

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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August 2023

Striving to Live, Love, Serve, all for the Glory of God.

The Churchwomen (WELCA) are meeting on

Saturday, August 5, 9:00am
at Luke's Café in Le Sueur

RSVP to Maria at 507-317-0365.

Meet at church at 8:45am if you want to ride share,
or meet at the Café at 9:00am.



Nicollet County Fair

Scandian Grove will be hosting a
worship service during the Nicollet County Fair
on **Sunday, August 13 at 9:30am**

It will be in the air conditioned Johnson Hall
The service is open to the Community and will
be a great opportunity to invite others to join in
hearing the Word and experiencing worship
among our Community of Believers.

*Please join us for
coffee and refreshments after!*

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive

**Nicollet Community
American Legion**

715 3rd Street Nicollet MN 56074

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
12:00pm to 6:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Nicollet to schedule an app.



Download the Blood Donor App today.
Get your digital donor card, schedule
your next appointment, track your lifetime
donations, view your blood pressure, and
follow your donations on its way to a hos-
pital.



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PLEASE NOTE!

SGLC and Norseland Lutheran are in charge of vol-
unteers & lunch for this upcoming Blood Drive in
Nicollet on August 9. Judy Schultz is unavailable
that day & is looking for someone to take her place
as an on-site coordinator. Please reach out to Judy
if you are willing to take that on. Additional volun-
teer opportunities are on a sign-up sheet at church.

Also, there will be a drawing for first time donors for
some Valley Fair tickets. Walk-ins are welcome but
register if you can!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us for a chance to gather together to recon-
nect with old friends and meet new friends at a
picnic following worship on **Sunday, August 20**.
All Sunday School Families are welcome to at-
tend!

Want to dig deeper in your faith?

Join us this upcoming season in *Sunday School*
or *Adult Forum!*

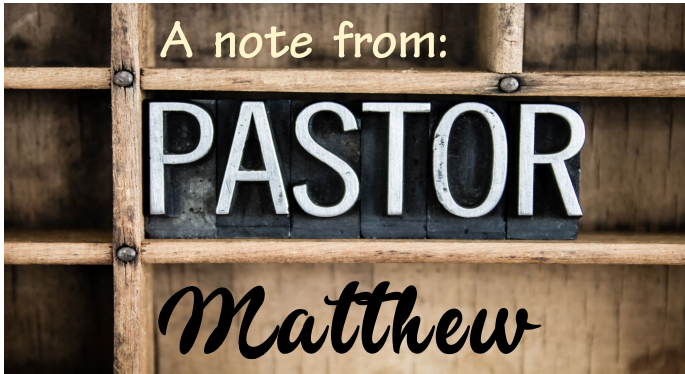
When:

1st and 3rd Sundays of every month beginning
on **Sunday, September 17 at 8:30am.**

Who:

- **Adult Forum:** All are welcome!
- **Sunday School:** Children Preschool - High School

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO GROW IN
OUR FAITH TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY!**



Let Us Reach Out In Faith

BY PASTOR MATTHEW GARAVALLIA

The story of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak in Matthew 9:18-26 is one of the most touching and powerful accounts in the Bible. It tells us of a woman who had suffered for twelve years from a bleeding disorder, and who believed that if she could just touch the hem of Jesus' cloak, she would be healed. This story teaches us about the power of faith and the compassion of Christ.

As Jesus was on his way to heal the daughter of a synagogue leader, a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years approached him from behind and touched the edge of his cloak. She believed that if she could just touch his cloak, she would be healed. And when she did, Jesus turned to her and said, "Take heart, daughter, your faith has healed you." And from that moment on, the woman was healed of her bleeding disorder.

This story teaches us several important lessons. Firstly, it shows us the power of faith. The woman believed that Jesus could heal her, and her faith was strong enough to move her to action. She did not let her condition hold her back or make her despair. Instead, she had faith in the healing power of Christ and was willing to reach out to him for help.

