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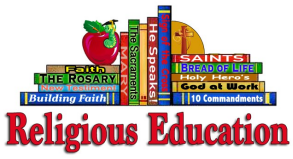

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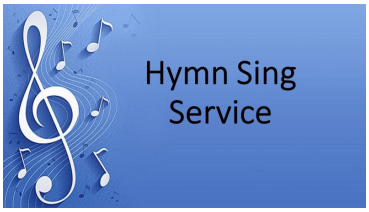
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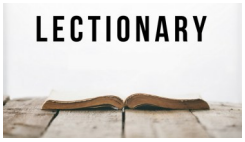

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We Live in the Garden of Eden

I recently emailed my friend who lives in California who has been anxious to know about my life here in Darlington; what it looks like, and what people are like. So, I attached some photos in my email in order to share some parts of my daily life. One of those photos was a picture of three deer strolling in the field and rolling hills covered with green grass and wild flowers. Her reaction to the photo was that "Wow…. I think that you live in the Garden of Eden!"

I love the beauty of nature and the hearts of people in our community, however, I didn't think that it would be like the Garden of Eden. Since then, I have been pondering about the Garden of Eden. Among the many features of the Garden of Eden, I think that the most important thing is the intimate relationship between God and human: walking and talking, and keeping close. Looking back on my reality, "by the way, I admit that I have distractions in my life" Nevertheless, I have been seeking God's will and purpose, God's guidance and direction in my daily life. Also, I have experienced God's presence through various ways: through the daisies in the corners of the field, the birds' singing in the air, breezy wind and whirlwind storm, and the faces of God's people… Even if there are still sorrows and pains, challenges and uncertainty around me, if I keep my intimate relationship with God, it may be like the Garden of Eden. In other words, even if everything is not perfect and I am not satisfied with everything, if Christ is there it is Heaven.

I was used to sing this hymn, "Since Christ My Soul from Sin Set Free," as I was a missionary.
"Since Christ my soul from sin set free. This world has been a Heaven to me.
And 'mid earth's sorrows and its woe. It is Heaven my Jesus here to know.
What matters where on earth we dwell? On mountain top, or in the dell.
In cottage, or a mansion fair, where Jesus is, it is Heaven there.
O hallelujah, yes, it is Heaven. It is Heaven to know my sins forgiven.
On land or sea, what matters where? Where Jesus is, it is Heaven there."

This hymn keeps reminding me, "Where Jesus is, it is Heaven here," "Where the intimate relationship between God and you is, it is the Garden of Eden" In this understanding, I toss this question to you, "Where are you now? Are you living in the Garden of Eden today?"

Blessings, Pastor InSun

If you have a joy, concern or prayer request please share with Pastor I her at 608-776-4114 for assistance. Please let us know if you would like t shared with the congregation or remain private.

Extra Giving from Offering Envelopes during the Month of July

- In Memory of Sally Gorgas given by Roger Gorgas.
- In Memory of Kirk Staver given by Linda Bawden.

Add your loved ones or friends to this list by filling out your offering envelope and designating an **extra** amount to be given in Memory or in Honor of someone to celebrate a Birthday or Anniversary. It's a great way to acknowledge those special people in your life. The amounts will never be listed!

2nd Quarter Giving Statements have been mailed out.

The second quarter giving statements were mailed out in July. Our system sometimes doesn't connect families. So, if you received one and it doesn't look right, please contact Becky in the office and she will correct it.

