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Growing within ...
Sowing
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Pastor's Corner

Hello again! Hopefully this will be me by the time you're reading this. Unfortunately, I'm told to expect rain the whole time we have the houseboat with the grandkids. That's life! (We're bringing games and crafts too!)

I'm going to be boring this month and target two special "news items" that there really isn't another place for in the newsletter.

The first is that our supplies for the Little Blue Food Pantry are running low. Leanne did an emergency shopping trip, but **things that are kind of urgently needed are cereal, granola bars, canned meals, tuna, rice, and Hamburger Helper**. We're guessing that the box is getting hit harder than usual because school is out. Extra donations would be much appreciated!

The second is that I was asked by the SPRC to be very clear about what's going on with the Pastoral Search Committee. We didn't want people concerned that there was a problem of some kind.

Over the years, I've shared that my time of retirement was approaching. As we went through the process of disaffiliation, that was part of the equation for the leadership team as we moved through the process. Initially, I had planned to retire in July of 2024. I quickly realized that this meant when we completed our disaffiliation last July (2023) that we would almost immediately be convening a pastoral search committee. I didn't think that was fair to the church, so pushed my date out to July of 2025. Now it's time! We pulled together a group to start the work of calling a new pastor. My Sundays away might be an opportunity for the church to "try out" some new faces in the future.

FYI... My retirement isn't going to be a "full retirement". Bill has always had a calling to the mission field and this is an opportunity for him to fulfill HIS calling with my support (rather than the other way around). We're listening and praying and waiting for direction on that. Hopefully I'll have more info for you as time goes on. Exciting times!

God bless you!

Pastor Kelly

JUDA ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

<u>NO Sunday School Memorial Day to Labor Day</u>

The Historical Corner By Hazel Matzke, Historian



On the Fourth of July we celebrate Independence Day. On that date in 1776 the Declaration of Independence was approved by Congress and signed into law. General George Washington had been leading an army against the British for almost a year by the time Congress met in Philadelphia to discuss their future. The Declaration was drafted by a committee composed of Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, John Adams of Massachusetts, Robert Livingston of New York, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and the young firebrand Thomas Jefferson from Virginia, who chaired the committee. The drafted document was sent to Congress and approved on July 4, 1776. Fifty six men signed the Declaration pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. This included the oversized signature of John Hancock, who said he made his name so large so "King George could see it."

Over 100 years later, in 1892, the Pledge of Allegiance was written, and has long been recited daily by school children all around the country. In 1954, under President Eisenhower, Congress amended the Pledge and added the words "under God". In 1984 President Reagan wrote "Without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation "gone under."

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

Lifest 2024 – Oshkosh – Thursday July 11th



- Lifest is a Christian Music Event in Oshkosh
- Bill and Kelly are attending on Thursday July 11th.
- Tickets are \$42 for adults and \$21 for 8-15 year olds.
- Bring your sunscreen and lawn chair.
- Purchase Tickets Online but let's plan to travel Together
- Thursdays Headliners are: Ignescent (3 PM), Brennley Brown (3:45 PM) Ryan Stevenson (4:45 PM), Kay Nichole (5:45 PM), Newsboys (7 PM), Bob Lenz (speaker at 8:15), and We the Kingdom (9:15 PM).

1) Psalms, 42-89, Christian Union Bible Study

- 2) Supper with the Shepherd King, Dan Jennings
- 3) Book of Psalms, Tyndale House Ministries
- 4) Be Exultant, Warren W. Wiersbe

Library News



NOISY OFFERING



Noisy Offering for July will go to the Stained-Glass Window Fund.

\$50.00 was raised June 2nd from veggie sales for the Stained Glass Window Repair Fund.





On May 18th, Blake Adkins along with Jerry Adkins, JR Jordan and myself constructed a wheelchair ramp for Rev. Irv Case and his wife Bev, a fun morning was had by all!

I am working on plans for a trip to the Beloit Sky Carp game this summer and of course we will have a canoe trip down the Sugar River again in the fall.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities or projects the group can do, please be sure to let me know!

