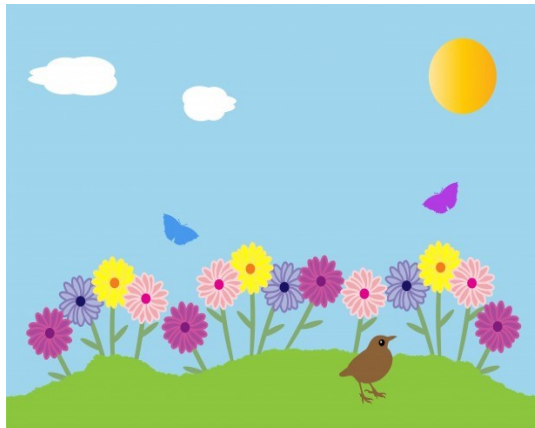


2019 JULY/AUGUST CARILLON

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Tuesday - Closed

COFFEE TIME: 10:00 A.M.
(no Coffee Social in June, July or August)
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 A.M.



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The Gift of Ministry

As I write to you this morning, it's my first morning back in the office, and little Elliott is getting introduced to life at Central! It's no secret that having a baby changes everything. There's hardly any routine that is untouched by Elliott's entry into the world; Ryan and I feel as though we've learned to do just about any household task with one hand! There's also a deep wonder, love, and joy that's present in the midst of the chaos; we give thanks for the miracle of new life in our midst.

I have been so grateful for the time we have had to adjust to life as a family of three: time to heal, time to bond, time to learn and grow together. While I was on parental leave, so many of you stepped up and made ministry happen! Some helped fill the pulpit and shared from their hearts, some helped make sure the many behind-the-scenes details of Sunday mornings were covered, some led Bible Study, some took communion to home-bound members and friends, and so much more. While I was away, ministry continued to happen! You came together in worship, grew as disciples of Jesus, and took the love of Christ beyond the church walls and into your corners of the world. As I've said before, I may be your pastor, but you are *all* ministers of the Good News of Jesus to the world! The last few weeks have made that so beautifully evident. Thank you for your servant leadership, your faithfulness, and your discipleship. You are a blessing to me and to many!

As I begin year number four as your pastor, I look forward to all that's ahead. Where is God leading us next? Let's grow deeper in love with God together, and let's take that love out to the people all around us. People are hungry for the grace and love of God, and we have experienced something too beautiful to keep to ourselves. I'm so grateful for the gift of doing ministry with you! May we go forward with God, together.

Let's be the Church,

Pastor Elise



THE FIRE IN ANN'S FAITH

Young Ann returned from church camp glowing. The woodsy setting, new friends, Bible studies, joyful choruses, prayer times, sharing around campfires and a service of dedication all served to ignite her faith.

The next Sunday she went to church. After the intensity of her camp experience, the congregation's worship seemed lethargic. "What's the matter?" she wondered. "Don't they know Christ is alive?"

That week she made an appointment with her pastor and explained to him her disappointment.

"Ann," the pastor said gently. "You are still aglow from the church camp. Most of us were also enthusiastic when first we took Christ seriously. But bonding with Christ can loosen unless we strive to keep the relationship strong."

"Frequently," he continued, "we need to hear again how Christ still changes lives. Obviously you understand that. You could help us all if you would tell us next Sunday about how Christ has put fire in your faith, bringing you such joy and renewal. Your witness may help stir up the coals of faith in the rest of us."

Ann did just that. And that is how renewal started in one congregation.

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LOVING FINGERS QUILTERS

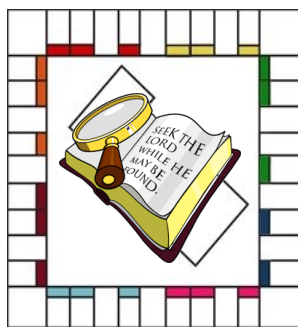
The Loving Fingers Quilters continue to meet in Room #9 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They make quilts for Escanaba & Marquette Hospice, members of our church or anyone we know who would find a little comfort in a quilt. Our group is made up of young and old, sewers and non-sewers. Please join us for 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 (786-0643) if there is someone who should be on our list.

BIBLES and BOARDGAMES



All youth grades 7-12 are invited to Holly Hamilton's home (1915 24th Avenue South) for Bibles/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 and enjoy a bonfire together. We're gathering from 7-8:30pm on **July 7th** and **July 21st**. See you there!

AUGUST CAMP SCHEDULE

July 28 - August 3

Elementary Camp - Grades 4-6

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

August 4-8

Family Camp - All Ages

Time spent at camp together is time well spent creating life-long memories, traditions, and friendships with fellow families. Seize the opportunity to start a new tradition!

