

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3rd, 2025

Pastor Tim Heinecke



Worship Notes

- Families with children are warmly welcome! We love to have children participate in worship and offer special bulletins just for kids.
- If you need to step out of the worship service with a child, there are chairs set up in the Family Room at the south end of the narthex/entry with speakers from the sanctuary. However, please do not feel pressure to leave if your child acts up a little bit. We want children to learn how to worship with us!
- If you have difficulty standing during the service, please remain seated.
- We have hearing assistance devices for the Sanctuary. If you are having difficulty hearing during worship, let Pastor or one of the AV volunteers know and they will get you a device.
- Restrooms (with changing tables) are located at the north end of the narthex/entry.
- Please remember to silence your cell phone before worship begins.
- If you are a guest today, we are happy you are here! Please take time after the service to introduce yourself to the pastor. We would like to get to know you better!
- If you are a guest, please do not feel obliged to give an offering. If you belong to another
 congregation, please continue to support them. If you are new to Christianity, let us help you
 understand God's gifts to you so that you know why we give offerings. Instead of passing the
 offering plate, we will worship God by placing our offerings in the "noisy can" in the
 narthex/entry.

Holy Communion

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion during worship. This is a very special and important part of our life together as Christians. Jesus promises to give us His own body and blood together with the bread and wine in this meal in a miraculous way. Through this meal He forgives our sins and strengthens our relationship with Him and with one another. God invites all who trust in Christ's Word, repent of all sins, and resolve to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Because participation in this meal is also a confession of the faith of this congregation (1 Cor. 11:26), and because those who eat and drink Christ's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:27), it is important that all baptized Christians examine themselves *before* communing (1 Cor. 11:28). If you have not been instructed, are in doubt, or do not share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we suggest that you refrain from communing this morning. We invite you to speak with the pastor after the service, however, so that we might celebrate this meal together in the future.

(Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. If this would be helpful to you, please inform an usher or the pastor before we celebrate the Lord's Supper.)

Each Sunday of the year is marked in the church in relation to Jesus' life and ministry.

During the season of Pentecost we focus on our life together as the body of Christ and the mission God has given us to make disciples of all nations.

In the opening hymn we thank and praise God for gathering us together as His people.

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+ Preparation +

Before the service, please use the sanctuary to prepare for worship.

We invite you to use this time to prepare
by reflecting on the Scripture readings and songs.

To help others also prepare for worship,
please keep voices low in the sanctuary.

Pre-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for going to the cross to save me.

As I prepare to receive your Body and Blood, I am sorry for all my sins.

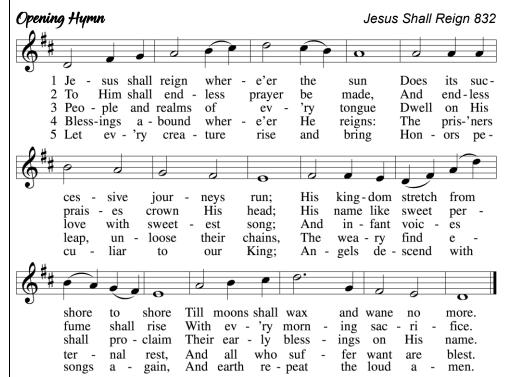
Please forgive me and strengthen my trust in you. By your grace, help me to live in fellowship with you and my brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

John 14:27

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you.



To "invoke" is to call upon. We call on our Triune God because we are baptized into His name.

We admit to God and to each other that we have not lived according to God's law. We ask God to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.

God completely removes our sin through faith in Christ. These words of forgiveness are from God Himself. (John 20:21-23)

The "collect" is prayed by Christians throughout the church each week. It "collects" all our prayers together into one general request fitting with the theme of the day.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession to God.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+ Word +

Greeting and Collect Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord, help us to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven. Help us to never despair but to always rejoice and be thankful for Your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old
Testament is a collection of writings that were written by God's prophets centuries before the birth of Christ. Jesus says of them: "They testify to me."
(John 5:39)

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴ A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

"Epistles" are letters written by Jesus' apostles to the church. They teach about Jesus and instruct us for living as His people. The apostles were led by the Spirit of truth. (John 16:13)

"Gospel" literally means "good news." The four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the good news of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and promise to return.