Dennis Pfingsten Youth Leader

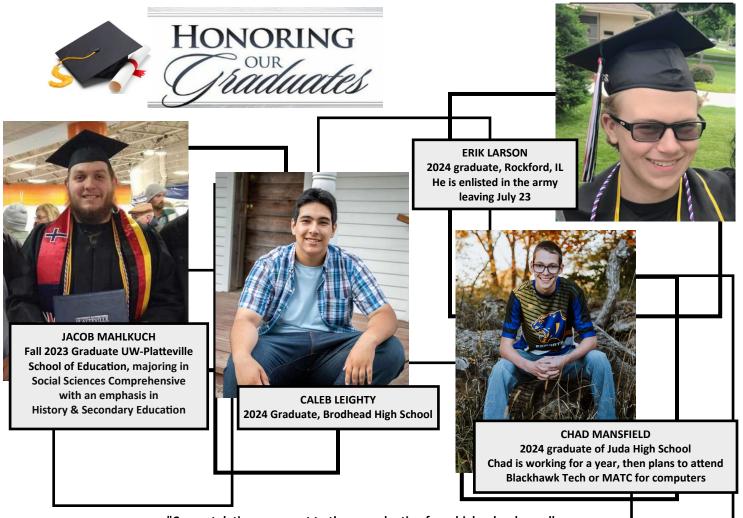
ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The May Aluminum can collection netted \$140.76 for future group activities.

The July Aluminum Can Collection will go for the Green County Children's Advocacy Center. The Green County Child Advocacy Center, located in Monroe, Wisconsin, is a supportive and safe place for children who may have been abused or have witnessed an act of violence. A team of professionals who are specially trained in investigating and evaluating abuse & neglect cases and helping children and their families is brought together at the Green County Child Advocacy Center.

As a reminder, empty aluminum cans may be dropped off at the Jefferson Township Recycling Center or the collection cage at the corner of the bank parking lot on Walnut Street.

At this time the only empty inkjet cartridges that are eligible for recycling are HP (Hewlett Packard), these can be left in the collection box in the overflow room at Zion.



"Congratulations goes out to those graduating from high school or college.

May God show you His design for your life and may you be bold enough to walk in it."

Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18



July 10 - Brandon Bauman

July 10 - Tucker Lynaugh

July 11 - Hazel Matzke

July 20 - John Pierce

July 28 - Tyler Davis

July 28 - Tabitha Davis

July 31 - Ciarrah Davis

July 31 - Koltin Soddy





JULY
ALTAR DISPLAY
Judy Kaderly



July 5 - Roger and Lisa Behnke

July 16 - Pat and Corrie Daniels

July 21 - Bill and Pastor Kelly Jahn





- This year's VBS takes us to the Outback in Australia
- ➤ Wednesday, August 14th
- ➤8:30 AM 4:30 PM
- ➤ To Register
 - ➤ See our website https://www.judazion.org
 - ➤ Or scan the QR Code







MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST GROUP



Monthly Bible Study

Led by Bob Severson and Bill Jahn

Saturday, July 6th, 8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall at church.

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple An in-depth dive into the life, faith,

and character of Simon Peter.





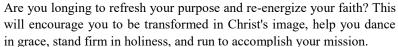
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

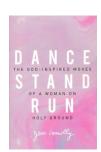
Monthly Bible Study

Led by Pastor Kelly

Monday, July 29th, 6:30 p.m. at Lori Holland's Home

Dance, Stand, Run





will encourage you to be transformed in Christ's image, help you dance

Celebrating **God's Bounty**

Learn to cook with fresh produce

Each week, you'll...

- See a demonstration
- Taste what's made,
- Get recipes to make it yourself
- **GET A FREE BAG OF PRODUCE**



Completely free, but PLEASE sign up in advance:

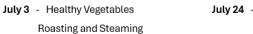
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Classes held on lower level of the church (N2350 Church St / Juda, WI)

5:30 PM-6:30 PM



July 10 - Decadent Vegetables Glazing, Saucing, and CHEESE

July 17 - Going Asian

Stir Fry, Noodle Pancake,

Cauliflower Rice

July 24 - Zucchini! All the Zucchini!