Secondly, this story teaches us about the compassion of Christ. Jesus did not turn away from the woman or ignore her suffering. Instead, he recognized her faith and responded to her with kindness and compassion. He spoke to her with tenderness and called her "daughter," showing her the love and care of a father for his child.

Finally, this story reminds us that Jesus is always present in our lives, ready to heal and restore us. Just as the woman touched the hem of his cloak and was healed, we too can reach out to Christ and experience his healing power in our lives. We may not have a bleeding disorder, but we all have wounds and brokenness that need healing. Christ is always there to heal us and restore us to wholeness.

Brothers and sisters, let us be like the woman in this story, who had faith in Christ's healing power and was willing to reach out to him for help. Let us not be held back by our doubts or fears, but let us trust in Christ's love and compassion to heal us and restore us to wholeness.

Let us also be like Christ in this story, who responded to the woman's suffering with kindness and compassion. Let us be willing to reach out to those who are hurting and in need of our help, showing them the love and care of Christ in our words and actions.

And let us always remember that Christ is present in our lives, ready to heal and restore us. May we have the faith to reach out to him in our times of need, trusting in his love and compassion to heal us and make us whole. Amen.

FYI Pastor Matthew will be taking some vacation time from **August 28 through September 3**. Should the need for pastoral care arise during that time, please contact Gary Miller or Anna.

PASTOR'S SUMMER Hours & Day Off
Office Hours by appointment only through Labor Day.

Pastor is happy to meet with you at your convenience by calling him at 651-283-0434 or by emailing him at: pastorsglc@gmail.com

Friday: Pastor's Sabbath Day (day-off)

Save the Date of
Tuesday, August 15 for
Beer & Hymns
at the
St. Peter Legion
from **6:00 to 8:00pm**

This is an opportunity to join with our Sister Rural Churches in hosting the *Beer & Hymns*.

The Legion will host a meal for profit, but we are the entertainment by providing a ***hymn sing-a-long***. Come on in and give your voice to the Lord.

Save the date



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Members Present

Collin Johnson, Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, David Hermanson, Dick Kinkeade, Gary Miller, Pam Rogich, Jeff Allerson, and Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Excused Jay Hanson, Heidi Scheurer, Rhonda Hermanson

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm and lead by Vice President Joni Anderson

Devotions by Pastor Matthew - Mirror the Good Works of Jesus for the Benefit of All

Secretary's Report

Dick motioned to approve the June minutes with the amendment in the Treasurer's Report Checking Balance to be adjusted to "\$-625.49" and in the Property Committee Report to read "the windows in the pastor's office to be checked by the property committee", seconded by Dave and carried.

Financial Secretary's Report for May

Collin reviewed the report for the group. Pam motioned to approve this report, seconded by Jeff and carried.

Savings Account Balance as of 6/30/23

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$5,376.72
Improvement Fund Balance:	7,937.18
Memorial Fund Balance:	4,795.23
Scholarship Fund Balance:	7,274.57

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (6/1/23)	-\$625.49
Total Deposits:	16,077.95
Total Expenses:	-\$13,874.36
Checking Balance:	\$1,578.10
+Sunday School Fund:	592.46
Ending Balance: (6/30/23)	\$2,170.56

Treasurer's Report

Vicki reviewed the report for the group. Dick motioned to approve this report, seconded by Pam and carried. Collin made motion to transfer from Improvement Fund to checking to cover the Northern Comfort two invoices totaling \$400 for the parsonage air conditioner repair, motion carried. Memorial Fund CD (\$20,000) needs to be renewed by July 13, 2023. Dick moved the six month CD to be renewed at 5%, David seconded, and motion carried. There are two additional CD's coming due in August.

Committee Reports

CONSTITUTION UPDATE COMMITTEE

Beth Kinkeade represented the Committee and reviewed several clarifications needed for the SGLC Constitution and discussed revisions and the Committee suggestions. They are awaiting a revision response from the Synod Rep. The Committee is soon ready for final presentation/approval from the Council who will set a Congregational Meeting.

