

# 2018 JULY/AUGUST CARILLON

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BEACH SERVICE 8:30 A.M.  
(Ludington Park Beach House area)  
COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
(no Coffee Social in July or August)  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.



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## Much to Celebrate!

Oftentimes, the needs of the world feel overwhelming. Whether it's a crisis on the other side of the world, devastating flooding a few hours away, or struggles within our own families, we can often feel helpless in the face of suffering. The world's problems are so big and complex, and we human beings are so very small.

Last month, Lois Lavelle and I travelled to Traverse City where we joined 1,800 other Michigan United Methodists for our Annual Conference. During Annual Conference, we were able to hear stories of incredible ministry happening all across our state – from congregations offering ESL classes, to the United Methodist response to the Flint water crisis, to congregations taking simple, meaningful steps to make their own churches more engaged and inviting in their own communities. As we heard these stories, we were reminded that we do not follow Jesus alone – we are part of the Body of Christ. And even though the world's needs are great, our God is greater. But what is God doing at Central?

This summer, we are accomplishing more together at Central than we ever could on our own. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, Central will send six youth and adults to Detroit to serve in mission through Cass Community Social Services. This mission team will learn, serve, and worship alongside the people of Detroit, and Kids are able to go to Camp Michigamme and spend a week being formed by God's love thanks to generous congregational support. Families will be fed fresh veggies thanks to all those who continue to pitch in at our God's Growing Space garden. Together, we are supporting Keweenaw flood relief efforts. We continue to offer places to connect with God and with others as we gather for worship, study, and service every week. Be encouraged, Church! Through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, we are able to join in the work that God is already doing. God is on the move, and God is not done with us yet. We are small human beings, but we serve a God who is an expert at using ordinary people for extraordinary things.

Let's be the Church,

*Pastor Elise*



## WILL YOU BE A HELPER?

This is July, a time when many are on vacation. The work of the church, however, goes on. It must. God and the Church do not go on hiatus.

So what needs to be remembered? Stewardship, for one thing. Reminding everyone that the bills also come in the summer, the church staff members need their salaries, the homeless still need to be fed, missionaries are still in the field, etc. The church must depend on each member doing his or her part on a regular basis. That is our responsibility and our privilege.

We must also carry on our stewardship of service: lining up teachers for Sunday school, finding volunteers for the nursery, ushers for worship services, recruiting greeters, kitchen workers, adult and youth counselors for summer camps, people to help build Habitat for Humanity homes, etc. We need talented people to help freshen up our church newsletter, people to work on special events such as the church picnic, a music festival and religious dramas.

The bottom line is this: Helpers are always needed. Helpers are always wanted. Helpers are always special and greatly appreciated. Will you please be a helper?

## AUGUST FINANCE STEWARDS

- 05 Janet Snowden, Connie Duchaine
- 12 Cheryl Swanson, Bev Ladin
- 19 Lois Lavelle, Arleen Martin
- 26 Laura Kluka, Connie Duchaine

## LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

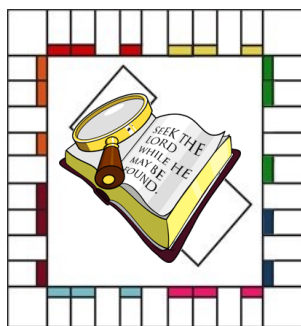
The Loving Fingers Quilters continue to meet in Room #9 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They make quilts for Escanaba & Marquette Hospice, members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt. Our group is made up of young and old, sewers and non-sewers. Please join us for a day, a morning, or an afternoon of good friendship.

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember all the members of our congregation who are suffering in any way and for those who are in nursing homes or homebound. God bless you and keep you in His loving care knowing our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Please call Diane (786-4069), Leona (786-1730) or the office if there is someone who should be on our list.

## BIBLES and BOARDGAMES



All youth grades 7-12 are invited to Pastor Elise and Pastor Ryan's home (1814 22nd Avenue South) for Bibles and Boardgames Sunday evenings this summer. Bring a Bible, a favorite game and a friend! We'll read a chapter together, talk about how it impacts our real lives, and play games together. We're gathering from 7-8:30P Mon July 15th, as well as every Sunday in August. See you there!

## AUGUST CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

### July 29 - August 4

Elementary Camp - Grades 4-6

Activities for 1st-time and returning campers include games, swimming, boating, crafts, hiking and more! Bring a friend!