July 31 - Summer Salads

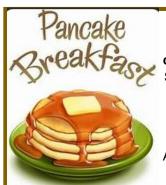
Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Caprese Salad







Juda Fire and First Response will be holding a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Juda Fore Fathers event Saturday, July 27th from 7:00 am till 11:00 am at the Juda Community Center.

Menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, coffee, milk and juice.

A freewill donation will be taken and all proceeds support Juda Fire and First Response.

July 4th reminds us of freedom In Christ.

For all living Americans, July 4th is a gift. We didn't earn it—we received it from the people who lived, led, and died to fight for it. Everyone who gets a gift has two questions. First, "Who is it from?" Second, "What does it do?" Our freedom in Christ is from Jesus. We didn't earn



it. He died for it. That's who it's from, but what does it do? Galatians 5:1 reminds us, it's *for freedom* we've been set free. What does our freedom do? Give more freedom. It's freedom for us, our marriage, our kids, our friends, our co-workers, and our neighbors. We were given this gift to share.







2024 Monroe Church League Softball Twining Park, Monroe

Friday, July 5th 8:30 pm, East Field

9:30 pm, West Field

Friday, July 12th 8:30 pm, West Field

Friday, July 19th NO SOFTBALL GAME

Friday, July 26th 7:30 pm, West Field

Come out and support our team.

A time to make some great memories and fellowship with other Christians. If you have any questions about the team, contact Justin Bolton, 608.214.3649







Psalms for All Seasons

Psalms is a book for all seasons, because it speaks to every area and every season of our lives. It's a collection of praise and anguish, joy and sadness, triumph and defeat written by many different authors in many different situations over hundreds of years. It is truly a unique book that has brought encouragement and hope to millions of people over the centuries.

July 7 – The Shepherd's Psalm (Psalm 23)

Psalm 23

The Lord is the good shepherd and He loves, protects, guides, and cares for His flock through any and all seasons.

July 14 - Our Next Generation

Psalm 78

We must pass the history and reality of our faith onto the next generation.

July 21 - A Thin Place

Psalm 122

A "thin place" is a special place where we hear from God. And for many of us, this space is our local fellowship. We need to be seeking God in the thin places, where we can be near Him and with Him.

July 28 - Sing, Sing, Sing

Psalm 96

Singing has many natural and spiritual benefits in addition to being something that you can do through any season of life. Singing is truly a gift from God.





June 4-6, 2024

June 20, 2024 Update on Laurie Gerald (Rev. Ben Gerald's wife) that we've been praying for:

Laurie has had a tough two or three days as far as pain is concerned but seems this afternoon to be a little better. We are battling an insurance company right now trying to get into a doctor that she needs to see. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your prayers and the prayers of the church. I believe God does all things and answer to prayer to you and yours.



The pantry assisted 147 families during the month of May. Dividing the number down shows 161 children ages 0-17, 211 individuals ages 18-59 and 72 individuals 60 and over. 15 new families sought assistance in May.

Comparing these numbers to May of 2023 reveals a total of 179 families assisted with 23 new families. Age 0-17 we served 166 individuals, 263 individuals ages 18-59 and 85 individuals 60 and older.

The church food pantry is in need of hamburger helper, tuna helper, tuna, spam, canned fruit, canned meals such as Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Chef Boyardee pasta meals, pizza kit, pizza sauce, granola bars, small boxes of cereal, dish soap, instant boxed potatoes, pork n beans, cake/brownie mixes.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued giving. Your donations make a difference for Juda families and Green County families

Coming soon in August we will be collecting monetary donations for "Stuff the Bus" to assist Juda students. More details to follow in the August newsletter.

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(608) 329-7511 or Keith Ginner at 608-558-7562

Open: Mondays from 2 – 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.



JUDA ZION'S LITTLE BLUE PANTRY

Available for those in Need!!

Urgently needed: cereal, granola bars, canned meals,

tuna, rice, and Hamburger Helper

MOOSE LODGE BENEFIT BREAKFAST

AUGUST 4, 2024, 8 am - 12 pm

In support of Family Promise of Green County









HAVE AN UPDATE FOR FACEBOOK ... or if you know of anyone currently not receiving our church communications and would like to add them,

Please e-mail the information to Judy Kaderly at: Office@JudaZion.org