5-6	Sept. 14	- Prov. 14:1-16
Aug. 15	- Ecclesiastes 7	Sept. 15	- Prov. 14:17-35
Aug. 16	- Ecclesiastes 8	Sept. 16	- Prov. 15:1-18
Aug. 17	- Ecclesiastes 9	Sept. 17	- Prov. 15:19-33
Aug. 18	- Eccl. 10-11:6	Sept. 18	- Prov. 16:1-17
Aug. 19	- Eccl. 11:7-12:8	Sept. 19	- Prov. 16:18-33
Aug. 20	- Eccl. 12:9-14	Sept. 20	- Proverbs 17
Aug. 21	- Micah 1	Sept. 21	- Proverbs 18
Aug. 22	- Micah 2	Sept. 22	- Proverbs 19
Aug. 23	- Micah 3	Sept. 23	- Prov. 20
Aug. 24	- Micah 4	Sept. 24	- Proverbs 21
Aug. 25	- Micah 5	Sept. 25	- Proverbs 22
Aug. 26	- Micah 6:1-8	Sept. 26	- Proverbs 23
Aug. 27	- Micah 6:9-7:20	Sept. 27	- Proverbs 24
Aug. 28	- Song of S. 1-3	Sept. 28	- Proverbs 25
Aug. 29	- Song of S. 4-6	Sept. 29	- Proverbs 26
Aug. 30	- Song of S. 7-8	Sept. 30	- Prov. 27:1-21
Aug. 31	- Proverbs 1		

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	3	4
5 • Worship 10 am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	13	14 • Council's Meeting 7 pm	15 • Elder's Meeting 4 pm	16 • Mental Illness Support Group 7 pm	17	18 • Free Hot Meal 5 pm
19 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	20	21	22	23 • Women's Break- fast at Oberlin Kitchen @ 9:30 am	24	25
26 • Worship 10 am • Adult Bible Class 11:40 am	27	28 • Rummage Sale Drop Off 10 am - 2 pm	29 • Rummage Sale Drop Off 10 am - 2 pm	30 • Rummage Sale Drop Off 9 am - noon	31 • Rummage Sale 9 am - 4 pm	1 • Rummage Sale 9 am - 2 pm

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Sept 16: Voter's Meeting