PROPERTY

Three bids have been received for a new air conditioning unit (which is obsolete) for the parsonage. Bids were discussed. Dick made a motion, to accept the bid by Miller Refrigeration, St Peter. Seconded by Jeff and motion carried.

Hwy 22 easement on the East Cemetery - Settled - \$500 to SGLC is anticipated.

Handrail for Altar Step - Completed by Charles Johnson.

Repairs on Steeple - The Church Steeple was inspected and there is no source found for the leak.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Music Copyright - OneLicense acquisition was completed; this license will provide SGLC with the ability to utilize/print copyrighted materials.

EDUCATION

Green Lake VBS - Bible School at the Gaylord Park is in session and going well. Thirty two children are participating, with SGLC children accounting for about 1/3. Thursday night picnic and program at 6:00pm is open for ALL to enjoy.

MISSIONS

Serving at "The Kitchen" - is next scheduled at Trinity in Saint Peter on July 17, from 4:00 to

7:00pm. Picnic themed meal for about 100 people will be served. Pork Chops to be prepared by Nicollet County Pork Producers. Volunteers and donations are being sought. Thrivent member sponsorship has been acquired.

Lutheran Social Services contacted a GAC employee who in turn contacted SGLC about helping a new Saint Peter family to settle into life in America. No additional contact was made to SGLC so it is assumed that another option was found.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 23rd will be the 165th Anniversary Celebration of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. 120 people are being planned for; egg bake, fruit, cheese and pastries will be served. A 30 minute video has been created. Former pastors are invited. There will be a brief program. The Pioneer Building will be open for tours. The Choir is planning to sing. A Free Will donation will be accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MINISTRY

Care Team - This Team continues to make visits and meets monthly.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Matthew reviewed the many activities and tasks he has been involved in throughout the month.

Old Business

Training on Defibrillator Use - to be provided on July 16 at coffee time. Jeff Allerson will teach this important training session.

Council Retreat - A Council Retreat was discussed and it was decided it would be a beneficial opportunity. Possible topics to be included: Goal Setting, Donation Wish Lists, Constitution Review, Grow as Spiritual Leaders. Morning of Saturday, September 9, 2023, then after Annual Meeting in 2024 with new Council Members.

Pictures From Library - Are being worked on and will be put into an album. Tabled.

New Business

Beer & Hymns - SGLC was asked by Trinity and St Paul's to co-sponsor Beer & Hymns on August 15. The Council agreed to co-sponsor. A template will be sought from Trinity Sibley to promote. An honorarium will be given to piano players.

South African Partnership - Thursday, August 31, 6:00-8:00pm. Pastor Bob Stover asked that Scandian Grove host the meeting of the South African Partnership by providing the Fellowship Hall for the meeting and a meal for 10-15 people. Gary has acquired a volunteer to put together the meal.

GIFT Sunday Update - For the future, the Visioning Committee made the decision that in the upcoming year, there will be three GIFT Sundays when SGLC, Trinity and St Paul's will join together to worship, each church is to create a "signature Sunday" to plan for.

Technology - The "new" wireless microphones function for outside events and for recording.

Church At The Fair - SGLC to lead church services at the Nicollet County Fair on Sunday, August 13. Pastor will preach and a Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be on the counter. Thrivent Action Team sponsorship has been acquired to help with an after service treat for those in attendance.

Connecting Nicollet County Leadership Training - There are two people interested in attending for the upcoming year. Gary made a motion that SGLC offer to cover the cost of this training. Seconded by Dick and motion carried.