John writes, "These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

- ³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'
- ⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
 - ⁶ "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

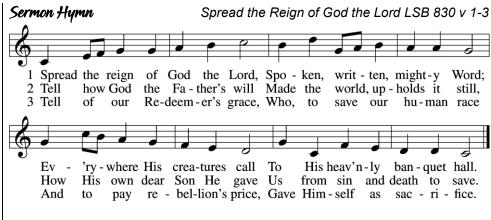
"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

- ⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'
- "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.
- "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred."
- ⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.
- ¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?
- ¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!
- C: Praise to You, O Christ!

During the Sermon Hymn, children are invited to come forward and worship God by placing their offering in the Noisy Can up front, then return to their seats.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." (Mark 10:14)



Children's Message

This brief lesson is designed for children up to sixth grade.

Parents are welcome to come up with their children.

We ask that all children under three be accompanied by a parent.

Sermon Hymn

Spread the Reign of God the Lord LSB 830 v 4-6

- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield. But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

Sermon

Guest Preacher: Pastor Fung Lo Sermon Title: Packing For Heaven

Sermon Text: Luke 16:1-13

The pastor preaches the Word of God (2 Tim. 4:2). Listen for God's commands (Law) and God's promises in Christ (Gospel).

Jesus instructs us to confess our faith in Him. (Matt. 10:32) Today we confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed, which has been confessed in various forms since the 2nd Century AD.

Confession of Faith

P: Christian, what do you believe?

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sending Blessing for Pastor and Kalia Lo

The Prayers of The Church

After each petition: P: Lord, You save and send us,

C: Hear our prayer.

to hear our prayers in Jesus' name.

God promises

Jesus' name. (Acts 4:12)

Take note of the prayer requests made at this time and incorporate them into your daily prayers.

If you would like to add or remove an ongoing prayer request, contact the church by Wednesday afternoon each week

Comfort, healing, recovery, and physical strength

Bryan Carter (cancer) Desmond

Don Meyer (health issues)

Eric Endthoff (back trouble)

George Spratt (physical pain)

Keith Gartland (melanoma)

Ryan (heart attack recovery)

Harley Hughes (stroke recovery)

Helen Bauer (health issues)

Oleg (digestive issues)

Julie Trippel (health issues)

Brenda (Marten's daughter, lupus)

Leon Williams (health issues)

Gabe (brain tumor)

Marilyn Acker (chronic pain) Vellenia (Damaris' niece, cancer)

Mary Kemkes (health/memory issues)

Michele Fisher (health issues)

Ronan (Gloria's grandson)

Daniel (stroke recovery)

Kurt (Lisa's brother, cancer)

Al (recovery from surgery after a fall)

Mary Jo Burke (breast cancer)

Kate (Marten's granddaughter, health issues) Lori (cancer surgery and healing)

Our persecuted Christians we are praying for this week: Vietnam Population: 99.5 million Estimated number of Christians: 9.8 million Especially in rural Vietnam. many people follow traditional ethic-animist religions. When someone converts to Christianity, he or she may face violence and be kicked out of the community.

When His disciples asked Jesus how to pray, He taught them the "Lord's Prayer." (Matt. 6:9-13)

When combined with the Word and promise of God, the bread and wine are the true body and blood of Christ.
Two things happen in the Lord's Supper: God forgives & strengthens us, & we confess our faith as one.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Birthdays this week: Sharon Novak (8/4), Les Winter (8/8) Anniversaries this week: David & Louise Krueger (8/4), Bob & Linda Anderson (8/9)

Other Concerns

Families struggling with addictions

Those who are disconnected from Christ and the church

Pastor Fung Lo, Kalia, and Mercy as they serve as missionaries to Thailand

Amy Formella and her work at Lutheran Bible Translators

Persecuted Christians

Our Nation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ Sacrament +

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18-20

Proclamation of Christ

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Cor. 11:26

Guests: Please see instructions for Holy Communion on page one.