August 8-11

Harmony Retreat - Adult Women

This retreat strives to inspire adult women to adopt a lifestyle and behavioral changes promoting health and joy in their lives.

August 12-15 & 15-18 - 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 10-12

Scrapbook Retreat - Adult Women

Retreat to Camp and have time for yourself to share warm Christian fellowship with new and experienced scrap bookers alike! Spread out your supplies or use ours to create seven themed pages. All this with time to enjoy nature and worship together.

For more info pick up a flyer in the Gathering Space or call Camp Michigamme at (906) 371-0019 or email: info@campmichigamme.org. Contact the church for more information at 786-0643.

WORDS OF WELCOME

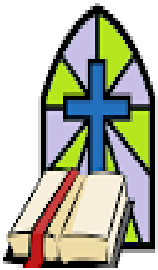
As we celebrate Independence Day, let us recall St. Paul's words to the Galatians: "You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence . . . (Galatians 5:13 NRSV). May God enable us to use our freedom for service and the love of one another. We welcome you all.



...One Nation Under God...

AUGUST USHER SCHEDULE

- 04 Lee Anderson, Richard Blixt
Wendy DeRouin, Bev Ladin
- 11 Harry Badge, Erik Barnhart
Anna Morse, Bev Ladin
- 18 Gregg/Mimi Bruff
Laura Kluka, Lynn Blixt
- 25 Beth Peterson, Pat Rogers
Janet Snowden, Kaylan Thorbahn



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 signup sheet in the Narthex area. We appreciate those who are willing to help. We have a nice riding lawn mower to assist you.

Please mow prior to date listed:

- 07 **Volunteer**
- 14 **Volunteer**
- 21 Peterson boys
- 28 Gregg Bruff

COFFEE HOUR NEWS

Thank you to the Janet Snowden, and Christie and Tom McGuigan for providing coffee and tasty treats in May. Please watch for the sign up sheet for a chance to serve your friends and guests in September and October. Questions call Barb Kubont at 789-0421.

CHURCH BLOOPERS

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Don't let worry kill you - let the Church help.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

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.

Open dates include: 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 11/10, 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22, and 12/29.

JULY GREETERS

- 07 Ty Peterson, Arleen Martin
- 14 Marilyn Trudgeon, **Volunteer**
- 21 Connie/Mike Duchaine
- 28 **Volunteer, Volunteer**

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.

4TH OF JULY HISTORY & TRIVIA

*On June 28, 1776, Thomas Jefferson presented the first draft of the declaration of independence to Congress.

*Betsy Ross, according to legend, sewed the first American flag in May or June of 1776, as commissioned by Congressional Committee.

*The Liberty Bell sounded from the tower of Independence Hall on July 8, 1776, summoning citizens to gather for the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.

*Independence Day was first celebrated in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

*The first public Fourth of July event at the White House occurred in 1804.

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.

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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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- 04 Lee Anderson
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- 25 **Volunteer**



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

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04 Gregg Bruff/Mimi Klotz
11 **Volunteer, Volunteer**
18 **Volunteer, Volunteer**
25 **Volunteer, Volunteer**

JULY CAMP MICHIGAMME SCHEDULE

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.

July 7-12

Soccer Camp - Grades 4-8
Grab your cleats and join us! All skill levels welcome. The focus will be on fun, fundamentals, teamwork, technique, and new skills.

July 9 - 12

Mini Elementary Camp - Grades 3-6
The perfect introduction to camp life away from mom and dad. Learn how children in the Bible came to be leaders in their communities.

July 13 - 20

Summer Games Leadership - Grade 11-College
With intense training and supervised practical application, youth acquire skills needed to lead. Must be nominated by pastor/church leaders.

July 14-19

Summer Games - Grades 4-10
"SG" is about having fun, building relationships, getting closer to God, mentoring and being accepted as God's creation.

July 21 -27

Junior High Camp - Grades 7-9
Crafts, sports, hiking, music, swimming, and more! Lifelong friendships are formed through cabin living and fun activities.

July 25-27

P.R.A.Y. The Good Book - Grads 1-5
Learn about the Bible. Chances for archery, leatherworking, whittling and more!

Family Camping!!

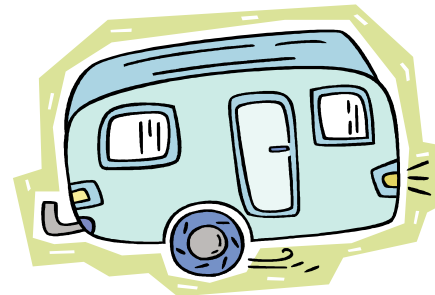
at

Wells State Park Cedar River, MI July 18 - 21, 2019

Come for the weekend, day, or just for a campfire!
Call 1-800-44PARKS or midnrreservations.com to reserve your spot.



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.