Adjournment

Dick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm, seconded by Pam and carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:30pm hosted by Dick Kinkeade

Communion Assistants for August are Jeff Allerson and Dick Kinkeade

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Bjorklund

Church Council Secretary

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Tammy Jo (Fermstad) Mosel** who passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at her home in Lakeville after a 17 month battle with Leukemia. The Funeral Service will be at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 11:00am with visitation starting at 10:00am. Committal will be in the Scandian Grove Cemetery with a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



To Ashley and all Tammy's family, we share in the pain of your loss, grief and sadness at the passing of your mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt!

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Remember in prayer...

We pray for those who are having difficulties in their relationships, the lonely, neglected, hungry, and those financially strained, those fighting anxiety and depression, recuperation from illness and surgeries, those grieving the loss of a loved one, and those serving in the military along with their families still at home. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

The VBS week last month was a success! Watching the Lord at work in this magical tradition is so inspiring and we **thank the volunteers** that devoted time to this endeavor. Ask some of the youngsters to share something about their VBS week with you!

THANK YOU!



Thanks for the generous donations for the upkeep of our Cemeteries.

NOTE! At the end of August we will be spraying both Cemeteries for broadleaves.

Please remove all potted plants.

Thank you, the Cemetery Board

Thanks to everyone who donated food cash and volunteered their time to help at **The Kitchen**. Including takeouts, we served 103 meals. *What an inspiring event.*

Our next turn to serve will be in October.



Congratulations to...

Steven Vogt & Betsy Blume Wilker who were married on Saturday, July 15, 2023

We pray that your union will be blessed by the God of Love and you will have many years together filled with joy and happy memories!



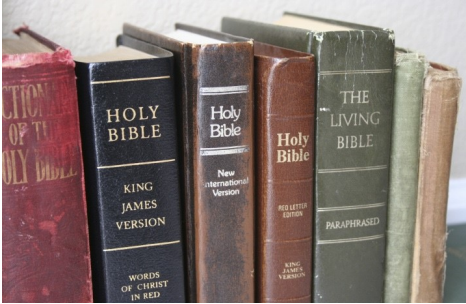
Jaden Podratz & Hannah Beckius who were married on Saturday, July 22, 2023

We pray that this new bond will grow and strengthen in the shadow of the God who brought you together!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Janet Allerson	13	Julie O'Neil
	Brenna Lien		Bethany Spanier
2	Joanne Wolf	14	Andrew Larson
3	Chris Rodning	16	Kit Allerson
	Heather Schott	19	Larkin Allerson
	Annie Miller	21	Dave Hermanson
8	Wayne Bjorklund	22	Peter Anderson
	Ruby Langr	24	Marshall Bjorklund
9	Heidi Scheurer		Croix Bjorklund
10	Luke Norell	25	Karri Anderson
	Marlin Peterson		Cora Jaeger
12	Melanie Jonason	28	Seth Lokensgard
	Shaunie Kuphal		

Looking For A Bible Study To Attend?



COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY begins on

September 11th and meets on Monday nights from **7:00 to 8:30pm** through the first week of May

They gather at Hosanna Lutheran in Mankato and appeal to a diverse group of Christian backgrounds and knowledge bases.

Break out sessions meet for the first 55 minutes with your choice of joining a:

- ◆ **WOMEN'S GROUP**
- ◆ **MEN'S GROUP**
- ◆ **"COUPLES" GROUP**

There are about 25 people in each group and then they all convene for a teaching lecture/summary the last half hour.

This year the first 18 weeks will focus on Ruth and Samuel. The last 12 weeks will be spent in Ephesians.

You don't have to commit to the whole year but can choose one of the studies if that is more convenient for you.

This is available for a very reasonable price of \$32 per study.

Questions? Call Greg at 507-995-4106 **or** contact Anna at 507-995-4567

You can also learn more and register at: www.fisher.communitybiblestudy.org

***NOTE** that this is **NOT** a Bible Study sponsored by Hosanna, but rather an international organization that uses Hosanna as a meeting space in our area and people drive from many surrounding communities to attend.

An on-line Zoom option is also popular if you aren't enthusiastic about driving on Monday nights.



