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**A Matthew 25 Congregation
"Lord, When Did We See You...?"**

May 31, 2022



JUNE 5
PENTECOST AND GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS SUNDAY
COMMUNION
10 AM

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Pentecost Sunday as well as Gun Violence Awareness Sunday. You are invited to wear something red or orange, both colors are symbolic of the flames of the Holy Spirit. Orange is also the color for Gun Violence Awareness. After worship, we will take a picture with those who wear orange or red to share. We will be reflecting on the meaning of Pentecost for what it means to be the church today. We will also be celebrating the Joyful Feast of the People of God. For those of you who will be joining us online and who wish to share in communion, we invite you to have some form of bread (cracker, pretzel, pastry) and a beverage to represent the Cup of the New Covenant. You may partake as those who are gathered in person partake. Our accompanist is Marian Korth. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go “Live”, go to the church Facebook page, click on the “Follow” button and you will be notified when we go “live.”



THIS PAST SUNDAY, MAY 29, we lit candles for the 19 children and 2 teachers shot and killed in Uvalde, Texas at Robb Elementary School, and for the 10 people shot and killed at the Tops Grocery Store in Buffalo, NY. In addition, candles were lit to remember all service personal who have been killed in wars and those who have been killed by guns in our nation. Thank you to Kylee Strobusch and Hugh Drennan for lighting our candles.



JUNE 3-5 IS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS. As a congregation we have participated in several past events from special Sunday liturgies with candle lighting; we hosted a community Town Hall Forum with a panel of speakers on ways we could work together to end gun violence in our schools, community, state and nation. We opened our sanctuary to the Cambridge High School March for Our Lives youth for their prayer vigil on the 5th Anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting. Pastor Scott has spoken at the Gun Violence Prevention rallies at the state capital, testified before legislative committees around gun violence prevention bills, helped co-advise the McFarland High School Youth for their school walkout after the Parkland shooting. He also recently recorded testimony before the Presbyterian Church General Assembly Committee of Gun Violence calling for a national ban on all assault weapons. We will also be hosting a “Guns to Gardens” event on July 24. (See information below.)

Why Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness?

On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama’s second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya’s childhood friends decided to commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

Wear Orange began on June 2, 2015—what would have been Hadiya’s 18th birthday. Since then, Wear Orange has expanded to a period of three days each year: National Gun Violence Awareness Day (the first Friday in June) and Wear Orange Weekend (the accompanying weekend). This year, Wear Orange will take place from June 3-5, 2022.

Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement. New York gun violence prevention advocate Erica Ford spearheaded orange as the color of peace through her work with her organization, Life Camp, Inc. Whether it’s worn by students in Montana, activists in New York, or Hadiya’s loved ones in Chicago, the color orange honors the more than 110 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day.

Our movement gains momentum when people come together to fight for a future free from gun violence. In 2021, more than 1,000 partner organizations, influencers, corporate

brands, elected officials, and landmarks joined hundreds of thousands of Americans to unite around a call to end gun violence. As Wear Orange pushes on into its eighth year, we hope you will join us by attending Wear Orange events, posting on social media, and much more! Learn more about all the ways you can participate in Wear Orange.

Family Friendly Ways to Participate in Gun Violence Prevention



Pastor Scott is a part of the coordinating team for this vigil. You are invited to join him tomorrow at 5 pm. If you cannot attend the vigil, we invite you to take time at 5 pm, light a candle and remember the victims of the mass shootings at Robb Elementary School and the Tops Grocery Store in Buffalo.

Wisconsin-Dane County Wear Orange Walk and Rally Friday, June 3 6 pm

<https://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2022/44928/signup/?source=&akid=&zip=>

In partnership with Public Health Madison and Dane County, please join us for a Wear Orange walk and rally in honor of Gun Violence Awareness Day. There will be guest speakers and other community group booths. Wear orange and come learn about what's being done in our local community to prevent gun violence. We are looking for volunteers to join the walk as well as staff our table. Meet in Villager parking lot (2300 S. Park St.) Walk ends at Penn Park (2101 Fisher St.)

COMING TO OCPC AND CAMBRIDGE GUNS TO GARDENS

SUNDAY, JULY 24
10 AM

“God shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:4)



ON SUNDAY, JULY 23, Jeff Wild, a retired Lutheran minister in Madison, who is now doing Blacksmithing, will be our guest for worship. Like Pastor Scott, and many of us, Jeff felt like he needed to turn his prayers into action. He decided to participate in a national movement called “Guns to Gardens.” Jeff takes donations of guns, disassembles them, and then melts the metal parts down, to forge them into garden tools, using the wood for the handles. He will have enough gun parts for his demonstration, however, he said if someone wants to donate a gun they know longer use, he will trade them for a garden tool he has made from another gun.



https://captimes.com/news/forged-peace-retired-madison-pastor-hammers-guns-into-garden-tools/article_f01cc4df-59b2-5b5a-8e76-a2cca769ce43.html?fbclid=IwAR3S9z4srQeerN7tnUw7GCdq54U2rSlNp3q51kiqHDXlt1Uza-LkN7HmeB4

The following provides more information about this national Movement.

