



**Port Edwards
United Methodist
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Hello Church Family!

As I write this, I'm staying with my parents for two weeks. Many of us have moved back in with our parents for a short time, and know the joy . . . and struggle. I moved out of my parsonage on the 14th and will move in at Port Edwards on the 27th. I love my parents--but--well . . . you know . . . I'm excited to be moving "up north," too! (I fully understand that "up north" really means places like Rhinelander or Superior, but where I'm from, "up north" may mean Springfield or Champaign, let alone Chicago.)By the time you read this, I'll be settling in to my new home on Market Avenue (and we would have briefly met last Sunday).

Sometimes pastors don't always know why they are appointed to this-or-that church. Not knowing can hinder our ministry. I won't know all of what God is planning for us, but I DO know that there are many signs that point to this being a great fit for both of us. Those I've met with at PEUMC early on talked about your accomplishments and strengths and even a little bit about your vision for the future. We were also honest about some of our obstacles and growing edges (both the church's and my own). I'm so blessed that you are not a perfect church, because I'm not a perfect pastor. And if we were, that would be totally boring! How much more exciting is life when we have goals and dreams for something better!

Members of the church should have recently received my welcome letter in the mail. The letter concluded with my definition of "disciple" and the "Good News." I feel like this sums up the heart of my ministry: A disciple of Jesus is one whose whole life (thoughts, words, and deeds) promotes

the whole Good News to the whole world, and the Good News is that all life can – and will be – transformed. I pray that in this new chapter opening before us we will be transformed together on this shared road of faith.

Please like my Facebook page "Pastor Caleb." Look for the photo of me in the pulpit in a white robe and red stole. My cell phone is 618-263-8058 (it will appear as "Mount Carmel, IL" when I call from it) and make note of my email: peumcmin@wctc.net.

I'm buzzing with anticipation to get to know you, and you me!

Worship Themes for July:

Sunday, July 4

(I will not be in attendance that Sunday; it is a Conference-required sabbatical Sunday.)

Sunday, July 11 (My First Sunday)

Celebration of An Appointment
"Our Vision for the Future"
Revelation 21-22

Sunday, July 18

My Introduction Sermon
"Loving With Heart, Soul, Strength, Mind"
Luke 10:27

Sunday, July 25

Christmas-in-July

In **August**, we will take part in a 4-part series on Our Christian Mission, concluding with a Back-to-School Sunday on the 29th.

Pastor Caleb's Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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July
Bible Verses

Bible Study Group is on Hiatus Suggested Monthly Readings

Week of July 4

- ▶ 2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10
- ▶ Ps 48 (UMH 782)
- ▶ 2 Cor 12:2-10
- ▶ Mark 6:1-13

Week of July 11

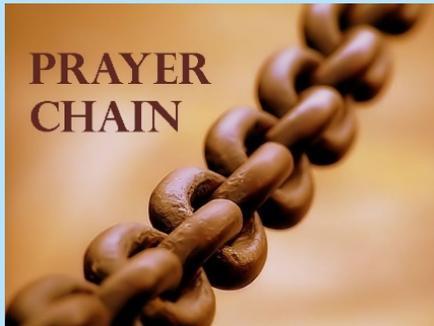
- ▶ 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19
- ▶ Ps 24 (UMH 755)
- ▶ Eph 1:3-14
- ▶ Mark 6:14-29

Week of July 18

- ▶ 2 Sam 7:1-14a
- ▶ Ps 89:20-37 (UMH 807)
- ▶ Eph 2:11-22
- ▶ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Week of July 25

- ▶ 2 Sam 11:1-15
- ▶ Ps 14 (UMH 746)
- ▶ Eph 3:14-21
- ▶ John 6:1-21



Please let us know if you or someone you know is in need of prayers.

Daytime

Maribeth Lacasse-Salo, 715-887-3504
Prayer Chain Co-Chair

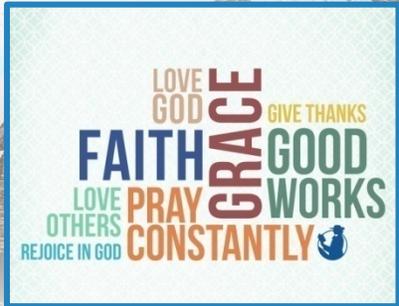
Evenings

Mary Heuer, 715-887-3758
Prayer Chain Co-Chair

Sanctuary Service Safety Guidelines: **UPDATED**

- If you have not been vaccinated or have not completed your shot series more than 14 days ago, please wear a mask. Others with personal preferences or compromising health conditions may also choose to do so.
- When choosing your seat, please keep social distancing in mind.

As we return to the church for our services, your cooperation with and observance of these directives will help maintain our health and safety.



Our Community

Pastor Dave & Cathy's Goodbye



Mykisen Baptism



Dear Post Edwards community & faith,

Cathy and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for your great send off and your very generous financial gift.

We also want to thank you for a wonderful eight years of ministry. We weathered the challenges of the pandemic together and emerged as stronger people.