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Distribution

Thoughts for self-examination as you prepare to commune:

We believe that the bread and wine are Jesus' true body and blood.

Christ invites those who repent of their sins and trust Him to forgive.

We are called to forgive another as we have been forgiven.

When we commune together we confess our faith together.

The ushers will invite those who are communing to come forward row by row. After Communing, please exit the sanctuary out the door to your left (past the piano and AV Booth) and return to your seat.

Grape juice is available for those who are unable to drink wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them. Please mention either of these needs to an usher or the pastor.

Communion Hymns

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,

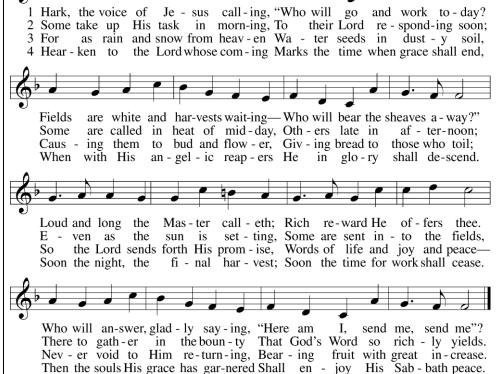
With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
 This food can death destroy.
 And You have freely granted
 The cup of endless joy.
 My Lord, I do not merit
 The favor You have shown,
 And all my soul and spirit
 Bow down before Your throne.

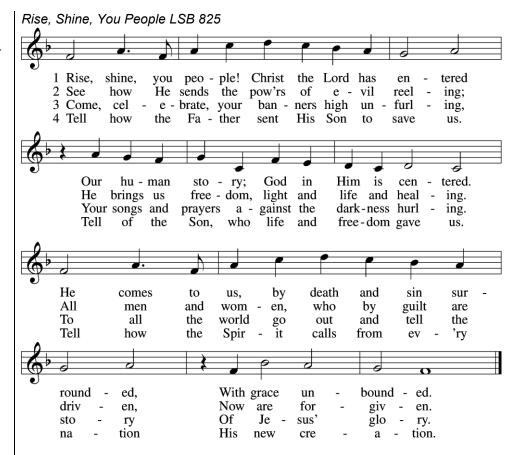
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
 With heav'nly food, while here
 My course on earth is lengthened,
 To serve with holy fear.
 And when You call my spirit
 To leave this world below,
 I enter, through Your merit,
 Where joys unmingled flow.

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling LSB 827

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Dismissal

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in + peace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this valuable gift. In Your mercy, please strengthen us in faith toward You and love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

body and blood.

We thank God

forgiveness and

strength that He

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Announcements

God instructed Aaron to bless His people with these words. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Worship concludes as we praise God and ask Him to guide, strengthen, and empower us to share His love with others throughout the week.

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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

- C: Amen.
- P: Go in Peace and
- C: Serve the Lord!



You Are Invited!

We invite you to stay after worship for our Education Hour from 10:30-11:30 am. Join us after worship for fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall or Fireside Room.

Ages 3 - 12: Meet in the Large Classroom for Sunday School.

Ages 13 - 18: Meet in the Youth Room for Youth Group.

Adults: Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for Bible Class. There is no speaking or reading required to participate in this class. Children two years and under are welcome to stay with their parents in this class. Bibles are available on the shelf in Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a Bible, let Pastor know and we'd love to give you one!

