



TOWER
ECHOES
2021

From the Pastor,

This month we celebrate the Fourth of July. We celebrate the independence of our country from English rule. Freedom has been a key word used in 2020 and 2021. Lots of discussion about what it means to be free and to what extent the Government has the right to control its citizens and religious institutions.

Some of the discussions demonstrated that perhaps we are not as free as we believe we are not from government control but from original sin. We are stuck in original sin or our selfishness until we realize we are not free from our sin. The world does not recognize original sin and thus lives in its consequences.

Jesus said if the Son sets you free you are free indeed. Jesus the Son of God came to set us free from our selfishness so we could be free to be children of God. Christians live as both oppressed by sin and freed from sin. The cross frees us from the consequences of sin which is death and being struck in Satan's rule.

While we celebrate our country's freedom once a year, every Sunday is a celebration of our freedom from sin. I am thankful I live in a free country and live in freedom in God's Kingdom.

Pastor Jim



COOK Rescue BREAKFAST
Pancakes, eggs, sausage,
Coffee, mil k, orange juice
Cook Firehall
Sunday, July 18, 2021
8 a.m. to 11 A.m.
Free will donation
CELEBRATING 43 YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE COOK
COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

The Cook Days Community Worship is planned for July 18 at 9 a.m. The worship is planned to be at the Park but will be moved to Grace Lutheran Church if there is inclement weather.

School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief are being collected. The items needed are:
70 sheet spiral notebooks (4 each school kit),
Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons,
Ball point Pens (5 each Kit),
Blunt scissors,
Unsharpened #2 Pencils (5 each kit),
and 12 inch rulers.

School Sales will be happening soon!
Donations are welcome to help purchase the items and Thrivent Action team funds will help fill these back packs.

There will not be Vacation Bible School this year.

ELCW Meeting

A short meeting was held after church on June 13th. The purpose of the meeting was to decide whether we wanted to do a food stand on July 18th at Cook Days. It was made a motion by Judy Brinkman, that we go 50-50 with the Cook Museum. Seconded by Kathy Helgren.

Kris Gerking had the food stand in 2020 for the museum as we were not allowed to have one due to Covid. We had discussion on the project and decided we would help with the food and desserts and help man the stand. Several ladies volunteered to apply for the Action Team money from Thrivent for the projects. We voted on this motion and it was carried. Eleta Eisenhauer volunteered to contact Kris Gerking about our proposal. Meeting was adjourned.

Carolyn Cropp, ELCW President

Church Seasons: The Church remains in the Season time After Pentecost. The color is green and the texts challenge us to be faithful in our witness to Christ as the Savior and extender of our life.

Church Festivals— July 3 Thomas, Apostle

July 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle

July 25 James, the Elder Apostle

July 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany

U.S. Holiday—July 4 Independence Day

Windmill City Days is going to happen July 17 and 18.

(Watch for posters with activity details and some changes that you can expect.)

Grace Lutheran, as it was decided at our after church women's meeting in June is going with the suggestion of having Kris Gerking, member of our women's group and the Cook Museum, chair the Windmill City Days food stand. The women's group will provide workers and any donated food that is needed for the food stand. Profits will be shared equally by both groups.

In return our ladies are being asked to consider donating items to the museum bake sale that is held in the same building as the lunch stand. Bake sale profits will be for the museum. Bake sale items could be delivered about 11:00 am if possible. This bake sale has operated as a free will offering in past years.

Food and work schedule volunteer sheets will be at the back of church starting in July. We will be asking for about 7 workers for each of 2 time periods. Those wanting to help with the preparation and early serving time are asked to sign up from 10:00am to about 12:15pm and those wishing to take over serving spots and help with clean up are asked to sign up from 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Any others who are around at the close will be welcome to join in washing tables, putting away tables and chairs and what-ever is needed to complete the food stand task.