Our move to West Bend went well. Now, we have the fun of unpacking.

We wish for you and Caleb the very best. We will pray for your continued growth and success in the future.

You will always occupy a special place in our hearts.

Love
Dave +

Through water and the word you have become a child of God and are sealed as Christ's own forever.



COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Beginning July 18, you may sign up to serve a coffee hour!

With the summer months, it may be served outside or just inside the entry. Baked goods, fruit, water, lemonade are some good choices for hot days.

A signup sheet will be available in the entry way.



It's time to Stuff the School Bus with school supplies for area students. We are collecting the supplies through August 3.

Requested Items

- Backpacks
- Notebooks (plain colors)
- Folders (plain colors)
- Colored Pencils
- Markers / highlighters
- Watercolors
- Glue sticks
- Scissors

You may also make a monetary donation – Make Checks to PEUMC and remember to note “Stuff the Bus” in the Memo section.

Drop off your items before Sunday services OR – bring to the church office during normal office hours (8:00-1:00, Tuesday-Thursday) – Ring the bell and Amy will let you in.

Call Pat Markuson, 715-423-9298, with any questions



Lions/Village Picnic

Tuesday, *July 27th 4pm - 8pm
Edwards Alexander Park,
Food, Bingo, Kids' Games,
Monarch Presentation at 6pm

* (Rain Date - July 28th)



Pat Markuson, our new Love Inc., Ambassador!

I am the new ambassador representing our church for LoveINC of South Wood County. I am still learning about the organization and all of the great work they do for the residents of our area. Each month I will update you on *Things To Know About LoveINC*

Our Church has been a partner church with LoveINC since it began work here in our community. The Mission of the organization is To mobilize local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. LoveINC is holding an

Open House& Picnic on Thursday, July 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m, at 710 20th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids

Volunteer recognition along with good food and the chance to learn about all the needs that have been met to benefit 437 South Wood families in the last three years. There are volunteer opportunities for our church members which would help LoveINC meet our community needs. Call LoveINC at 715-424-LOVE (5683) for more information. OR

Please call me at 715-423-9298 if you have questions. Pat Markuson

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July
Anniversaries

July
Birthdays

July 28

Richard & Page Clark
Travis & Anna Hintz

July 29

Randy & Marge Bauer

July 1

Sara Mykisen

July 7

Damon Klinger

July 14

Rachel Lamb
Lilyann Sillars

July 17

Terry Hernesman

July 18

Makenzie Mykisen

July 19

Art Harvestine

July 21

Peter Kurth

July 22

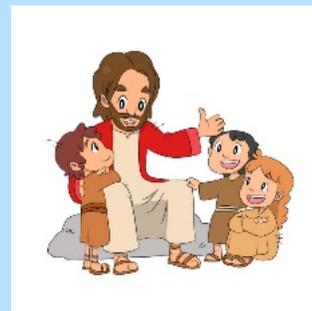
Kathleen Mills
Trevor Mykisen

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

We are so excited to be able to be able to attend VBS at First English Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids again this year.



- July 12 - July 16
- 5:30 PM - 8:15 pm
(with sack suppers starting at 4:45 pm)
- No cost



We are currently seeking donations

- ▶ 3 boxes of Crispix cereal
- ▶ 3 large boxes of fruit snacks
- ▶ 3 share bags of M&M's.

Click on the following link and complete the online registration and/or contact FEL at 715-423-2840. Registration form <https://forms.gle/Go93KdfWqyMKZU1m6>

Want to help? Drop off your donations during normal church office hours.

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Missions / Nurture Outreach

Nurture/Outreach provided cupcakes and drinks for Pastor Dave and Cathy Guse's farewell service.

Extra thanks to Jeff and Becky Taylor for the poster, sign, balloons and setting up the tent awnings and tables, Pat Markuson for the loan of the tents and to Art Harvestine for helping us too.

We will provide the coffee hour again on July 11th for our new pastor.

Diane Sweat and Judy Miller, Co-chairs

July & August Mission

Our Wisconsin Annual Conference has established a partnership with the Methodist Church of Bolivia.

We have made a commitment to raise funds to purchase motorcycles for pastors in rural areas. Roads are very poor and ministry is challenging. The goal as presented at our Annual Conference session is to raise funds to purchase 4 motorcycles totaling \$22,500. Our July and August mission offerings will go to help in this endeavor.

Your participation is appreciated.



Staff Parish Relations

The big news for July is our new pastor, Rev. Caleb McGregor (Pastor Caleb). The moving van came on Tuesday, June 22 and moved Pastor Dave and Cathy to West Bend, where they will be spending their well-deserved retirement just a short distance from their two daughters and two granddaughters.

