



Ephesians 5:2 Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This year's VBS, hosted at the Methodist Church, is called, "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' love is one-of-a-kind." I enjoy the definition of "Weird" that is found on the registration pamphlet. "Weird really means something is special, unique, rare, never seen before." What a powerful re-interpretation of the word "Weird".

It is completely opposite of what we have been taught about "weird". When I think of the way "Weird" is usually used, it is usually in the "strange, odd, not quite normal" way. It is used to describe happenings that are not normal, people who are different than us, and places that are scary. In fact, almost never is the word "Weird" used to describe something in a positive way.

And yet, that is exactly how this month's VBS is redefining the word for the better, as the word should be understood. This is the one of the effects of our faith, we take words, concepts, ideas and turn them upside down from negative to positive. All because Jesus turned the world upside down. He did not come in with a military force -that is the way of the world. Instead, Jesus died on the cross to make God's Kingdom a reality in our world.

His detractors saw his death as the end of a nomadic wannabe rebel. But Jesus knew God's love would not be experienced by overpowering the world, but by dying in order to save it. I hope to see you and your kids out at the Methodist Church the week of July 13th. I look forward to meeting all the Weird Animals that we will meet on our VBS journey. And I can't wait to be considered "Weird" because I believe in a Lord who died for me and the entire world. Do you want to be "Weird" with me?

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jamie



July Prayer Calendar

Week of June 29 to July 5

Devotional Reading:

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, Helen Friel, Elda and Dick Dalquist, Bill and Ruth Borth, Elsie Heward, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel

Week of July 6 to 12

Devotional Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

This Week in prayer: lift up our nation, the USA, and the freedoms we celebrate thanks to our form of government; pray for all nations and all peoples seeing to live free from tyranny.

Week of July 13 to 19

Devotional Reading:

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 11:3:1-9, 18-23

This Week in Prayer: This week is the Milledgeville community VBS, pray for the children, and the volunteers who guide them during this week. Pray for our partners in ministry - the Methodist Church, the Brethren Church, Dutchtown Church, and the Baptist Church, as well as our Chadwick partners First Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church, the Evangelical Free Church.

Week of July 20 to 26

Devotional Reading:

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

This Week in Prayer: Many campers are heading to LOMC in Oregon, IL this summer, lift up in prayer all who seek God in the outdoors, the counselors who guide them, the LOMC Board that oversees the ministry there. Keep in prayer all who travel on vacation this summer season.

Week of July 27 to August 2

Devotional Reading:

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

This Week in Prayer: Pray for our Northern Illinois Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our missionaries and especially Wendy and Marissa on their trip to Guatemala, and for LSSI and its many local ministries.

Pastor Jamie will be on vacation
June 27th – July 5th

Regular office hours will resume
Monday July 7th

In Case of emergency
while pastor is away call:

Pastor Chris Schoon
Church: 815-684-5110

First Lutheran in
Chadwick
Home: 815-684-5854

July Mission Focus: Carroll County Senior Center

5 Ways to Help the Carroll County Senior Center

1. Give monetary donations
2. Volunteer your time, skills, and talents
3. Participate in the programs, activities, and other services offered.
4. Leave us in your will.
5. Donate items on our there Wish List:

* Chess/Checkers/ Multi-game Table	* Regular coffee
* Copy paper	* Cookies
* Napkins	* Soda pop
* Paper towels	* Popcorn (plain, unpopped)
* 7-pound bags of clay kitty litter	* Spray bottles of windshield deicer
* Small tubes of lock deicer	* Old blankets
* Long-handled snow brush/ice scrapers	* Flashlight
* Small waste baskets	

Donations can be dropped off between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the Senior Center, 306 N. Main St., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053. We will consider other items and possibilities as well, so if you have any questions about ways you can help or donations you are considering, please contact Nancy Gable, executive director, at 815-244-1800

Yep! I read it!

Will take a month
off. Watch for more
book reviews in the
coming months.



Come join the women of our
church as we celebrate July
Birthday's at
Good Samaritan July 9th.

If you have a talent you would
like to come and share, may it be
singing, reading, dancing or any
other talent. Does not even need
to be a good talent ☺ Please
contact Kim Kaufman



7/2	Gavin Schildgen, William Schmidt
7/8	Keagan, Kaitlin, Kassie Murray
7/9	Mark Dettman
7/13	Steven Blake
7/17	Christian Barkley
7/18	Jennifer Dettman
7/26	Teresa Wagenknecht



7/4	Brenda Harris
7/6	Jocelyn Green
7/7	Ruth Bryson
7/8	Steve Buckman
7/10	Beth Dettman, Stan Franks
7/13	Carol Frederick
7/15	Pastor Jamie Gallagher
7/18	Lou Adolph
7/23	Ardree Fogel
7/24	Randi Marie Kleckler
7/24	Marie Bryant

7/1	Robert & Shirley Woessner
7/15	Joseph & Rebecca Green



July Calendar

Wed. July 2nd: 8:30 – 5 Life Line Screening @ Trinity
 Sun. July 6th: 4th Sunday after Pentecost
 Tues. July 8th: 1:30 PM - Noami Circle @ Lois Simmons
 Thurs. July 10th: Dorcus 7 pm @ Carol Bushman's
 Sun. July 13th: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Tues. July 15th: 11 am Grace Meals @ Trinity
 4:30 pm Worship to Southtown
 Sun. July 20th: 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 Mon. July 21st – Fri. July 25th: Trinity delivers Golden Meals
 Wed. July 23rd: Outdoor bonfire service @ Lee & Kathy Hinrichs
 Sun. July 27th: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July Prayer

Lord Jesus, count me as weird. And by weird, I mean unique, special, one of a kind. Thank you, for you created me this way and there is no one else like me. But also by weird, I mean that I have such a great love for you that others count me as weird. For I believe wholeheartedly that you died for me, and in baptism I have a new life that can never be taken away from me. Walk with me, Lord, as I live this weird faith journey with you, loving the unique, special, one of a kind neighbor you have given me. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



County Fair Worship on the Grandstand! Sunday August 3rd @ 4 PM

Chadwick & Milledgeville Pastors are leading the service
 The message is a play "Jack and the Lunch Money" Written by Pastor Jamie

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Wednesday July 23rd Joint Outdoor Bonfire Service

Lee & Kathy Hinrichs
 21708 Pilgrim Rd.
 Milledgeville

Pot Luck to follow worship, please bring dish to pass (Hot dogs & Drinks will be provided)

Barn will open @ 5:30 PM, service starts @ 6:00 PM

Drive thru grass to get to the barn.

*any questions or concerns of accessibility please call Kathy 336-2125 or Lynn 225-7660



Woessner's barn came down and Andy (Lee's son) took the pieces and rebuilt a new barn
 Come see the new barn and the unique items they have decorated with.