

# The Caller

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### Ice Cream Social – June 4

On Thursday, June 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., food will be served in Fellowship Hall, and a drive-through will be on the west side of the church. The menu includes sloppy joes, chips, homemade desserts, ice cream and drinks. The Municipal Band will play at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. No tickets are needed. Invite friends and neighbors!



### Father's Day

The Worship Ministry Team would like to honor our fathers or men who may be “father-like” to us for Father’s Day on Sunday, June 21. If you wish to make a donation in honor of or in memory of that special DAD, please include a suggested donation of \$10.00. Donations will be divided between Strom Center for Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia Support and the Recharge Teen Center in Monmouth. Please fill out the form at the Welcome Center and return it to the church office by **Monday, June 15**. Checks should be made payable to our church with Father’s Day on the memo line.

### Community Care Days – June 12-13



The Community Care Days Committee has designated **Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13**, as the workdays serving our community. The committee is from several area churches. All are welcome to take part in the workdays doing all sorts of odd jobs such as yard work, small carpentry jobs, etc. Workdays begin at 8:00 a.m. on both days meeting at Monmouth-Roseville High School parking lot. We will be working all day Friday and ending at noon on Saturday. Lunch will be provided on Friday. If you are able, your help will be greatly appreciated.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

There will be no prayer shawl ministry the months of June, July and August.

## Worship at the Warren County Fair in Roseville – Sunday, July 12

On Sunday, July 12, a morning time to be determined, in the new building at the fairgrounds in Roseville, we will join other churches from Warren County to kick off the Warren County Fair.

### One Day at a Time

As many of you know, I will be having surgery at the beginning of June and will spend some time recovering afterward. While there are certainly moments when I would love to see the whole road ahead clearly, God has been reminding me lately that faith is often lived one day at a time. I'm like the impatient kid that is in the back seat saying, "Are we there yet?" I have a lot of things I want to do when I'm well again! And I WILL get well again.



But Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:34, "*Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*" Those words are not meant to be discouraging (there will be troubles) they are meant to be freeing (don't pick up today what is meant for tomorrow.) Instead, God gives us grace for this moment, strength for this day, and hope for the next step.

Recovery will likely feel slow and uncertain, and life itself often feels that way too. We make plans, but sometimes our plans are interrupted by illness, surgery, grief, stress, or unexpected changes. In those moments, we discover again that our peace does not come from having complete control; our peace comes from knowing that God walks with us through each day, and GOD is in control.

I am deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and support during this season. Your kindness reflects the love of Christ in powerful ways. As I prepare for surgery and recovery, I am trying to focus not on "how long" the journey will be, but on faithfully living each day God places before me.

Perhaps that is a reminder all of us need. We do not have to solve every problem today. We do not have to carry every fear about the future. We simply take the next faithful step. We pray. We trust. We rest when needed. And we remember that God's mercies are "*new each day*" (Lamentations 3:23).

As we move into June together, my prayer is that each of us will learn to slow down enough to notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of daily life. May we find courage, peace, and joy for today.

Thank you again for being such a loving church family. I look forward to healing, being renewed, and having one more thing that I will have been through so that I can empathize with others when they find themselves on that road as well.

As to worship leadership and pastoral care, I am reaching out to people to preach, and Jamie Gallagher from the Lutheran Church has offered to be available for some pastoral care. We WILL carry on! God is Good! All the Time!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Shelly

## Grace Place, our youth Sunday School



McKenna Carlson won the big candy bar drawing this month. Congratulations McKenna!!

This month we have been studying Christian living guidelines that we all need to learn in order to live a life that is devoted to God.

1-We need to learn to walk the narrow path. (Matthew 7:14) God knew how hard it would be to do the right thing all of the time, so Jesus showed us in the Bible what to do when tempted to do the wrong thing. So we made a little game of the wide and narrow path. It started out wide but then we made it smaller and smaller as the youth walked through. The wide path (World's path) was pretty easy and the narrow path (God's path) is a little more difficult and we must look to Jesus and the Word to stay on God's path.

2-Then we found out that we need to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 2:12). Many things in this world try to distract us from God, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, He will keep us on the right path.

3-Now we are starting to learn how to be good examples of the right Christian attitudes and behaviors. Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1Corinthians 10:31) We are trying to grasp the idea that people need to see Jesus in us as we live our daily lives.

We did take time to make our mom's and grandma's Mother's Day cards and play a few games.

Blessings-

Miss Chris and the Grace Place Gang



## Healing Touch – is non-invasive and effective.

Have you considered having a healing touch session? Some of the benefits include relieving stress and depression, reducing pain, supporting the body during chemotherapy, strengthening the immune system and enhancing recovery following surgery. If you would like to schedule an appointment, call Chris Moore (309-337-4162) or Joyce Clark (309-299-5682). There is no charge for a session.

## Senior News

Weekly prayer time is held in the chapel at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings. It is followed by Bible Study from 10:00-11:00. Currently we are studying 2 Corinthians. Bring your Bible and join us. All are welcome to come for either one, or both.

In the Atrium you can find prayer shawls and small pillows displayed. You are invited to select one that you can give to someone for whom it might bring comfort.

