

Call to Worship



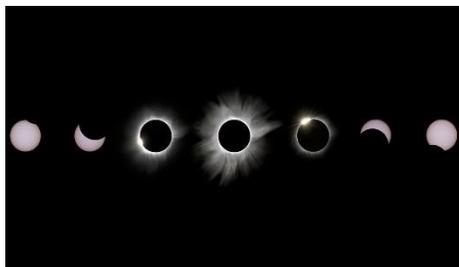
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Has the Moon Anything to Say About the Son?

"The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1)

Around 10:15 in the morning on August 21st, 250 miles south of Snohomish near Salem, Oregon, the bright daytime will turn to darkness for about two and a half minutes. The chirping birds will go silent while certain flowers will briefly close up because of the perception that nighttime has fallen. The temperature may also drop ten degrees. This event I am describing is called a solar eclipse. There are up to seven eclipses occurring in a given year somewhere around the world; most of which are merely partial. In Snohomish 90% of the sun will be covered. Even at the peak moment, however, people who don't have the aid of "eclipse glasses" won't notice anything different in terms of the brightness of the sky. On the other hand, if you do purchase them (for about \$2 a piece) or receive a pair for free from the Snohomish Public Library, you will enjoy a fascinating sight. Never, however, look at the Sun without such protection! Down in Oregon, which lies directly underneath the line extending all the way to South Carolina on the east coast, the eclipse will be total. The term referring to the moon *entirely* covering the sun is "totality." Although the entire process takes about an hour,¹ the *total* covering of the sun will last a few minutes. Then daylight returns and the bird-chirping resumes.



Total solar eclipses such as many will experience on August 21st are very rare in any one location. What makes this phenomenon especially significant is that not only will the moon entirely cover the sun, but the two will fit together perfectly. Let this fact sink in! Our sun is so large that it would take 400 of our moons, laid side-by-side, to extend across its entire diameter. At the same time, the sun is 400 times farther away than the moon. What this means is that, to our eyes, the moon appears exactly the same size as the sun. That is why the moon so perfectly fits over our sun, thereby creating a beautiful, though fleeting view of the solar flaring. If it were instead the case that the moon covered an area significantly *larger* than the sun, then we would be unable to observe the solar atmosphere ("corona") that appears as radiating haze in this picture.²



As pretty as this spectacle will be however, total solar eclipses have also enabled scientists to make two vital scientific discoveries. Prior to scientists' study of the corona with scientific instruments, they were unable to understand that stars are thermonuclear furnaces. Secondly, it was only after scientists observed stars right up next to the sun during the dark totality, that they could confirm

¹https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=3pmK%2fkK%2f&id=9835769E4ADD70E1662A61F8E8603D8DF4C13AEE&thid=OIP.3pmK_kk_11q4X4YDaDUnTgFNC7&q=solar+eclipse&simid=608017570864367521&selectedIndex=169&ajaxhist=0

² <http://www.reasons.org/blogs/todays-new-reason-to-believe/thank-god-for-perfect-solar-eclipses>

Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. Without that theory NASA would have been unable to correctly target its lunar modules so they could land on the moon (as opposed to flying past it very widely).

More important still, our very unique moon must be as it is both in terms of its size and distance from earth in order for our planet to be livable. For example, every other planet in our solar system wobbles significantly, while earth, by contrast, rotates in a very stable manner because of our sizeable circling moon. In addition, our moon creates the tides which causes the ocean water to circulate across our globe. This natural system refreshes that water, moderates the temperature of both sea and sky, and creates the array of climates so vital to the livability of our planet. Even the Israelites marveled at the extent of God's care in nature (Psalm 19:1-4; 104:1-30, Ecclesiastes 1:4-7, Acts 14:16-18; 17:24-27).

It is entirely Christian for us to take notice of nature in all of its aspects when we do so in the conviction that God who first "created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3) continues to sustain it (Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2) by His word of power. Yet our message is *fully* Christian only if we further clarify that the Maker of all things is also the redeemer of all sinners (John 1:1-3 > John 1:14). Behold our Lord God who at the beginning stretched out the heavens in creation, also in the fullness of time stretched out His arms on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins (Ephesians 2:13), even as in this present time He stretches out His arms in invitation (Matthew 11:28). For the reason of both the love and the power of our Lord we may be both awed and comforted at the same time.

Blessings to each of you in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Gary Jensen



Taking A Walk with the President

Continuing on to milepost #2

This next mile has been a gradual upward incline. I have been blessed to visit with a lot of leaders. Each person so unique, yet so purposed, for God's grand design on earth. I'm energized by the Holy Spirit's calling to be in such company. A recent devotion from "Daily Bread" said, "Some studies show that when we sing our bodies release hormones that relieve anxiety and stress. Other research indicates that when a group of people sings together, their heartbeats actually synchronize with each other." I think to myself, "That must be what happens in worship when the whole congregation is joined in song. We are, for a moment in time, synchronized with each other." (Just think of heavenly choirs!)