A look at the Darlington numbers for June

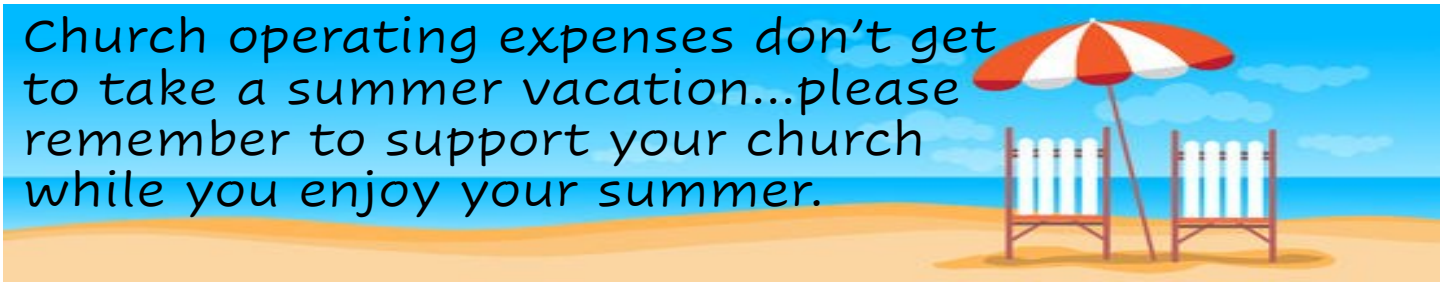
Income	$ 11,016.03
Expenses	- 10,943.49
Difference	$72.54

YTD 2025	
YTD Income	$ 80,555.02
YTD Expenses	- 77,659.40
YTD	$3,195.62

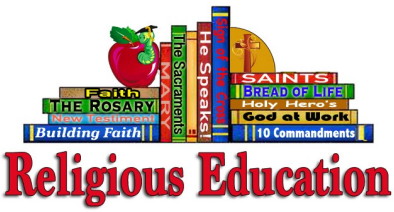
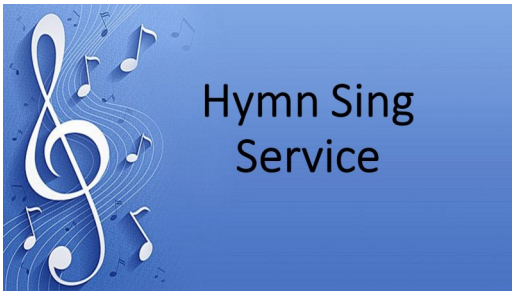
2025 Apportionment Total - $28,488
Paid YTD - $7,278
Balance Left for 2025- $ 21,210
Percentage paid - 25.55%

Online Giving & Mobile Giving

Go to **https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZJ3M/home for our online giving version or download the app in your Apple or Google Play app. Enter with church code FS4XM7.** Thank you for your continued support to the church.



In our September Newsletter we look forward to sharing our plan for Wednesday night Religious Education. If you have a child between grades K-6 please let the office know so we can update our list. If you are willing to serve or lead, contact the office. Or be ready to say yes when contacted!



Join us on Sunday August 17 at the Fayette church. We will be having a Hymn Sing Worship Service at he Fayette church ONLY.

Join us as we sing the congregations favorite hymns.

"The Ministry of Presence"

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." — Matthew 18:20

In a world of crowded calendars, overflowing inboxes, and endless notifications, there is one gift that remains powerful, rare, and deeply spiritual: presence.

Not presence as in "attendance," but presence as in attention. As in showing up — wholeheartedly — for God, for one another, and for the sacred work to which we are called. When we talk about stewardship, we often speak of time, talent, and treasure. But we don't always name how transformational it is simply to be present.

Presence is what turns a worship service into a community. It's what transforms a hospital visit into holy ground. It's what makes a church meeting more than a checklist — when someone takes time to listen, pray, or ask, "How are you really doing?"

Think of Jesus. He didn't publish books or host podcasts. He sat at tables, walked dusty roads, and looked people in the eye. His power was not just in what He said, but in how fully He showed up.

This month, as many of us squeeze in final vacations, youth trips, or back-to-school prep, let's remember that presence is a form of generosity. And one that doesn't require a budget line or a campaign. Your willingness to show up — for worship, service, conversation, prayer — may be one of the most meaningful offerings you give this season.

When we are present to each other, we bear witness to the presence of God. Let's not underestimate the holy work of showing up.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

During the month of July, Pastor InSun had asked you questions during worship, here are some of the answers she received.