Serving in the Month of August

Altar Preparation: Judy Novy Elder on Duty: Wally Jensen

Ushers: Dave Streitz, Dave Wallner

Audio/Video: Eric Grunwald

Communion Assistants: Dennis Garner, Wally Jensen

Serving this week, August 3

Greeters: Kay Walfoort, Elvis Onduko

Music: Floreen Meyer

PowerPoints: Elvis Onduko **Reader:** Jessica Aufderhar

Acolytes: Mattie Gunderson, Dane Heinecke, Shea Hageman **Flowers:** Given by Angela & Samara Springer & Emil Pankonin

in memory of Rita Pankonin

Snacks: Linda Garner, Joan Arndt

Church Cleaners: Phyllis Trippel, Leah Hageman

Serving next week, August 10

Greeters: Judy West, Linda Wiegert

Music: Rich Carlson

PowerPoints: Shea Hageman **Reader:** Wayne Gartland

Acolytes: Everett Kiewel, Preston Kiewel, Drake Dereschuk

Flowers:

Snacks: Darlene Sutton, Kari McDermaid **Church Cleaners:** Cleaning Authority

If you have any changes or additions to the bulletin during the summer, send an email by Tuesday morning to Lisa Heinecke at newlifehugo@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

You can attend Worship and Adult Bible Study in person, watch the live stream on YouTube, or watch the video on YouTube after the in-person event ends.

Today: Worship with Communion 9:00 am

Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

Tuesday: Night to Unite 6:00 pm

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00 pm

Thursday: Private Reservation (Fireside Room) 1:00 pm

Next Sunday: Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

Things You Should Know

Thank You

Thank you to the 5 phone callers, workers on day of drive, those that cleared area on Sunday before and Wally who set up for Bible study on Friday! We collected 24 pints of blood- each has 3 uses so equally 72! Lower than other times, but we collected blood! Thanks be to God!

Lo's at New Life

Pastor and Kalia Lo will be at New Life on Sunday, August 3. Pastor Lo will share God's Word with us during worship. During the Education Hour, they will both update us on the exciting missionary work going on through the Hmong International Mission in Southeast Asia. We will also have a door offering available. If you want to write a check, please make the check out to "Mission of Christ Network" and write "Pastor Fung Lo" in the memo line.

National Night Out

2nd Annual Community Night Out at New Life August 5 from 6 - 8 p.m. Bounce house, popcorn, root beer floats and games for all. Volunteers will be needed. Watch for more information and sign-up sheets. Spread the word!

Youth trip to Valleyfair!

On Wednesday, August 13, the youth (grades 5-12) from New Life are invited to go to Valleyfair with Pastor. This is a great chance to have some fun outside together. The cost will be \$10 per person, which includes transportation and admission. Each youth can bring up to one friend with them. You can either buy lunch at Valleyfair or bring your own. More details are on the permission slip on the church office counter. Let Pastor know if you plan to attend, so we can have enough drivers lined up. It will be a great and exciting day together!

1st Fix-it-Clinic at New Life on August 16 from 9 a.m. - Noon

Fixers Needed! Are you good at figuring out why things don't work? Are you handy with needle & thread (or sewing machine)? This is a County promoted program to keep stuff out of the landfills. Nothing larger than what people can carry in (so no cars, lawn mowers or furnaces!). Sign-up sheet and more information on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Youth Gathering Presentation

On Sunday, August 17, we will have a special presentation about the National Youth Gathering during the Education Hour. Join us as our youth representatives will show pictures and talk about the incredible experience they had at this year's Gathering!

Good Neighbors Food Shelf Fundraising Event - Brats, Bags, and Baskets

To support this vital cause, a group of community members, in partnership with the Hugo Lions Club, will be hosting **Brats**, **Bags**, **and Baskets** on **Saturday**, **September 20** at Lion's Volunteer Park (5524 Upper 146th St N). The fundraising event will feature the Lions Cornhole Tournament, children's activities, brats and hot dogs, and a silent auction. All proceeds will directly benefit the Hugo Good Neighbors Food Shelf, helping ensure that no family in our community faces hunger alone.

Donate an item or service for our silent auction

(e.g., gift certificates, merchandise, experiences, themed baskets)

To **donate an item** for the silent auction, please contact us at <u>BBBHugofundraiser@gmail.com</u> when it's ready, and we can arrange pickup. Items can also be dropped off at the Hugo Good Neighbors Food Shelf on Monday evenings from 4 PM – 7 PM. We would appreciate receiving all donations by **August 15** to allow time for event preparation.

• Make a monetary donation

Your financial gift helps the food shelf purchase food and supplies for those in need.

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