It is my prayer that each of our leaders will find in themselves a realization that solo performances will not necessarily achieve what collective concert harmony does. My prayer is for all leaders playing their parts, bringing about beautiful "music" that brings all praise and glory to God. I'm ready for "Thy will be done on earth" to get on to the 3rd milepost. (Proverbs 16:9*)

A Part of the Fishnet,

Gary Gable

* *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.* Proverbs 16:9 (ESV)



Potluck Brunch

Please join us for a 5th Sunday Potluck Brunch on Sunday, **July 30th**, at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. No Sunday School or Bible Class. Please bring breakfast foods to share: bagels & cream cheese, breakfast casseroles, pastries/doughnuts, fruit, and other items you like!



Hope to see you there!

SUMMER Bible Studies!

- * The **Sunday morning Bible class** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall Meeting Room, studying the major themes of the *Augsburg Confession* from the Book of Concord.
- * **Men's Bible Breakfast** meets on **Wednesdays** at 7 a.m. at the Collector's Choice Restaurant, 215 Cypress Avenue in Snohomish. Men of any age are invited.
- * Youth meet at Michelle's house (13020 Hwy. 2, Snohomish) at **7 p.m. on Saturdays** for a fun movie-based Bible study. Questions? Need directions? Call or text Michelle! 425-501-4925 or message Michelle Bartelheimer on Facebook. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Community Kitchen

→ Zion is providing the Snohomish Community Kitchen meal on Monday, **August 7th**. **We really need more help when we serve!** We begin the meal preparations at 2 p.m. and begin clean-up at 5 p.m.

Thank you so much to those who helped last month. If you need more information or would like to help, please contact Carolyn Jensen (360-568-9384) or Janet Zwar (425-346-3565).

The Snohomish Community Kitchen offers a **FREE** meal every Monday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 913 2nd Street in Snohomish. Everyone is welcome!



ZIG (Zion's Intergenerational Group)

[from Lisa Tuengel]

Join us Sunday, **August 13th**, for ZIG! ZIG stands for Zion's Intergenerational Group. This is an opportunity to gather with your church family at the group opening for our Christian education time. All ages from our adult Bible class and our Sunday school classes are invited to get together in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. **We'll look for you there!**



Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Hour



Light refreshments are provided during the Sunday school hour (between the services about 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.) in the Parish Hall.

Volunteers (individuals, families, or groups) can sign up with Judy in the church office at 360-568-2700 or by e-mail at zionsecretary@frontier.com. Duties include preparing coffee, providing juice, light treats, & clean-up. **Thank you to those who have volunteered!**

Newsletter & Sunday Bulletin Deadlines



The Newsletter Deadline is Monday, **August 21st**, for the SEPTEMBER Newsletter!

All items for the Sunday bulletin must be received in the church office by Noon on Thursdays. Thanks!

New E-mail for Church

The Zion Lutheran Church office has a new e-mail address! It is [**snohomishsecretary@gmail.com**](mailto:snohomishsecretary@gmail.com). Please update your contact information.



Garage Sale Thank You[from Rosemary Randall]



THANK YOU to everyone that donated to and helped with this year’s garage sale. It brought a lot of blessings to many families.

Very little was left over! The current total for the yard sale is \$1,515.05

Mt. Baker Circuit Forum September 30

Dear Mt. Baker congregations and pastors,

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Mt. Baker Circuit Forum on Saturday, **September 30th**, from **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** It will be held at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon.**

The Rev. Kyle Heck of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everett will present for us material from his recent doctoral dissertation *“A Christian Approach and Response to Same Sex Attraction and Marriage in an Increasingly Secular and Hostile Context.”* This promises to be an informative and helpful seminar as we seek to reach out to all people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All interested parties in your congregation are welcome to attend. In order to help us plan for lunch, please RSVP via email at secretary@messiah-lcms.org or via phone at 360-659-4112.

Peace and joy in Jesus to you,
Pr. Kurt Onken
Messiah Lutheran Church, Marysville, WA

Lutherans for Life

“What can we say to those who miscarry a child they already know and love? They are created, redeemed, and called, and God holds them in His hands.”



Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Box Tops for Education



Box Tops for Education Keep on clipping those Box Tops! They will be used to help support Zion Lutheran School. There is a collection box in the church narthex. Thank you for your help!