### August 2-4 - P.R.A.Y. The Good Book

Grades 1-5 boys. Join us as we learn all about The good Book, the Bible that is, in God's beautiful creation! You'll have the chance to shoot a bow and arrow, learn leatherworking, whittle, and cook over an open fire. We are partnering with P.R.A.Y. to provide a camp immersion experience for elementary age boys to learn and earn the merit badge.

**August 10-12** Scrapbook Retreat - Adult women. Retreat to Camp and have time for yourself to share warm, wonderful Christian fellowship with experienced and beginner scrapbookers alike! You can spread out your supplies or use ours to create seven themed pages. All this along with time to enjoy nature and worship together.

### August 13-16 & 16-19 - Quilt Retreats I & II

Come to Camp to quilt with others in our beautiful lakeside setting - a perfect place for refreshing your spirit! There will be an overlap between the 1st and 2nd retreats to allow for a shared lunch and worship service!

### August 23-26 Harmony Retreat - Women

Experience harmony through practical activities and lessons addressing all components of the human being. Learn how to create, develop and nurture a healthy lifestyle spiritually, emotionally, physically, and mentally.

## A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Father, today we think of our nation's independence. The ability that we have to worship you freely, openly, and without the threat of persecution. We ultimately thank You for bestowing that freedom on us as a nation. May we use that freedom to help lead others to the true freedom that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus, our LORD. May we forever praise and honor Your name. Amen.



## AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

- 05 Lee/Verna Anderson  
Wendy DeRouin, Bob Hamlin
- 12 Anna Morse, Harry Badge  
Bev Ladin, Erik Barnhart
- 19 Gregg/Mimi Bruff  
Christine Oswald, Laura Kluka
- 26 Kaylan Thorbahn, Janet Snowden  
Richard/Ethel Blixt



## WELCOME!

We rejoice in the presence of all who have come to worship the Lord. May God's grace rest upon us and prepare us for the week ahead. Welcome!

## JULY LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

There is a lawn mowing sign-up sheet in the Narthex area. We very much appreciate those who are willing to help. We have a nice riding lawn mower to assist you.

### Please mow prior to date listed:

- 01 Volunteer
- 08 Larry Martin
- 15 Gabe Kluka
- 22 Volunteer
- 29 Volunteer

## COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Thank you to the Madalinski's, Sue Gaudette, Verna Anderson, Marilyn Trudgeon, Lynn Kositzke, Lois Lavelle, and Janet Snowden for providing coffee and tasty treats in May & June. Please watch for the sign up sheet for a chance to serve your friends and guests. Any questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

## JULY GREETERS

- 01 Gregg Bruff, Mimi Klotz
- 08 Holly Hamilton, Volunteer
- 15 Beth Taveirne, Volunteer
- 22 Volunteer, Volunteer
- 29 Richard/Ethel Blixt

## BIBLE QUIZ

In 2 Chronicles 7:11-22, there is a promise given by God to the Israelites. God asks them to do three things before he would forgive their sins and heal their land. The first requirement was to humble themselves.

The second was to pray and seek his face. The third requirement was one of the three choices below. Check the correct answer.

- A. \_\_\_ Sacrifice a young bull.
- B. \_\_\_ Turn from their wicked ways.
- C. \_\_\_ Choose a new leader. (Answer below)



## FOOD PANTRY

The number of people needing the aid of food assistance programs is still high locally due to many factors. Prayerfully consider bringing food donations weekly to help supply the Salvation Army Food Bank. Monetary donations can be dropped in the Sunday collection or mailed/brought to the office.

## RADIO BROADCAST

WDBC Radio 680 am airs our worship service each Sunday. Cost is \$100 per week. You can donate all or any part of it.

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY.**

## ROSES & THORNS

If you have a concern or compliment to pass along to the (SPRC), Staff Parish Relations Committee, please fill out a card and let us know your thoughts. Cards can be found in the church pews. Your opinions are important to us and we will address each concern and/or compliment.

## THE MAKING OF SAINTS

How did the saints become saints? They were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful. They were patient when it was difficult to be patient. They pushed on when they wanted to stand still. They kept silent when they wanted to talk. They were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. They forgave when they wanted to condemn.

It's that simple. Or is it?

## HELPING HANDS

Please remember our Helping Hands Fund during this difficult economic time. The funds are for Central members are facing urgent financial challenges and in need of assistance. All help is strictly confidential. See Pastor Elise for assistance.