Prompt is: Where do you encounter hope in our church?

Fayette

When singing the Hymns

Hope in the desire of members to read and learn God's word. (Bible Reading Plans)

I find hope in the worship services every Sunday. Music is a great inspiration. Seeing other members.

Having a church community always means there is someone there to turn to during the ups and downs of our life.

Darlington

Where do you encounter hope in our church community. Hope in the church service our loving InSun and SunJung. God bless all of us.

Hopeful in church community. A) during service- prayers: lords prayer. b) sharing "joys" time. C) singing the doxology

Faith in Jesus

During Children's sermon listening to the kids responses.

Children's Time

I see hope in the smiling faces of our Grandkids and their families when we all come to church together.

I encounter hope while witnessing the efforts of the men's group that benefit others beyond our church. It’s a blessing of encouragement to see men from varied backgrounds working together to help others.

My hope comes from the fellow members of the church and the love and fellowship I get each Sunday.

I find hope in the gathering of like minded brothers and sisters of Christ and the love shown to me.

Hearing peoples joys and concerns, the connection of it all. Hearing Doug Kelly sings. Sitting next to my mom and Grandma. Having Pastor challenge us with new songs although small, it means there's hope. We can still learn new ways to praise god. Listening to SunJung hum along to peoples comments is encouragement. Children's time and seeing Kids smiles.

In the people and their tolerance

Walking in the community viewing the smiling and sincere smiles of the people passing by.

Hope- By being surrounded by good and kind people, people who shown Christ's spirit in their everyday walk. The Holy Spirit resides here.

Through my friends and my faith in God's Grace.
Hope is in the People, Pastor Lee and SunJung.
We get help and love from InSun. Knowing she is there always

Great Minister who shares love and hope everyday with her congregation.
by the best stained glass window in any church I've known.
I encounter hope in my work through EMS.

When we gather together, whether a warm sunny Sunday morning at church service or a community event, or when strength is needed through hard times and disasters, where a community pulls together.

Where the words of InSun on Sunday morning and reminders during the week.

In the hour that were gathered together, especially during prayer time when two or more are gathered together in God's name.

My hope comes from Pastor as she tells us of Jesus's love and forgiveness. My hope is that more people join our church community.

UMM & UWF Fun at Tunes in Twilight

1st Annual

Church Family Picnic

Sunday, August 10 - Following Church

Weather permitting in the church park or
church dining room if it rains

Lunch Provided * Games * Prizes * Fun for all ages!

Bring a folding chair and enjoy the day!

It's time to slow down, smell the flowers **and the GRILL !** We're having an old-fashioned Church Family Picnic on August 10. The United Methodist Men and Women will provide the brats, burgers and hot dogs, beverages, chips and more. We'll need a few volunteers for salads and bars and cookies. If you can pitch in please call the Church Office or drop an email to the Church Email. ALSO, Root beer Floats will be provided by the Methodist Men. Silly games for young and old, silly prizes and a relaxing time for everyone. Festivities will start after church. ! Transportation will be provided to anyone in need, just call the Church Office and leave a message! Rain or shine, let's get together on August 10th.

Midwest Mission, is a vital arm of the United Methodist Church. Working alongside the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), they bring hope to those in need, **next door and across the sea!** While you're waiting……do you have a retired sewing machine, or a bicycle sitting in your garage? You could save the day if you would consider donating them to our Church, and then onto Midwest Mission! The Mission is also in need of bars of soap, deodorant, leather work gloves, baby onsies (size 0-6 months), 24 pack crayons, 12 pack colored pencils and diaper pins. Please leave your donation in the Midwest Mission basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you and God Bless!

Baptized in July

Dutton Corlett
Son of Jacob & Harley Corlett

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE READING PLAN SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2025
(Schedule-Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete the New Testament in one year.)