<https://rawtools.org/>

Our nation has been through a variety of horrific events surrounding gun violence, and it has brought the conversation to the forefront of our current events and “water cooler” conversations. It has largely become a binary conversation of either more guns or more laws. RAW tools wants to open a new option, a third way: What if we made a commitment to solve our problems without guns and violence? By using weapons to make garden tools and other hand tools, we are creating a symbol for change and we’re asking you to participate, to dare to use our imaginations to change our impulse. Beating swords into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, and guns into garden tools creates a dynamic shift in our investment in time and resources. If we are no longer training for war, what else would we be doing? It doesn’t mean we are all to become gardeners, but it does mean we can invest in providing life sustaining resources for our communities. RAWtools’ mission to “disarm hearts and forge peace” is driven by our ability to make a choice about the tools we use to navigate conflict. As we lose more than 100 people a day to gun violence in the United States, it’s becoming more and more clear that guns have no place in conflict resolution. Many folks donate their guns to RAWtools because they realize they don’t need them anymore.

Our Sword to Plow program allows you to donate your gun to RAWtools and receive a garden tool from that gun for free.

RAWtools keeps any remaining parts to make more tools or items to raise money for our work. We walk you through the process of legally disabling your gun and connect you to our disarming network.



SUNDAY, JUNE 12

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12, weather permitting, we will worship outside and hold our annual meeting. A cookout will follow. The Session is grilling brats, hot dogs and burgers. We are inviting people to bring something to share for the meal. The Session is calling for the **annual meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, June 12 following worship.**

Beginning in June: Summer Sermon Series “Banned Books and The Bible”



“Across the country, debates about censorship, critical race theory, LGBTQ+ and Transgender issues, are giving rise to revival of book bans. Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin leveraged banning CRT as a campaign promise to win his election last November. Now the debates have reached a new height in Texas. In one small Texas town, angry parents swarmed school board meetings. They demanded the banning of books centered around diverse LGBTQ+ or BIPOC characters or issues like sexual assault. Throughout history, people and governments have sought to censor what people of all ages can read. But should books be banned? And if so, what about a book that talks openly about rape, murder, incest, mass killings, sexuality, adultery, child abuse, domestic violence, and gay relationships? The Bible has all of those topics in it and more. Should it be banned? This summer Pastor Scott invites you to join him on Sunday mornings as we explore some of the books that have been banned, exploring the theological and biblical imagery in each of them, and connecting them to stories in the Bible. A display of banned books will be coming soon to the sanctuary. You can find a list of the books we will be exploring. Have you read any of these? Pastor Scott has, including the Bible.



June 19 - The Bible as a Banned Book (John 1:1-5)

June 26 - "Gender Queer," "Lawn Boy" "I Am Jazz" (Jonathan & David - a Love Story)
Rev. Brenda Lovick will join Pastor Scott for this Sunday.

July 3 – "The 1619 Project" (From Bondage to Freedom in the Bible -Genesis and Exodus)

July 10 – "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood (Genesis 16-22)

July 17 – "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury (Job)

July 24 – Banned Books verses Banning Guns (Isaiah 2:4)

July 31 – "The Hate U Give" (Song of Solomon 1)

August 7 – "Looking for Alaska"

August 14 – "Of Mice and Men"

August 21 – Harry Potter Series

August 28 – "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"



OCPC COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY... This year on **Saturday, July 30**, OCPC is once again helping with the Lake Ripley Ride To Cure Juvenile Diabetes. We will be volunteering at the London Community Center Rest Stop from 9am-1 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Pastor Scott know. If you are interested in riding in this family friendly event, here is the link to learn more:

<https://cambridgecap.net/programs/special-events-2/lake-ripley-ride-4-0/>



The Sunflower is the National Flower of Ukraine

**Isaiah 2:4 God will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.**

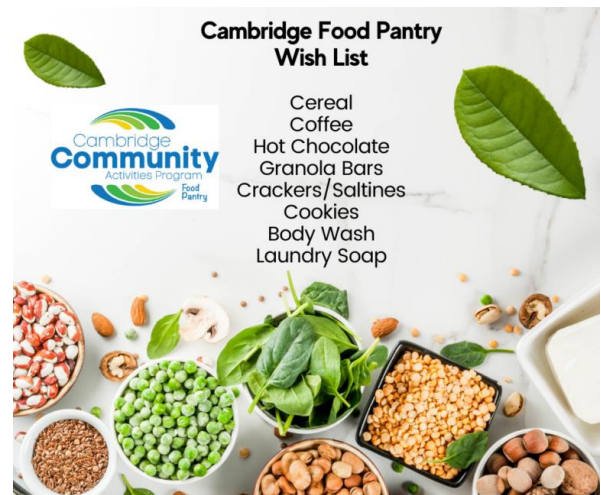
WE CONTINUE TO LIFT UP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE IN OUR PRAYERS in the midst of this senseless war, deaths and destruction taking place. For the coming

Sundays, we will take a moment in worship to light the “Peace Candle” near the pulpit and offer a special prayer for the people of Ukraine.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund is also receiving financial gifts to help with the refugees fleeing the war. Send your gift to OCPC; or make a check out to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Be sure to designate it for DR000156-Ukraine. You may also text PDAUKR to 41444.



OCPC HAS A MISSION FUND. The Session is looking for mission opportunities who might need our support. If you have a suggestion, please send it to pastor@ocpchurch.com



FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Cereal, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Granola Bars, Crackers/Saltines, Cookies, Body Wash, Laundry Soap. Donation bin is located outside of the lower level middle school/food pantry entrance and monetary donations are gladly accepted via the Food Pantry website <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/> or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Cambridge WI 53523. Thank you!

May 24, 2022



“A graveyard is an old agreement made between the living and the living who have died that says we keep their names and dates alive.” Thomas Lynch

**MAY 29
ASCENSION SUNDAY
10 AM**



THIS SUNDAY, MAY 29 is known on the Church Liturgical Calendar as Ascension Sunday. Ascension Sunday always precedes Pentecost. The Scripture texts for this Sunday speak of the risen Christ’s last words to the disciples before he ascends into the heavens. In America, it is Memorial Day Weekend. Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a national holiday, originally started following the Civil War, as a time to decorate the graves of the soldiers killed in the Civil War. Since its inception, people visit cemeteries to decorate the graves of soldiers and others who were killed in the many wars and conflicts. It is a time to remember the dead, and wonder what their young lives would have been like had they not had to die fighting in a war.

Our accompanist is Karen Tordera. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go

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Congratulations to Jacob Wagner and Trevor Leto Class of 2022



MATTHEW 25

“LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY?”



Mission Opportunity to Help the Victims of the Mass Shooting in Buffalo

“I Was Hungry and You Fed Me”

ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, a self-described white supremacist drove 200 miles to Buffalo, New York to shoot open-fire in a supermarket in a historically Black neighborhood. The 18-year-old killed 10 people, and injured 3. All those that were killed were African American and the federal government is investigating this as a hate crime. Currently, the Tops supermarket is closed, and many Buffalo citizens now have to travel far to access a grocery store. This is a result of this community being effectively a food desert outside of this store.



As you know, Pastor Scott also teaches at McFarland High School. The McFarland BSU (Black Student Union) is holding a fundraiser to donate money to the Buffalo community. All money raised will be donated to Feed Buffalo which is a Black-led organization with a passion and practice of providing healthy food access to families in need and helping get food to the community in need. They are on the frontlines providing food to this devastated community.

We are a “Matthew 25” church, asking ourselves, “Lord, when did we see you... hungry and feed you?” This is an opportunity for us to live into our Matthew 25 commitment. Pastor Scott and family have donated \$50. We would invite you to consider joining us in this mission opportunity, as we join others in bringing healing and hope to the victims of this hate crime and mass shooting.

If you are inspired to donate to this cause you can visit our Classmunity page [here](#). Any amount helps. The campaign will be going until June 3rd. Thank you for your continued support.

<https://www.feedbuffalo.org/>

Feed Buffalo is in solidarity with all of the families who have been victimized as a result of the horrific tragic mass murders that took place this past Saturday. We are concerned with healing and understand that ongoing healthy food access is key.

We are a Black-led organization with a passion and practice of providing healthy food access to families in need. We are grateful to be a part of a circle of Black and Brown-led food and delivery organizations who will continue to work together for long-term support of the families and community. We are working very closely with Black Love Resists in the Rust (Phylicia Brown), Dr. Samina Raja, and Black Monarchy (Phylicia Dove).