On **Monday, August 31**, Scandian Grove will host the next **River Valley Conference** meeting in support of our sister synod the Vryheid Conference in South Africa. Help will be needed in serving a light

supper. Please reach out to Pastor Matthew if you are interested in volunteering for this. **The Gathering begins at 6:00pm with the meal and then the meeting to follow.**

We The Kingdom

will be performing at the **Freeborn County Fair** on **Saturday, August 5**

This is a high ticket demand event so start looking to secure tickets now if you are interested.

This national Christian band will not disappoint!

Get tickets at: <https://tickets-center.com/>



	August 2023	September 2023
ALTAR GUILD	Laurie Webster	Heidi Scheurer
READERS	Paul Engel	Theresa Bjorklund
USHERS	Dick & Beth Kinkeade	Tom Hanson, Red Bushman
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jeff Allerson Dick Kinkeade	Gary Miller Rhonda Hermanson
COUNCIL HOST	Dick Kinkeade	Rhonda Hermanson

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

finishes its Summer Noontime Organ Recitals
LIVE at 12:10pm on Tuesdays in Mankato.

ORGANISTS:

~ Kraig Windschitl on August 1
~ Christine Schulz on August 8

Performances at

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

720 S. 2nd Street

Each recital is FREE.

Visit www.agosiouxtrails.org for more info.



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Book Club

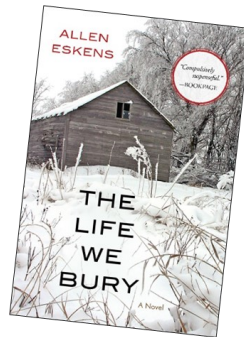
invites you to
read & discuss on

**Sunday, August 27
at 4:00pm**

The Life We Bury

A novel by MN Author Allen Eskens

At the home of Don & Rhonda Hermanson



College student Joe Talbert finds himself on deadline to complete a writing assignment for an English class. His task is to interview a stranger and then write a brief biography. Heading to a nearby nursing home, Joe finds a willing subject. There he meets Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran - and a convicted murderer.

As Joe writes about Carl's life, Joe finds it impossible to reconcile the heroism of a soldier with the despicable acts of a convict. With the help of Lila, his skeptical neighbor, Joe throws himself into uncovering the mystery through his efforts of dealing with his dangerously dysfunctional mother, the guilt of leaving his autistic brother vulnerable, and a haunting childhood memory.

Find out more, thread by thread, of what Joe unravels from this tapestry of Carl's conviction. And then, join us and discuss this book with other intrigued readers like you.

In **September** we will be discussing...

Not the Camilla We Knew

by Rachael Hanel

CELL PHONE VS. BIBLE

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

Submitted by Louise Fitzke-Poncini

Christian Radio Station Guide

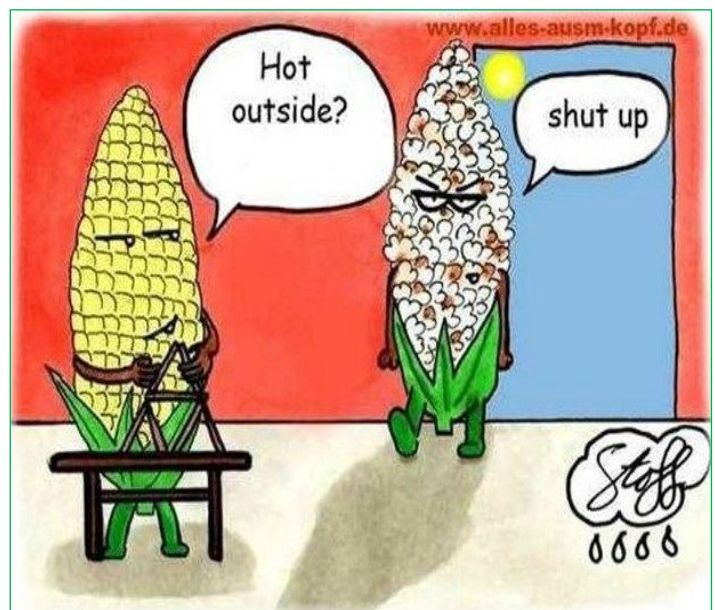
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94.9 FM Mankato
107.7 FM Albert Lea