On Sunday, June 27, a second moving van arrived at the parsonage with the belongings of Pastor Caleb McGregor. In the too short time between those two dates, there was a flurry of activity at the parsonage, getting painting and cleaning and fixing done to prepare it for its new occupant. A lot of wonderful people volunteered their time and talents to complete all the work in that short period of time. I would especially like to thank two of our church employees, Kari LaBarge (cleaner) and Jeff Taylor (maintenance), who worked long hours and did way more than was expected. I would also like to thank our painter, Al Crider, who donated his time to paint the living and dining room ceilings and walls. As the result of all the efforts of these three people and all the volunteers, Pastor Caleb was able to move into a sparkling clean house with a newly painted living and dining room, new dining room light, new first floor half bath, and a refrigerator full of food to get him through his first few days.

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On Sunday, June 27 and again on July 4, we welcomed our former beloved Pastor Bill Beaton back to the pulpit. We had a surprise at the end of the service on June 27, when Pastor Caleb came forward and delivered the benediction. Those of you who didn't get to meet him that day will be able to meet him on his first Sunday as our pastor, July 11. You will also have an opportunity to get better acquainted with him, because the SPRC is planning a number of small get togethers with Pastor Caleb at members' homes in July and August. Watch for a postcard inviting you to one of these events and be sure to try and attend.

Please make Pastor Caleb feel welcome by making a point of greeting him if you are over at church or sending him a welcome email or card introducing yourself.

To help him get to know us more quickly, be sure to wear your name tag in church for the first month or so he is here.

Sue Thomasgard



**Wisconsin Annual
Conference
June 18-19--- Called to Be
the Body of Christ**

I had the privilege to serve as our lay delegate to the Wisconsin United Methodist Annual Conference this year. It was again held virtually as planning began last November and it was unknown what the nature of the pandemic would be by the June meeting time.

The highlights of the conference for me were the worship and Bible study times. The conference began on Friday with a Native American worship experience which

emphasized that "We Are All Connected" and featured drumming and Native American flute music. Saturday's session focused on Juneteenth Day and began with a moving presentation of the song "Go Down, Moses" followed by a visual history of slavery in the U.S. and a celebration of Juneteenth Day. Both worship services are available on our conference website. www.wisconsinumc.org

We were led in Bible study on both days by Bishop Tracy Malone of the East Ohio Conference with the theme being "Building Beloved Community: Creating Healthy Eco-Systems of Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice" These sessions are also available on the conference website.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung presided over the conference and offered the State of the Church address. He recognized the difficulty of being the church during the pandemic and provided hope and grace as we move forward, knowing the challenges we face but also knowing that God is with us through it all.

The reading of new pastoral appointments was read and as I listened I felt very fortunate to be affirmed that Caleb McGregor is our new pastor.. There were many churches that have no one assigned and are simply announced as "to be supplied." There were a total of 68 appointment changes this year.

Action was taken to be intentional about creating a Culture of Call to Ministry within the Wisconsin Conference. While 22 pastors retired, including our own Dave Guse, the conference recognized 6 persons for commissioning as provisional members, 2 were approved for ordination as deacons, and 2 were approved for

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ordination as elders with one being received by transfer from the Korean Methodist Church.

Despite the pandemic, several new ministries have been started in Wisconsin. In 2020 new ministries were begun in LaCrosse, Milwaukee, and Superior. In 2021 Anchor Recovery Ministries has started at Emerald in the Northwest District. Those who attended our local service on June 27 heard Bill Beaton speak of this one that he is currently serving. The goal for the conference is to begin at least 3 new ministries each year. Currently there are 26 Latino ministries in our state.

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation report shared that through the New Way Grant they were able to help 364 churches with \$494,000 to support them during the pandemic with new technology, cleaning supplies, and resources. They also supported 23 churches with grants through the new ministry start program with a total of \$46,000

It was announced that over half of the churches paid their full conference apportionments despite the pandemic and they were thanked. (Our Port Edward Church was NOT one of them.)

Offerings were taken (with online giving) to support our Bolivia Mission Partnership, raising funds to purchase much needed motorcycles for pastors to travel to remote locations. (This is also our local church mission project for July-August.) Other offerings were for Rising Sun Camp, offering Christian support and adventures at Lake Lucerne (camp for children whose parents are incarcerated) and the Clergy in

Transition Fund providing financial assistance for clergy in a variety of transitional needs.

Throughout the conference many short videos were shown highlighting a wide scope of ministries in Wisconsin including Camp Ministries, Campus Ministries, Harbor House, 6 different awards, Anti-Racism task Force, Hispanic Emergence-Encuentro, and more! All are on the website www.wisconsinumc.org.

General Conference (world wide Methodist conference) had been postponed due to pandemic, but is scheduled for August of 2022 and will be held in Minneapolis. This will occur pending world health issues as it is necessary for many to travel to the U.S. from many locations.

I was impressed by the dedication and efficiency with which the conference was run. The theme of radical inclusion was evident throughout. I encourage any who wish to learn more about the conference to go to our website where the whole thing is recorded. May God continue to bless the work of the Wisconsin Conference and guide us in our work on radical inclusion and racial justice.

Lucy Silvester,
Lay Delegate

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Bolivia - Yamaha Motorcycles
Help provide transportation for rural areas in Bolivia.

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