## GARDEN PARTY

Join us on Thursdays at 6:00PM for our weekly Garden Party. Bring gloves, small spades, garden claws, etc. as we prepare our plots and plant our crops!

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- Pat/Pat Rogers
- 29 Kaylan Thorbahn, Melissa Kressin
- Arleen Martin, Janet Snowden

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to sponsor altar flowers for Sunday Worship should call the church or sign the sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$18 and gives our altar a fresh look.

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## MICHIGAMME THANK YOU

On behalf of Camp Michigamme, I want to express our sincere thanks for your support of camp through welcoming me to bring the silly, goofy side of camp into your Sunday morning back in April. And for also inviting me to share at the Lenten Soup and Vespers! It was an honor to have the opportunity to speak about the exciting season ahead at Camp. Thank you for letting me share my passion and love for Camp. The impact Camp has on youth lasts a lifetime. It was also wonderful to see so many familiar faces this year (from my past visits and summer)!

I don't want you to miss out so here's a few ways to be involved. For the adults, we have retreats for you too! And we are always looking for volunteers. One major way to help out is to come be a counselor at Camp. We are always looking for additional eager folks that look a whole lot like YOU! You'll find that giving a week of summer is the gift that keeps giving beyond those seven days.

We are also bringing back Family Camp in the fall! Join us for the weekend of Sept. 29-30 for a refreshing break from the day to day to enjoy fellowship and community in the beauty of the fall colors.

With Great Appreciation,  
Erica Thomas  
Camp Director

## AUGUST GREETERS

05 Lynn Kositzke, Volunteer  
12 Lois Nordin, Volunteer  
19 Volunteer, Volunteer  
26 Bev Ladin, Volunteer

## JULY CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

### July 1-2

Teddy Bear Camp - Ages 4—Grade 2

An exciting intro to Camp for children and adult companions. (At least one adult and a 1:1 ratio is recommended.) You'll experience a typical camp day and an overnight with campfire, crafts, and great food!

### July 6 - 8

Michigamme Survivor - Grades 7-Adult

Spend three days immersed in the wilderness, hiking, paddling, cooking over a fire, and sleeping in a shelter you built. Each day involves an excursion by foot or by boat.

### July 10 - 13

Mini Elementary Camp - Grades 3-6

Camp EDGE (Experience and Discover God Everywhere) is packed with fun and games, perfect for young, first-time campers.

### July 14 - 21

Summer Games Leadership Development -

11th grade through college. Acquire the skills needed to lead, mentor & build team for small groups. Must be nominated by pastors.

### July 15-20

Summer Games/Grades 4-10

There are games to play, friends to meet and fun to do. "SG" is about having fun, building relationships, getting closer to God, mentoring and being accepted as God's creation.

### July 22 -28 Junior High Camp/Grades 7-9

Crafts, sports, hiking, music, swimming, and more! Lifelong friendships are formed at Junior High camp through cabin living and fun activities.

**Scholarships are available.**

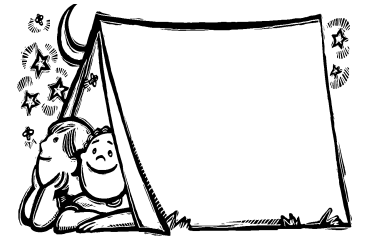
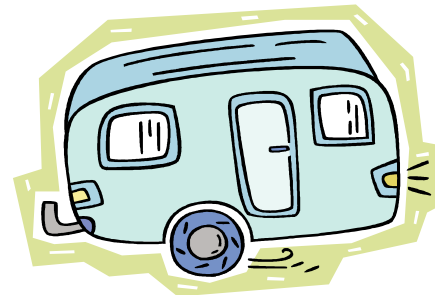
# Family Camping!!

at

## Wells State Park Cedar River, MI July 20 - 22, 2018

Come for the weekend, day, or just for a campfire!  
Call 1-800-44PARKS or [midnrreservations.com](http://midnrreservations.com) to reserve your spot.  
The Martins have reserved #147, the Low Edwardsons #146  
and Lindbergs have #91.

Bring your own gear for hiking, fishing,  
boating, swimming, and relaxing  
activities.



Bring your tent or camper, meals, a great attitude and join your friends from Central around the campsites. There will be campfires to sit around, games, biking, swimming, and walking opportunities.

**Sunday Service at 12 Noon ET.**

Potluck to follow!