

# Crosstalk

## August 2025

### DUTIES FOR AUGUST

**Ushers (should arrive by 9:15):**

Brent Gottfried  
Becky Krock  
Tim or Shannon or Chase Ray  
Joe Stansbery

**Greeters:** Jim & Dorothy Leslie (west)**Assisting Ministers:**

3 – Sheryl Clinger  
10 – Robbi Sigler  
17 – Ben Ault  
24 – Jim Ruhlen  
31 – June Eier

**Acolytes:**

3 – Ian Seal & Harper Fahle  
10 – Adrianna Ray & Jordan Shilling  
17 – Brody Mays & Harper Fahle  
24 – Ian Seal & Weston Gray  
31 – Brody Mays & Weston Gray

**Readers:**

3 – Becky Vaughn  
10 – Emily Ruhlen  
17 – Darlene Mooney  
24 – Linda Rinderknecht  
31 – Sally Stansbery

**Communion Assistants:**

Wayne & Tina Rowe

**Host in The Gathering Place:**

3 – Kelly Mays  
10 – Kelsey Bash & Beth Collins  
17 – Michelle Ohler  
24 – Marcy Cranston & Becky Vaughn  
31 – Clayton Hall

**Thank you for serving!!!**

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## Feeling Grateful

Life is full of uncertainty. Sure, we may fall into routines, the normal flow and schedule of a day or week. But sometimes a proverbial “wrench” is thrown into the plan, and we aren’t sure what is

happening next. Plan A turns into Plan  $X^2 + 1$ .

I am thankful for all the people God has put into my life to help me stay on course. In every chapter of my life, I can look back and see where other people have walked this journey with me to get me to this point. Sometimes they were coworkers, of fellow students, or Professors. Other times, they went by sibling, parent, spouse, and child.

Most recently, as I quickly approach a ministry milestone, I am grateful for this community. I am grateful to the staff, and councils, and committees, and parishioners, and friends. I am grateful for the journeys I have been invited to join in as they have come to a close, or took the next step, or just began.

Every journey is an adventure, full of uncertainty. What is certain is that we don’t do this alone. Christ is leading the way. Ministry in community is a blessing that I am thankful to be called to participate in it. I am excited to see where God is leading this community as we continue to share the love of Christ with the world around us.

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Barry

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SS = Sunday School</b>	<b>WOW = Word on Wednesday</b>	<b>CFC = Christian Food Center</b>	<b>E&amp;S = Evangelism &amp; Stewardship</b>		1	2
3 9am Adult SS 10am Worship 11am WELCA Board meeting 5-8pm 4H meeting	4 8:30am Pinning & Knotting 6pm Bell practice	5	6 12-2pm CFC accept donations 7:30pm WOW	7 12-2pm CFC distribution	8	9
10 8am Council meeting 9am Adult SS 9:15am Choir practice 10am Worship 11am E&S	11 8:30am Pinning & Knotting 6pm Bell practice	12	13 9:30am Ruth/Naomi 12-2pm CFC accept donations 7:30pm WOW	14 12-2pm CFC distribution	15	16 10am-noon CFC distribution
17 9am Adult SS 10am Worship 11am Choir 5-8pm 4H meeting	18 8:30am Pinning & knotting 6pm Bell practice	19	20 <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR UPPER &amp; WYNFORD</b> 12-2pm CFC accept donations 7:30pm WOW	21 12-2pm CFC distribution	22	23
24 9am Adult SS 10am Worship 11am End of Summer lunch	25 8:30am Pinning & knotting 6pm Bell practice	26	27 12-2pm CFC accept donations 7:30pm WOW	28 12-2pm CFC distribution	29	30
31 9am Adult SS 10am Worship						



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 – Cullen Craig  
 1 – Sheryl Pfeifer  
 2 – Dale Shroll  
 3 – Pastor Henry Seibert  
 4 – Angie Ford  
 6 – **Dorothy Leslie**  
 \*\*\* **Happy 92<sup>nd</sup>!!!**\*\*\*  
 8 – Alex Thiel  
 9 – Katy Ross  
 11 – Brecklyn Badenhop  
 11 – Amanda Barth  
 11 – Simon Thiel  
 12 – **Mary Rife**  
 \*\*\* **Happy 95<sup>th</sup>!!!**\*\*\*  
 13 – Sharon Leonard  
 17 – Rachel Leightey  
 23 – Rick Kraus  
 25 – Ruthie Schryer  
 27 – Jessica Ault