Food items that will be on the signup sheets will be for 2 pies each for a total of 10 fruit pies, 2 (9 x 13) pans of brownies for a total of 4 pans and 2 angel food cakes for a total of 2. If you don't connect with the signup sheets you can call Eleta @ 402 921 0042. Volunteers are appreciated because they save the time of calls for soliciting. If we have blanks on our solicitation sheets after July 12 calls will be made. If Kris needs help with other food preparation prior to the Sunday, July 18th date we will be calling for helpers. Please prayerfully consider what you can and will do to make this joint venture a success and to provide a service for our community.



July Birthdays

4th – Linda Daniels
6th – Wayne Parde
8th – Lori Brinkman
10th – Judy Brinkman
Hunter Thompson
11th – Samantha Effken
12th – Taylor Bailey
14th – Kathy Carman
16th – Joe Brinkman
Sara Kuhl
Arlene Panko
18th – Michelle Dutcher
Mike Weber
19th – Jason Dorn
21st – Shaun Thompson
26th – Sarah Purcell
27th – Chris Thompson
29th – Daniel Moles
Ellen Mannschreck
30th – Ayden Smith
Jane Keigher

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/1 – Robin & Andrea Eggleston
7/6 – Mike & Kathy Carman
7/9 – Alex & Holly Kuhl
7/11 – Kirk & Brenda Ullrich
7/13 – Nick & Lisa Weber
7/24 – Louis & Grace Bentzinger
7/31 – Tom & Lori Brinkman



You are invited to Carol Joy Holling Camp's

Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 31, 2021



Quilts handcrafted by individuals, congregations, and groups from Nebraska and beyond will be auctioned to fund summer camp scholarships.

Quilts will be on display by 9:00 a.m. The live auction begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch Served 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. We will continue until all quilts are sold, which is usually around 5:00 p.m.

[View quilts, schedule, and absentee bidding instructions:](#)

CJHCenter.org/quilt-auction

New this year – Silent Auction online bidding
Free parking & admission!

Carol Joy Holling Camp
27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE 68003



CAROLE'S HOUSE *of* HOPE

Dear Piecemakers,

You have again blessed us with such beautiful quilts and we are so very grateful and we appreciate your talents and dedication to helping our young families! You all really do beautiful work and they are truly gifts of love!! We thank you all!!!

Love, Bonnie





**AmeriCorps
Seniors**

Wanting Classroom Grandmas and Grandpas!

**Are you, or someone you know,
55 years of age or older AND would like to
volunteer to help a child?**

**Join AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program
today!**



This Program is a mentoring opportunity that pairs people ages fifty-five & older with children who have special/exceptional needs or falling behind in a skill. The volunteers provide one-on-one attention to children in the following areas of development: reading, math, social and motor skills, and independence. Some activities include: reading, color/number recognition, and puzzles. Grandparents are placed at volunteer sites such as schools, preschool programs, Head Start centers, day care centers, youth programs and State facilities.

Every day in communities across America, Grandparent volunteers are people that children in need can depend on for love, wisdom, and support. When you share your time, experience, and love, you have the power to help a child who needs you.

Requirements:

- 55 years of age or older
- Ability to volunteer hours per week
- Must be in good general health

Benefits of the program:

- Earn a tax-free hourly stipend
- Paid personal leave time
- Paid Holidays
- Mileage reimbursement
- Meal Provided While Volunteering
- Ongoing Education & Training

**For More Information, Contact our office at
402-223-6036/1-800-540-8981**

**New Location: 2015 North 6th Street, Suite E
Beatrice, Ne**

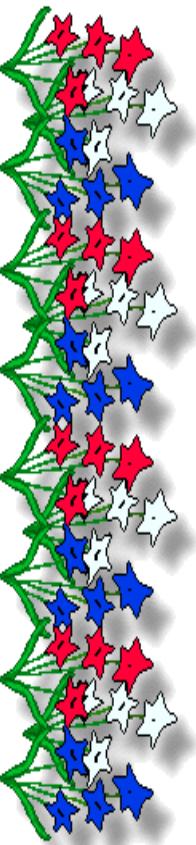
f at Pioneer Foster Grandparent Program



Seniors



July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				ELCW Meeting 7:00 pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						Cook Days Water Fight & BBQ
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Piecemakers Blanket Making All Day				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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