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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30

July & August 2013 Newsletter

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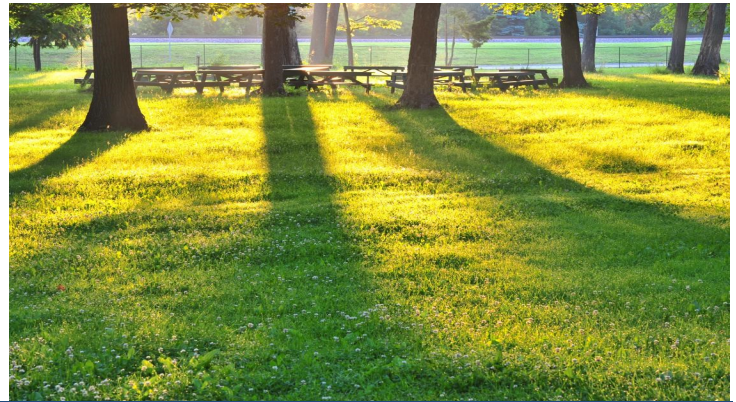
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Men's Lunch 3 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage No Choir Practice until September	4	5	6
Lay Reader: David Arbuckle Greeters: Mark & Marcy Sterling Guest Pianist: Jackie Ortiz Morelli, Cello Hannah Morelli and Vocal Matthew Moorehead	8	9 No Deacon's Meeting in July	10 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Lay Reader: Lois E. Koval Greeters: Harley & Marion Piper Guest Organist: Heidi Kohne Guest Minister: Deborah Blair		No Session Meeting in July	Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage			
FOOD BANK SUNDAY Lay Reader: Fran Welch Greeters: Johanna Sampson & McKenzie Guest Minister: Sharon Edwards Music: Eileen Leilicker and Emily Flanagan	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Lay Reader: Roberta Campbell Greeters: Christina Smith & Evelyn White Guest Minister:			Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage			

July Birthdays. 1st Lucien Klein 24th Harley Piper *Happy Birthday!*

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Birthdays: 3rd Bob Halle 7th Evelyn Balogh 8th Debra Huddleston 12th Sally Klein 19th Dale Bradley 28th Wes Bauer 31st Joanne Flomer				1	2	3
Lay Reader: Betty Soule 4 Greeters: Lucien & Sally Klein Guest Minister: Tim Cayton	5	6 ** Pastor David Returns **	7 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage <i>No Choir Practice until September</i>	8	9	10
11 Lay Reader: Joanne Hanson Greeters: Betty & Lloyd Soule	12	13 Deacon's Mtg 10:30	14 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage	15	16	17
18 Lay Reader: Marcy Sterling Greeters: Joan Davis & Phila Simmons FOOD BANK SUNDAY	19	20 Session Meeting 5:30pm	21 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage	22	23	24
25 Lay Reader: Julie Moore Greeters: Fran Welch & Walter Mangerich	26	27	28 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage	29	30	31
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Pastor's Page



We are soon to be on our vacation to see the grand old USA, visiting some of our most famous national parks, Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon and Mesa Verde.

As I reflect on the birthday of our country, recent stories in the news that tell us about the measures our country has taken to keep us safe, know my daughter and her country will never know what it was like to board a plane without going through security, or not do a drill at school in case someone was to come through with an assault rifle. I struggle with the idea of fear and security, freedom and loyalty.

My grandfather had saved a collection of Harry Emerson Fosdick's sermons written during war time (WWII). Fosdick had many words of wisdom. He wrote that by the very nature of war we have to give up freedoms and turn over certain authority to fight for our freedom to keep us safe: In his case the threat of Hitler. In our case it is the threat of radicalism from all sources, foreign and domestic. Fear becomes the heart of decisions made.

The story of Jesus calming the storm found in Mark chapter four addresses fear. The word translated as "afraid" is used two different ways. Jesus asks the disciples, "Why are you afraid?" (of the storm). Then in the next sentence, Mark writes, after Jesus quiets the storm, that they were afraid (of Jesus), and ask, "Who is this?" I worry that people turn away from God because they are told to be afraid, be very afraid. And yet the Gospel says God is love. If this is so, why are we told to be afraid of God.

This led me to read the passage in Greek. The word Mark uses to describe the fear the disciples had for the storm is "deilos", which means timid or cowardly. This is a different word Mark uses when describing their emotion after Jesus calmed the storm.