Weekly sermons are delivered to over 30 people and communion is available upon request. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Joyce Clark at 309-299-5682.

## Birdies for Charity



Laurie Todd here and I want to share a bit of Birdies for Charity information with you. Here's how it works. You decide what amount you want to donate and send the completed pledge form and money via snail mail or online. Birdies for Charity sends our church a check for every penny donated by all of you together AND a second check for whatever percent of that 1<sup>st</sup> check totaled. Our church family pledged \$13,805 in 2025. That Bonus Fund was 9% of \$13,805, equaling \$1,242.45 in the second check (the BONUS!). We received a total of \$15,047.45 that went to our church's General Fund!!!!

This emailed June Caller has the BFC Pledge Form **again** for you to run off, if you need one. You can also pick one up at the Atrium Welcome Center at church. Please consider making your pledge soon. This is such an easy way to raise extra money, which we are always in need of. No donation is too big or too small. Birdies for Charity administers the program and contest at **NO COST to participating organizations, like our church.**

The **Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund** is the source of that extra bonus to all participating charities. This Bonus Fund is supported with dollars from tournament revenues, special events, direct donations, and a generous matching grant from the John Deere Foundation. We are guaranteed at least a 5% extra Bonus on each pledge. This extra Bonus % has varied from 5% to 9.9% on these last 9 years. That's better than interest on your savings accounts!

There are 3 ways to donate:

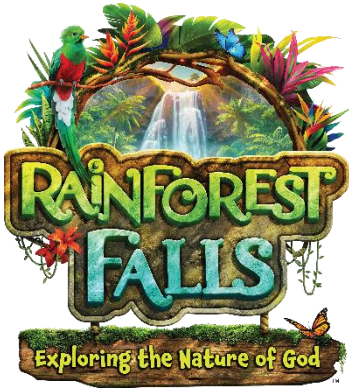
- 1) Fill out your form completely and mail the form and your check made out to "Birdies for Charity" and please put the Bird Number 2135 on the memo line of your check, then mail it directly to 15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244. This has to be received by July 1!
- 2) Fill out your form completely and give the form and your check to the church office or to Laurie Todd, to be mailed in with other donations, saving you a stamp. Give it to us early so we know it will be on time!
- 3) You can also save postage and donate online. Go online to the Birdies for Charity Site. Type in [birdiesforcharity.com](http://birdiesforcharity.com), which gets you to the webpage and follow the directions.

Call, text, or email me if you have questions. 309-255-1535 [ltodd1956@gmail.com](mailto:ltodd1956@gmail.com)

## Summer Special Music for Worship

During the summer months, the Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will not be practicing or taking part in worship. If you would like to provide special music for worship this summer, please contact Shelly Forrest.





## Vacation Bible School is coming up fast!

Youth have already signed up for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer using our online registration. With our online registration, it is easy to register without having to come into the building. Of course, you may also use the paper form to register for VBS.

Now we need our older youth and adults to register to serve. Even if you can't commit to all five days, there are many ways to serve the youth attending VBS. Please contact Chris Moore, our Christian Education Director or Deb Moore to find out how you can serve.

Vacation Bible School is Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6 from 5:00 – 8:00.

## June Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Ron Moore           | 18 Gene Hillman     |
| 3 B.J. Salyers        | 22 Sawyer Kramer    |
| 5 Brayden Halcomb     | Carmyn Way          |
| 7 Neal Anderson       | 23 Jim Edwards      |
| Steve Sandstrom       | 25 Laurie Todd      |
| 9 Tom Prien           | 27 Rick Anderson    |
| Dave Geer             | 28 Terri St. George |
| 10 Andrew Way         | Dennis Willhardt    |
| Amy Myers             | 29 Bob Edwards      |
| 11 Matt Frieden       | Jon Sims            |
| 14 Sharon Stavenhagen |                     |



## Ministry Teams

Directing Pastor - Rev. Shelly Forrest

Secretary/Financial Secretary - LeAnn Murk  
Treasurer - Melinda Todd  
Senior Ministries Coordinator - Joyce Clark  
Education Director - Chris Moore  
Youth Coordinators - Adam & Michelle Carlson  
Nursery Attendant - Julianne Drum and  
Hannah Clark  
Certified Lay Speaker - Anita Anderson

Sanctuary and Bell Choir Director -  
Vea Vavrosky  
Organist - Elizabeth Walker  
Keyboard - Joy Boostrom  
Praise Team Director - Sarah Moore  
Custodian - Doug Ray and Mitch Ray

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6:00 pm Trustees in the lounge 7:00 pm Worship in the lounge	3 EVERY WEDNESDAY Prayer Group 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM	4 5-7:00 pm Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Municipal Band in the Sanctuary	5	6
7	8 6:00 pm Finance in the lounge 7:00 pm Ad Council in the lounge	9	10 10:30 am Deborah Circle in the Fellowship Hall	11 5:00 pm SPRC meeting in the lounge	12 8-5:00 pm Community Care Work Days	13 8-noon Community Care Work Days
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22 July Caller info due	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				