



Staying Connected



In-Person Worship

Help us welcome Pastor Cathy Jones to our pulpit, again, on Sunday, September 5th at 9:30 am. It's the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, and the *Season of Peace* begins.

Worship-in-the-Park

Join us on Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 am, for **Rally Sunday Worship-in-the-Park & Potluck Picnic**. This will be held at **Howard Lake Memorial Park**. In case of rain, we will meet at the church.

Anniversary Celebration!

Help Eugene & Terry Lorentz celebrate their **50th & 51st Anniversary** Saturday, September 4th 2:00—5:00 pm at their farm, in the shop 12423 75th St SW Howard Lake



Sept. Birthdays:

Andrea Koeppe	2
Ron Grangroth	3
Ari Higgins	12
David Oberfeld	13
Loren Brovold	20
Anna Weege	20
Alma Robinson	23
Christie Tussing	25
Lee Gutknecht	29

Sept. Anniversaries:

Ken & Susan Ribe	7
Jim & Karen Neisen	26
Tom & Christie Tussing	28

"The world is full of beauty
when the heart is full of love."

~ W. L. Smith

"Love is the life of the soul.
It is the harmony of the universe."

~ W. E. Channing

"Those who love deeply never grow
old."

~ Sir Arthur Wing Pinero



Needed Prayers

Please Pray for...

Healing: Alice Swanson, Delores Lahr, Rose Barberg's daughter Cheryl Paicius, Chris, Lee Gutknecht, Reta Blanchette, Eugene Lorentz, and Alma Robinson's grandson, Chris Robinson

At The Lodge: Anna Hohag and Phyllis Smith

Please Pray for thankfulness and joy for. . . Eugene & Terry Lorentz! Happy Anniversary to this beautiful couple! Lord, continue to bless them and their marriage!

"Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness.
Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing."

~ August Wilson

Looking Ahead

- September 1 — *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*
- September 4 — Eugene & Terry Lorentz's 50th & 51st Anniversary! Celebration from 2-5:00 pm at their farm
- September 5 — *15th Sunday after Pentecost; Season of Peace begins;* Worship at 9:30 am with Pastor Cathy Jones
- September 6 — *Labor Day;* Office closed
- September 7 — 7:30 pm AA Meeting
- September 8 — *International Literacy Day*
- September 12 — *Rally Sunday; 16th Sunday after Pentecost; Christian Formation Week begins; **Worship-in-the-Park*** at Memorial Park with Rev. Kate O'Brien Soltau, followed by a Potluck Picnic
- September 14 — 7:30 pm AA Meeting
- September 19 — *17th Sunday after Pentecost; Christian & Citizen Sunday; Evangelism Sunday;* 9:30 am Worship
- September 21 — *International Day of Peace;* 7:30 pm AA Meeting

Devotion

THE FAITH TO FORGIVE by Andrew Womack

"Luke 17:5 'And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.'"

It is very interesting to note that the apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith after He spoke of forgiveness. They observed all of the wonderful miracles Jesus performed and yet that never inspired them to ask for greater faith. Truly, walking in love and forgiveness with each other takes as much faith as any miracle we will ever believe for.

The basis of forgiveness is the love and mercy of God. It is only because God first loved and forgave us that we can love and forgive others. If we aren't walking in the forgiveness of God, we won't minister it to others. He forgave us before we repented or asked for forgiveness.

The scriptures admonish us to forgive as Christ has forgiven us. God offered His forgiveness towards us while we were yet sinners. Therefore, forgiveness was offered to all unconditionally. But only those who receive the offered forgiveness through repentance and faith are received as sons of God.

Likewise, we are to forgive others their trespasses, just as God has forgiven us our trespasses. We forgive whether or not the other person repents or wants our forgiveness. But we cannot restore such a person to complete relationship until there is repentance on his part. Failure to distinguish between forgiveness and restoration with their different conditions, has caused some people to make themselves vulnerable to unscrupulous people and suffer tragic results. In marriage, we should forgive our mate for anything, even adultery. But if there is no true repentance on our mate's part, it would be foolish to trust him or her in a sexually tempting situation. We should forgive a business partner for stealing from us whether or not he repents, but that doesn't mean we ought to put ourselves in a position to let him do it again. Complete restoration is dependent on repentance. Walk in forgiveness today.