This word is "phobia", which is the word we use to describe fear. Not only is it phobia, it is phobia, phobia. Literally translated, they feared great fear. When we use the word phobia in our language it usually means an unreasonable fear, or a fear that leads to fight or flight. Phobia in Greek means "to flee". NRSV translate this phrase, phobia, phobia, as "awe".

So I am back to my problem. Why would Mark want us to flee God or be afraid of God. Sometimes the sense of awe has that element of fear. In fact, Jesus responds to their 'fear' of the storm, do not to be 'deilos', (timid). The Greek language has another word that means 'to intimidate', so we can eliminate the idea that Jesus wanted to intimidate them by calming the storm. So what does this word 'phobia' imply.

It seems I am not the only one with this problem. Matthew and Luke wrestle with this in their related story. Mark is considered to be the first gospel written, and Matthew and Luke take many of their stories from Mark. In both Matthew and Luke they substitute the word phobia with the word that means 'amazed'. Which, I believe softens their emotional response to Jesus calming the storm.

Now, the problem with this is that amazement does not imply the power and authority needed to lead to glorifying and worshipping God. Do we glorify and worship a magician that has amazed us?

I only bring this up because in these times some people are telling us we should be afraid, and others are telling us not to live in fear. Some say God is punishing us and we should be afraid (fight or flight) of God, other reduce God to nothing (just amazing) ready to hug us in times of trouble, but no power to still the storm.

One of the best quotes of what I am trying to say is by a race car driver. He said, "Fear can cost a race car driver a win. Lack of fear can cost him his life." Here the word fear is used in two different ways. My hope is that understanding the nuances of fear will help us identify various emotions in times of crisis, and to make wise decisions about security gained and freedoms lost and balance our loyalty to our country and loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Pastor David



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We have workers trained to answer your questions. We can tell you about programs, services and resources. We can provide

information about our Volunteer program.

Please contact us at: 503-304-3420 or Toll-free 1-866-206-4799 or at information.nwsds@nwsds.org.

FROM THE LIBRARY

I must apologize for neglecting our church library so far this summer. Due to travel, sickness in the family, yard work, and study I have fallen behind. We are in dire need for an interested person to step forward and help with typing shelf list cards. It could be done at home, if you have a typewriter and a few hours each week to donate. I could also bring my typewriter for you to use in the church library on Fridays or Mondays when the church is usually closed. Please think about it seriously as I need help.

On the bright side six new arrivals have been placed on our book truck.

Something More: Excavating Your Authentic Self..... This book is about Christian living and the meaning of life; the joy that becomes the reward.

Tuesday With Morrie..... A student and teacher making a study of life. It was taught from experience and lasted through the last few weeks of Morrie's life.

Psalm 23..... A shepherd's view of the meaning of this psalm. (Published in large print)

The Day of the Storm, by Rosamund Pilcher (My favorite author) Her stories show her gift for creating warm and appealing characters...Certainly a must read.

Oregon, The Romantic History of the Willamette Valley.... four complete novels of the Pacific Northwest taking place in the early twentieth century.

Joshua, Never Alone....Two fictional stories that could have easily been realistic visits from Joshua. An excellent book.

Phila, Church Librarian

Fellowship Updates for the Summer

Pastors. While Pastor David is gone on vacation we will be hosting three Guest Pastors otherwise known as "Pulpit Supply". The phrase sounds terrible, so let's welcome: July 14th, Debbie Blair; July 21st and 28th Sharon Edwards and August 4th, Tim Cayton.

Music: While the Choir takes their summer break, music will be performed by: July 7th, Jackie Morelli Pianist, Hannah Morelli, Cello and Matthew Moorehead, Vocal; July 14th, Heidi Kohne Guest Organist; July 21st, Eileen Leilicker and Emily Flanagan, and July 28th will be a Drop-In Choir (if you don't normally sing in the choir, this is your chance).

New Editor for the Newsletter. Dave Haugh is moving back to California and we will need a new editor by the end of August, in time for the September issue. Please talk to Pastor David when he gets back.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 23rd

1st Annual

Love INC

Dinner and

Silent Auction

Silverton Health Center (Wellspring)

Start 5:30— Dinner 6:30