Black and Brown mental health workers are on the ground supporting families, Tops employees, and community members who heard the shots, saw uncovered bodies, and somehow, survived. We are in communication and in support of Dr. Lavonne Ansari's team efforts to provide mental and physical health services.

Two verified donation links include:

Feed Buffalo [GoFundMe](#)

Black Love Resists in the Rust (BLRR) [Donate Here](#)

All donations and volunteer offers will be coordinated and used for the purpose of supporting the Jefferson Ave community and surrounding areas on the East Side of Buffalo. In response to the outpouring community support we express our deep gratitude and are committed to continuing our work within the circle of Black and Brown led community efforts.

May we remember that we are not alone as we continue to heal together. We love you.

Worship Schedule in May and June

May 29 - Memorial Day

June 5 - Pentecost Sunday with Communion. It is also Gun Violence Awareness Sunday. Please wear something red (Pentecost) or orange (Gun Violence Awareness)

June 12 - Outdoor Worship with Annual Meeting and Cookout.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DELIVERED MEALS-ON-WHEELS. We had help from Jo Kubina, Melanie Rumpf, Bill & Patty Strobusch and Cheryl Stitz. **If anyone is interested in receiving Meals-on-Wheels, please call Marlene Hussey at 608-423-3773.**

May 17, 2022



MAY 22
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BACCALAUREATE/GRADUATION SUNDAY
10 AM



THIS SUNDAY, MAY 22 is the 6th Sunday of Easter and our Baccalaureate Worship Service. We are honoring our OCPC high school graduates, **Trevor Leto** and **Jacob Wagner**. Trevor will be attending UW-Madison. Jacob will be attending UW-Whitewater. A liturgy and blessing will be offered along with a gift for each graduate. We will also have a special fellowship time when you can congratulate both Trevor and Jacob.

Our accompanist is Karen Brunk. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go "Live", go to the church Facebook page, click on the "Follow" button and you will be notified when we go "live."

CONGRATULATIONS to **Cathy Thiltgen** who has graduated from Madison College with an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

THANK YOU to those who helped during the OCPC Workday this last Saturday, both inside and out! The landscaping looks beautiful! One project we were able to begin was sorting through items in the basement. Progress was made and there are more things to bring upstairs and sort through. Thank you to everyone who also assisted by graciously taking items to give them a new home!

Worship Schedule in May and June

May 22 – Baccalaureate/Graduation Celebration for Trevor Leto and Jacob Wagner.

May 29 - Memorial Day

June 5 - Communion Sunday. Graduation Sunday at CHS

June 12 - Annual Meeting and Cookout.

May 10, 2022

Isaiah 61:1-3

**“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners...
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.”**



MAY 15
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SUNDAY
10 AM



THIS SUNDAY, MAY 15 is the 5th Sunday of Easter. May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. The pandemic has exacerbated mental health issues in people of all ages. The same is true in faith communities. At some point in our lives, we have all walked through those dark valleys filled with shadows of depression, despair, grief and loneliness, wondering if God or anyone else understands or cares. Our liturgy, scripture and message will focus on Mental Health Awareness, as we join others in seeking to break the stigma attached with mental health. As a part of our worship, we will have a time for people to come forward for an anointing and prayer.

Our accompanist is Marian Korth. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go "Live", go to the church Facebook page, click on the "Follow" button and you will be notified when we go "live."

Worship Schedule in May

May 15 – Mental Health Awareness Sunday

May 22 – Baccalaureate/Graduation Celebration for Trevor Leto and Jacob Wagner.

May 29 - Memorial Day

OCPC WORK DAY... This Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. We will have projects outside, spreading mulch and cleaning up the Peace Garden and around the church. We will also be working inside clearing out items from the basement. Donuts, Cookies and coffee will be available.

May 3, 2022

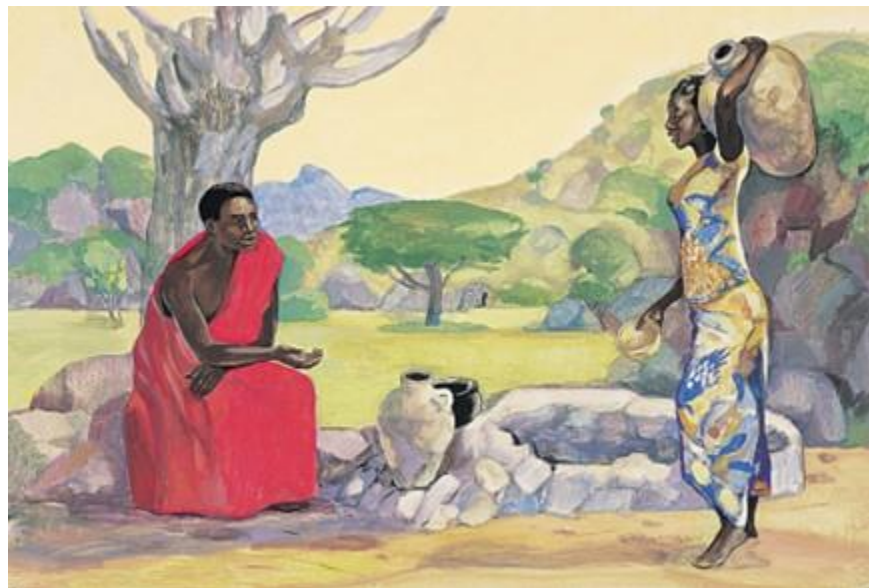
Gracious and holy God, please give me:

