



Life Line

“Only the Love of God Endures”

Everything in life is passing,
and whatever we possess
Cannot endure forever,
but ends in nothingness.
Four there are no safety boxes,
nor vaults that can contain
The possessions we've collected,
and desire to retain...
So all that man acquires,
be it power, fame, or jewels,
Is but limited and earthly,
only “treasure made for fools”...
For only in God's Kingdom
can man find enduring treasure,
Priceless gifts of love and beauty –
more than mortal man can measure,
And these ‘riches’ he accumulates,
he can keep, and part with never,
For only in God's Kingdom
do our treasures last Forever...
So use the word ‘Forever’
With sanctity and love,
For nothing is Forever,
But the Love of God Above!

From “Poems of Faith” by Helen Steiner Rice

I use this verse as a prelude to a short upcoming series of messages on what I call “The Divine Dance of Love”.

Affectionately, Pastor Paul





2021



You can watch Rev. Ray on your phone or computer every Sunday morning at 10:15 am on Zoom. (Our I.D. is 8493568945, Password 998736.) Just go online and get your ZOOM App. It's free!

Bible Study - Evening Bible study meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 7:00 pm.
We are studying the book of Luke.



JUST A REMINDER!
FALL WORSHIP HOUR RESUMES AGAIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH AT 10:15 AM.



Day In the Country is Saturday, September 18th

Saturday, September 18th—Day In The Country from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our Church will have a Cookie Bake Sale, Food Booth, and a Rummage Sale during Day in The Country. Help will be needed to set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Volunteers are needed to help with the Bake Sale, Food Booth, and Rummage Sale on Saturday.

The rummage sale items are being collected and can be placed in the church basement any time between now and Thursday, September 16th.

Sunday, September 5– 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Steve Dolphin and Rose Seeger .

Monday, September 6– **HAPPY LABOR DAY!!**

Sunday, September 12 - Reminder: 10:15 am Worship Hour starts today. Special music by Lora Gensler and Rose Seeger.

Saturday, September 18 - Day In The Country from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sunday, September 19 - 10:15 am, Worship Hour. Special music by KR Band.

Monday, September 20– Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, September 26 - 10:15 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Jubilee.

Lectionary Readings



9/5 *Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125 or Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37*

9/12 *Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

9/19 *Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37*

9/26 *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19: 7-14;*

James 5:13-20; Mark 9: 38-50



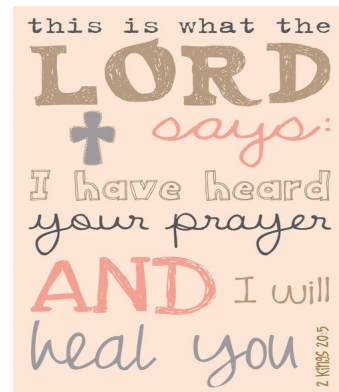
Prayers and Concerns



COVID19 Responders and Caregivers	Ed Manwing
Victims of Terrorism	Neely McNeal
Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide	Dan Medkalf
Our Nation's Leaders	Stephanie Mutz
All military personnel and their families	Matthew Olson
Casa Bernabe Orphanage	Julie Pagan
Kristy Novak Enger	Torin Philips
Rachel Frashingbauer	Reid Shamus
Oscar Jacobs	Sandy Theide
Gene Johnson	Jack and Jeanie Smith
Tom and Lynn Koeper	6 year old Clinton
	Barbara
	Lois

Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has a new address!
Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
Apt. 1118
Burlington, WI 53105
Phone Number 262-758-6718



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor's Report

- Rev. Ray attended the Global Leadership Summit on August 5th and 6th via Zoom.
- Saturday, August 21st, Reverend Ray performed a Memorial Service for Nanette Carlson.
- Friday, October 8th, Reverend Ray will perform a wedding ceremony at the Edward's Building in Rochester.
- Appreciation has been extended to Tom Beach for arranging sound system for the services and sermon recordings.

Treasurer's Report

- June & July: Deposits (income) were \$16,608. Withdrawals (expenses) were \$9,892.

Worship Commission

- Thanksgiving has been extended to Tracy Seeger for a wonderful music on Sunday, August 15th.
- Starting on September 12th, the Sunday Service will start at 10.15 am.
- Rev. Ray will contact choir members in order to discuss future plans for the choir.

Education Commission

- Rev. Ray will contact parents of children who might be interested in Sunday school.

Fellowship Commission

- Summer picnic at Joyce and Bill Gerard's house was held on August 22nd.
- Music in the Park / Ice cream social took place on August 28th.

Mission Commission

- Served dinners at Love Inc. on July 19th.
- Day in the Country rummage sale will benefit Transitional Living Center (TLC) in Burlington.

Buildings and Grounds

- The stage was set up for Music in the Park / Ice Cream Social event held on Saturday, August 28th.
- Flower beds have been mulched.
- Platform for the keyboard is being built outside.
- The dishwasher at the parsonage has been replaced.

Next Council Meeting is September 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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September 2021 All services are shared on ZOOM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Church Special Music by Steve Dolphin & Rose Seeger	6 Happy LABOR DAY!	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:15 am Church Special Music by Lora Gensler & Rose Seeger	13 Bible Study at 7:00pm	14	15	16	17	18 Day in The Country 9:00 am—3:00 pm
19 10:15 am Church Special Music by KR Band	20 Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 10:15 am Church Special Music by Jubilee	27 Bible Study at 7:00 pm	28	29	30		
Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.						