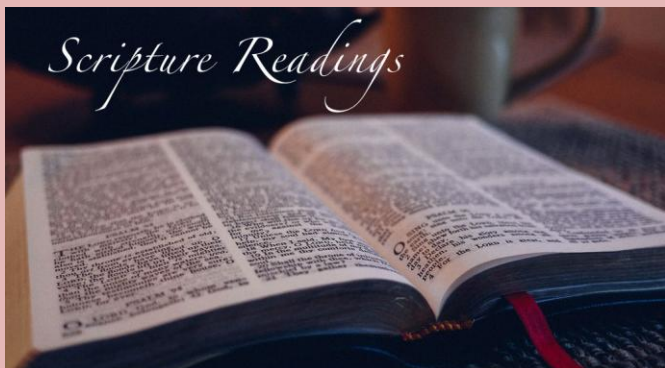


1 – Bruce & Gena Grafmiller – Happy 33<sup>rd</sup>!  
 1 – Jerry & Lorie Koehler – Happy 33<sup>rd</sup>!  
 5 – Cody & Makenna Collins – Happy 2<sup>nd</sup>!  
 5 – Mike & Amy MaGinn – Happy 30<sup>th</sup>!  
 11 – Russ & LuAnn Lee – Happy 46<sup>th</sup>!  
 13 – Dustin & Jessica Stansbery – Happy 14<sup>th</sup>!  
 16 – Wayne & Marjorie Koehler – Happy 72<sup>nd</sup>!  
 17 – David & Rosemary Craig – Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!  
 18 – Jack & Ene Leonard – Happy 68<sup>th</sup>!  
 22 – Pastor Jerry & Sandy Elsholz – Happy 32<sup>nd</sup>!  
 24 – Tom & Becky Vaughn – Happy 52<sup>nd</sup>!  
 25 – Adam & Rachel Leightey – Happy 18<sup>th</sup>!  
 26 – Pastors Jarrod & Sarah Schaaf – Happy 19<sup>th</sup>!



We are collecting  
**LAUNDRY DETERGENT**  
 for the Christian Food Center this month.  
 Please place your donations up front.  
 Thanks for your help!





## August 3

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
 Psalm 49:1-12  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21

## August 10

Genesis 15:1-6  
 Psalm 33:12-22  
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
 Luke 12:32-40

## August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29  
 Psalm 82  
 Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
 Luke 12:49-56

## August 24

Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Psalm 103:1-8  
 Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17

## August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7  
 Psalm 112  
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14



August's Mission Outreach budgeted dollars will go to

## WYANDOT CARES

If you wish to donate to this fund,  
 please send it directly to  
 Wyandot Cares  
 PO BOX 235  
 Upper Sandusky.  
 Thanks!!!



This is the time of year when we have the air conditioners running. If you are the type of person who gets chilly, please bring a sweater or jacket to wear.



Ruth/Naomi Circle  
 will meet Wednesday,  
 August 13<sup>th</sup>  
 at 9:30am in  
 The Gathering Place.

All are welcome!

Diana McDonald will lead the bible study and Sally Stansbery is washing communion glasses this month.





**You can TRUST JESUS!!**

**What a great theme this year and such a wonderful message to TRUST JESUS when we need to and in almost any situation!!**

**Thank you to Amanda Barth, Janine McMillan, Kristin Ealy, Beth Collins, Pastor Barry, Pastor Mark, Kelly Fahle, and Laura Wines for volunteering their time and talent!**

**Thanks to our teen helpers:**

**Bryson Stoneburner, Jake Nieset, Kloe Ealy, Harper Fahle, Alexis Lehnhart, Raelyn Hahn, Leah Hahn, Grady Loverich, Mollie Mercer, Blake Gardner, Evie Bramel and Summer Stansbery.**

**Thank you to those that donated food and supplies!**

**This year our outreach mission was in support of The Christian Food Center and also the Global Outreach of contributing to the purchase of Pikipiki (motorbikes) for the people of Africa. We were able to send off \$120 to help purchase much needed transportation!**

**We are so fortunate that the two churches are able to give this great ministry to the community. Without their support, there wouldn't be a VBS! It takes volunteers and a bit of money each year. But, to keep it free, we will need to rely on donations to our fund to keep it going. If you are interested in donating to our general VBS fund, please do so by designating on offering envelope or sending them to the church!**

**Check out our Facebook**

**page [facebook.com/lutheranchurchesofuppersanduskyvbs](https://facebook.com/lutheranchurchesofuppersanduskyvbs) to see pictures taken during the week!**



August 24<sup>th</sup>  
right after worship  
in Fellowship Hall

Fishing Pond and Corn Hole  
games for **ALL AGES**  
with prizes!

Picnic type meal will be served  
**FREE!**

Come enjoy and make your  
own ice cream cones or sundaes  
with an insane choice of  
toppings!

## Back To School



Can you believe that  
summer is almost over?

Ya know what that  
means??? No, it isn't  
time for the fair quite  
yet! It's time for school  
to start! We will be

blessing all of our  
students, (along with  
their backpacks),  
teachers, and support  
staff on Sunday, August  
17<sup>th</sup> during worship!

Please be here to support  
and share in the blessing  
of these members of your  
church family!





**Join us on Sunday, August the 17<sup>th</sup>  
as we will be having a special guest preacher that day.  
Long time Upper Sandusky teacher Mark Albert will be  
sharing the Gospel message with us. Prior to teaching Mark  
served as Senior Pastor of two congregations over a span of  
sixteen years. His latest professional endeavor is serving as  
an Adjunct Professor at Ohio Northern University, where he  
helps prepare future educators for the classroom.**

Mark A. Albert was born in Upper Sandusky and raised in Forest, Ohio. After graduating from Riverdale High School, he earned a full-ride scholarship to The Ohio State University, where he served as a Student Athletic Trainer, traveling with the university's athletic teams.

Following college, Mark entered the pastoral ministry, serving as Senior Pastor of two congregations over a span of sixteen years. In 1996, he transitioned to a career in education, focusing on students with special needs at Upper Sandusky High School. During his 25-year tenure there, he earned a Master of Arts in Special Education from the University of Findlay.

Mark and his wife, Trish, have five adult children and eight wonderful grandchildren. In his free time, he enjoys writing, attending his students' sporting events, and spending quality time with his grandchildren. His latest professional endeavor is serving as an Adjunct Professor at Ohio Northern University, where he helps prepare future educators for the classroom.