KTIS AM 900 AM Minneapolis

KJLY FM 104.5 FM Blue Earth *Contemporary Christian*



KJTS FM 88.3 FM New Ulm *Know Jesus the Savior*

The Refuge 88.7 FM Nicollet



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 9:00am WELCA Meeting at Luke's Café, Le Sueur 10:00am Visitation for Tammy Fermstad (Mosel) 11:00am Funeral Service for Tammy Fermstad (Mosel) <i>We the Kingdom preforming at the Freeborn County Fair</i>
6 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	7 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg	8 6:30pm Church Council	9 Noon to 6:00pm Blood Drive at Nicollet Legion	10 Nicollet County Fair	11 Pastor's Day Off Nicollet County Fair	12 Nicollet County Fair
13 Nicollet County Fair 9:30am Ecumenical Worship Service at Nicollet County Fair in Johnson Hall 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" NO Worship at SGLC	14	15 6:00pm to 8:00pm Beer & Hymns at St Peter Legion Newsletter Deadline <i>Don't Miss the DEADLINE!</i>	16	17	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
20 Food Shelf Sunday 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School Meet & Greet Picnic after Worship 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	21 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg	22	23	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26
27 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 4:00pm Book Club at Don Hermanson's Home	28 Pastor on Vacation	29 Pastor on Vacation	30 Pastor on Vacation	31 Pastor on Vacation 6:00pm River Valley Conference Mtg at SGLC	Pastor on Vacation through Sunday, September 3 	

Scandian Grove Total Giving



Total benevolence giving thru June 30, 2023--\$8,389.00

Financial Report-June 2023

Fund	General Checking Fund Beginning Balance Less Historical/Choir Music/ Keyboard	Deposits/Transfers/ Increases	Expenditures/Transfers/ Decreases	General Checking Fund Ending Balance Less Historical/ Choir Music/Keyboard
General/Checking Fund-(625.49)	(1,384.06)	16,077.95	13,874.36	819.53
Checking/Pastor's Stole	100.00	-	-	100.00
Checking/Keyboard	158.57	-	-	158.57
Checking/Sunday School Funds	592.46	-	-	592.46
Checking/Historical Bldg. Upkeep	500.00	-	-	500.00
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL	(33.03)	16,077.95	15,485.31	2,170.56
Credit Line	750.00	-	750.00	-
Family Medical Savings Account	5,245.67	131.05	-	5,376.72
Improvement Savings Account	7,569.06	368.12	-	7,937.18
Memorial Savings Account	4,793.96	1.27	-	4,795.23
Scholarship Savings Account	7,272.76	1.81	-	7,274.57
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	36,722.75	375.88	-	37,098.63

THANK-YOU!! Your gifts are "making a difference" in the congregation, community, and throughout God's World.



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ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 2	62
Sunday, July 9	66
Sunday, July 16	76
Sunday, July 23	91
Sunday, July 30	??



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**Newsletter
Deadline**

August 15



DAILY PRAYER: FATHER GOD, HELP ME NOT TO FOCUS SO MUCH ON OBTAINING MATERIAL POSSESSIONS THAT I LOSE SIGHT OF THINGS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT. MAY THE FRUIT OF MY ACTIONS BE OF MUCH GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN THE PERISHABLE GOODS THAT CAPTURE MY ATTENTION. I LOOK TO YOU FOR PROPER BALANCE IN THE THINGS YOU HAVE BLESSED ME WITH AND THE ATTITUDE IN WHICH I RECEIVE THESE GOOD THINGS. IN JESUS' NAME I PRAY. AMEN