End of Week (Saturday)	Chapters Completed	Check-off
August 2	II Corinthians 4	_____
August 9	II Corinthians 9	_____
August 16	Galatians 1	_____
August 23	Galatians 6	_____
August 30	Ephesians 5	_____

(Progress Milestone: 173 chapters read –66.5% of the New Testament)

OLD TESTAMENT SELECTED BIBLE READINGS SCHEDULE – **AUGUST 2025**
(Read one chapter **each weekday** to complete Year 2025 Old Testament readings.)

End of Week (Saturday)	Chapters Completed	Check-off
August 2	Ezekiel 30	_____
August 9	Ezekiel 35	_____
August 16	Ezekiel 40	_____
August 23	Ezekiel 45	_____
August 30	Daniel 2	_____

(Progress Milestone: 173 chapters read –69.2% of the Books of the Prophets)

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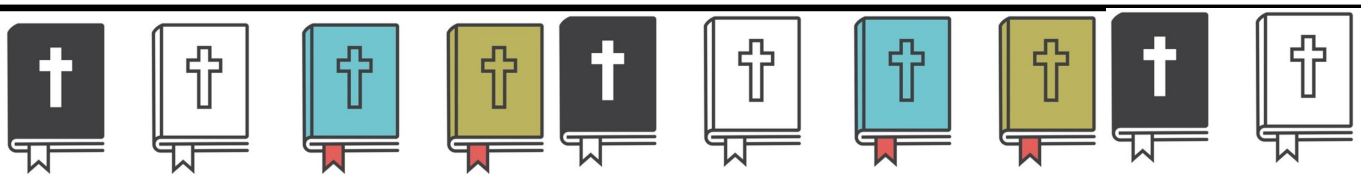
DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR AUGUST 2025

__8/01/25	I Timothy 6:3-10	The Love of Money
__8/02/25	Mark 12:41-44	The Widow's Offering
__8/03/25	Luke 12:13-21	The Parable of the Rich Fool
__8/04/25	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23	Sacrifice Thank Offerings
__8/05/25	II Chronicles 29:27-36	Offerings to the Lord
__8/06/25	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Sins Scarlet – White as Snow
__8/07/25	Ephesians 2:18-22	Fellow Citizens With God's People
__8/08/25	Hebrews 11:1-16	By Faith-Abel, Abraham and Others
__8/09/25	Psalm 121	The Lord Watches Over You
__8/10/25	Luke 12:32-40	Treasure and Watchfulness
__8/11/25	Isaiah 5:1-7	The Song of the Vineyard
__8/12/25	Psalm 80	Prayer for the Restoration of Israel
__8/13/25	James 1:1-5	Testing of Your Faith
__8/14/25	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	By Faith Rahab, Gideon, David & Others
__8/15/25	Isaiah 38:1-8	The Lord's Sign to Hezekiah
__8/16/25	Matthew 16:1-4	The Demand for a Sign
__8/17/25	Luke 12:49-56	Interpret the Signs of the Times
__8/18/25	Psalm 118:1-7	The Lord Is Our Helper
__8/19/25	Jeremiah 1:1-10	The Call of Jeremiah
__8/20/25	Psalm 71:1-6	The Lord – Our Refuge
__8/21/25	Hebrews 12:18-29	Warning Against Refusing God
__8/22/25	Isaiah 8:11-16	A Testimony of Warning
__8/23/25	Mark 3:1-6	A Crippled Man Healed on the Sabbath
__8/24/25	Luke 13:10-17	A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath
__8/25/25	Jeremiah 2:4-13	The Lord – Our Living Water
__8/26/25	John 4:4-14	Living Water – Woman at the Well
__8/27/25	Psalm 81	Israel Would Not Submit to God
__8/28/25	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	The Lord Is Our Helper
__8/29/25	I Peter 5:5-7	God Opposes the Proud
__8/30/25	Numbers 12:1-8	Moses – the Humblest Man on Earth
__8/31/25	Luke 14:1, 7-14	The Humble and the Exalted