**intellect to understand you,
reason to discern you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
words to debate you,
a spirit to know you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
ears to hear you,
eyes to see you,
a tongue to proclaim you,
a way of life pleasing to you,
patience to wait for you, and
perseverance to look for you.**

Attributed to St. Benedict of Nursia (ca.480-555)



MAY 8
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY
10 AM



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

New Ways Ministry

John 4:1-42

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 8 is the 4th Sunday of Easter. We will be celebrating Women of Faith who have in their lives and service, shown us the Risen Christ. Our scripture story in Readers Theatre style is from John 4:1-42, as we hear about the Samaritan Woman at the Well. Our accompanist is Karen Brunk. The service will be live-streamed on our church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI> To be notified of when we go

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Worship Schedule in May

May 8 – Celebration of Women in Ministry

May 15 – Mental Health Awareness Sunday

May 22 – Baccalaureate/Graduation Celebration for Trevor Leto and Jacob Wagner.

May 29 - Memorial Day



Inch by Inch, Row by Row, Going to Make This Garden Grow



OCPC FRIEND, LORIN FULTON, along with her husband Ted, live near Rockdale in Stub Lund’s childhood farm. Lorin has been on our prayer list, as she is battling cancer. Over the past years, she has been able to plant her garden, and loves sharing its

abundance, especially her garlic. Lorin needs some help this year, and with her permission, I am sharing the following from her.

“I would like to put my farm in this year! The physical labor required is my biggest concern. Is anyone interested in helping the biggest day when we mark out the rows, roll black plastic and throw bricks to secure it down and then seam it?

Then I’m curious if anyone is interested in helping out all summer for a share of the veggies? Making a commitment to drive out for one day to help me put in is one thing. Committing to help a certain day or days during the week is another. Good intentions vs actually showing up. We have the yurt as a place to sleep over for a night, temperature permitting, if that helps. I’m trying to gauge how big I can go based on how much labor I might have.

The big putting-in day is weather driven. The rain is killing me. Can’t till if it’s mucky. And it’s very, very mucky. We are looking at possibly this coming Monday as a break in the weather. I have infusion the next day in Zion so I will be leaving early the next morning. And it’s labor, folks. Planting, weeding, harvesting, wash, dry, bag, weigh, bug patrol, etc. But it’s on a beautiful farm, with deer running around, beehives, birds, invading bunnies! And once the harvest starts, it’s like finding a treasure every day!

Think about it. Let me know.”

OCPC LONG-TIME ATTENDERS, SYLVIA AND LARRY JENSEN, are moving.

They are moving up north to be closer to their son. We give thanks for their years of involvement at OCPC and other Madison area Presbyterian Churches. We will miss them and offer our prayers and blessings in this time of transition.

AGING AND SENIOR CARE RESOURCES [Caring.com](https://www.caring.com) is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have been featured by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet. The following is a link to their Senior Care and Assisted Living Guide for communities in Wisconsin: (<https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/wisconsin>)

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MILESTONES

Birthdays

Neal Traeder June 6
 Paul Anderson..... June 8
 Emily Hanson June 13
 Jamie Fieser Schauer June 17
 Julie Anderson June 21
 Lydia Meier June 22

Marian Korth..... June 24
 Don Hawkins June 26

Anniversaries

Michael & Melanie Rumpf..... May 31
 Virgil & Kristine Runge..... June 6

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton
 Don Hawkins is in the Edgerton Care Center
 Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
 Jenine Spack

The families of Jack Spack, Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.


If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

STANDING DATES – These are regularly scheduled events

- Pastoral Office Hours – Generally 9:00 a.m. to Noon Wednesdays
- Business Office Hours – 8:00 a.m. to Noon Monday through Thursday
- Sundays – 10:00 a.m. Worship;
 Communion first Sunday of each month
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. – AA

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