August Lectionary

August 3
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 10
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 17
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 24
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 31
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Aug 1 Ellen Boatman
Aug 2 Brock Sauer
Aug 2 Zeke Zuberbuhler
Aug 3 Lori Douglas
Aug 3 Sydney Schulte
Aug 4 Holli Johnson
Aug 4 Evan Komprood
Aug 8 Piper Stecklein
Aug 12 Connie Riley
Aug 13 Carly Lund
Aug 14 Kathy Zuberbuhler
Aug 16 Jean VanMatre
Aug 16 Ellie Hemming
Aug 17 Pam Gould
Aug 19 Joan Thompson
Aug 19 Jennifer Crist
Aug 19 Marilyn Carpenter
Aug 20 Landon Blaser
Aug 20 David Eaton
Aug 21 Summer Cohen
Aug 21 John McDaniel
Aug 21 Abby Lindsay
Aug 21 Carson Crist
Aug 21 Tim Kainz
Aug 23 Jeff McCarthy
Aug 23 Laura Fink
Aug 23 Val Smith
Aug 23 Hilary Lansing
Aug 25 Molly Whitford
Aug 25 Elizabeth Stecklein
Aug 26 Kynrk Johnson
Aug 26 Missy Watters
Aug 28 Ethan Schuchart
Aug 28 Nancy Fisker
Aug 29 Amber Richardson
Aug 30 Krista Blosch
Aug 31 Desi Cotter

Aug 2 Todd & Tammy Pettijohn
Aug 4 Steve & Val Smith
Aug 7 Kurt & Becky Cohen
Aug 8 John & Robin Steiner
Aug 11 Shane & Cathy Havens
Aug 14 Eric & Nancy Fisker
Aug 15 Edwin & Marion Stanton
Aug 17 Ted & Amy Thomas
Aug 17 Jim & Debbie Strutt
Aug 19 Rick & Cheryl Loken
Aug 22 Tim & Vickie Pratt
Aug 30 Scott & Lynnette Boatman
Aug 31 Ric & Donna Douglas

August Ushers

Aug 3 Cathy Paulson
Beaver Paulson

Aug 10 Dick Allendorf
Tim Osterday

Aug 17 Nick Zuberbuhler
Zeke Zuberbuhler

Aug 24 Booke Douglas
Gracie Douglas

Aug 31 Tim Pratt
Vickie Pratt

August Acolytes

Aug 3 Evan K<omprood
Coby Lancaster

Aug 10 Cheyenne Elzen
Ryley Burbach

Aug 17 Chesne Fink
Maicy Norgard

Aug 24 Cheyenne Elzen
Ryley Burbach

Aug 31 Evan Komprood
Coby Lancaster

August Liturgists

Aug 3 D- Joan Thompson
F- Lance Lansing

Aug 10 D- Judy Whalen
F- Pam Gould

Aug 17 D- Kent McConnell
F- Dennis Wirth

Aug 24 D- Kent Miehe
F- Ron Ingwell

Aug 31 D- Lori Allendorf
F- Ron Ingwell

Sneak peak at September 7

Liturgist: D- Judy Whalen
F- Lance Lansing

Ushers: Beaver Paulson
Cathy Paulson

Acolytes: Rya Fitzsimons
Chesne Fink

COME Worship WITH US

August 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor InSun's Day Off	2
3 8th Sunday after Pentecost *Holy Communion* 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	*4*	*5* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*6*	*7* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*8* Pastor InSun's Day Off	*9*
10 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington Following Church– Annual Church Picnic	*11*	12 10:30 Service @ Manor *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	13	*14* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*15* Pastor InSun's Day Off	*16*
17 10th Sunday after Pentecost Hymn Sing Sunday 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	*18*	*19* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*20*	*21* *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry* *6:00 Finance mtg.* *6:30 Admin mtg.*	*22* Pastor InSun's Day Off	*23*
24 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington	*25*	26 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*27*	28 *10-3 Darlington Food Pantry*	*29* Pastor InSun's Day Off	30
31 *12th Sunday after Pentecost* 8:30 Worship in Fayette 10:00 Worship in Darlington						