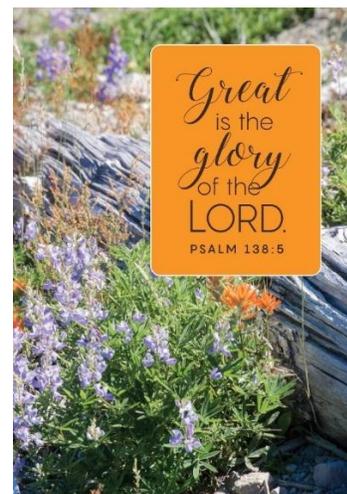
Gift Cards Support Zion Lutheran School



Planning to go shopping? Need a gift? Purchase gift cards through the scrip program. Cards can be used just like cash! Participating merchants (and examples of each category) include restaurants (Baskin Robbins, Applebees), grocery (Safeway, Top Foods, Fred Meyer), car rental (Avis, Budget), gasoline (Shell, Chevron) and retail (Best Buy, Cabela’s, Kohl’s, Lowe’s, Quality Inn). Ann Jensen has a list of all the merchants participating in the program. Orders are placed every two weeks. A percentage of all purchases goes to Zion Lutheran School – yet the full purchase price is available on every card bought. Ann has Safeway, Fred Meyer, Top Foods and Starbucks cards available for purchase each Sunday between services in the Parish Hall. Stop by and check out the selections!

Retirees’ Program[from Laraine Hunt]

The Retirees will not meet as a group during August. Have a great summer and we’ll see you at the Retirees’ gatherings in the fall!





Vacation Bible School 2017

Theme Verse: “Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

FUN * BIBLE LESSONS * CRAFTS * GAMES * MUSIC * SNACKS

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year’s VBS program, *Mighty Fortress*. We learned about Jesus and His great love for us and how He has won the victory for us. God is our Mighty Fortress.



The third graders found the vine on the Quest. Jesus is the VINE! *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:5 (ESV)

We started each day with the opening at Snohomish Evangelical Free Church (SEFC). We sang songs and the Bible lesson was presented. Then the kids went to the Bible story and Bible challenge. As we all proceeded in the quest over to Zion, each class was given a clue and then looked for the corresponding item along the way. It was an adventure! We even had neighbors that would come out and sit on their front steps and wave at us. It was a lot of fun.



Once at Zion we would have games, snacks, crafts and then have the closing time all together in the church sanctuary.



Pre-schooler’s leaving SEFC on their way to the Quest.



Vacation Bible School 2017...



Thank you to Rosemary Randall, Carolyn Jensen, and all of Zion's congregation, Snohomish Evangelical Free Church, and all the volunteers for their support, encouragement, and assistance during this week and for all the help, preparation, and planning leading up to VBS.



Lining up for games!



Thank you to Thrivent for the *Thrivent Action team card* to cover the cost of the snacks!

BRaille WORK CENTER NEWS

During the nine work sessions in June, volunteers completed our assignment and 49 copies of "Primary Bible Stories" were mailed out to recipients in the USA, Ghana, India, Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda. With a Google search, I am often able to find the church, school, or person who will receive these books! All too often, blind and visually impaired people are desperate to have Bibles and other Christian reading materials available to them. So, in some small way our work center is part of a large outreach to these people and for this we are thankful!

During July, the needed supplies will once again be ordered and readied and August sessions will soon follow.

- If you'd like to join in on a session, please contact me at 360-659-9750 or by e-mail at dalebern@frontier.com.
- Learn more about this ministry by going to the Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) website. A wealth of information is available along with downloads of publications and lists of available subscription materials.
- Keep the blind and visually impaired, as well as Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW), in your prayers. Donations are the means by which LBW operates and provides most materials free of charge to recipients.
- **ATTENTION!!!** When making donations to LBW (Lutheran Braille Workers, PO Box 5000, Yucaipa, CA 92399), please, indicate that your donation is designated for "Work Center #314". Writing "Work Center #314" on the memo line of your check will assure credit is given to the Immanuel Lutheran Church work center for your donation.
- If you have THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS to donate, consider directing them to LBW. Don't let your monies go unused! Please call LBW to inform them of your choice so our Work Center #314 can receive monetary credit (1-800-925-6092). You may also e-mail this info to Deanna Bowles at deanna@lbwinc.org.



- I welcome questions, comments and suggestions regarding our work center located at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2521 Lombard Ave, Everett ~ Church Office phone: (425) 252-7038.

In His service, *Janet Bernhardt*

Immanuel Lutheran Church Braille Work Center
Director

AUGUST BRAILLE SCHEDULE:

Immanuel Gen.	Monday, Aug. 7 th	9 – 11 a.m.
	Monday, Aug. 14 th	9 – 11 a.m.
Immanuel LWML	Tuesday, Aug. 1 st	9 – 11:30 a.m.
	Tuesday, Aug. 15 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.
Messiah	Weds., Aug. 2 nd	9 – 11:30 a.m.
Grace	Fri., Aug. 4 th	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Zion	Tuesday, Aug. 8 th	9 – 11:30 a.m.
Extra sessions (volunteers needed)		
	Monday, Aug. 7 th	12 – 2:30 p.m.
	Monday, Aug. 21 st	9 – 11:30 a.m.

Dear Friends of Bethany,

We would like to invite you and your family and friends to enjoy a fun night of baseball on **Thursday, August 17th, at 7:05 p.m. at Everett Memorial Stadium**, as our Everett AquaSox take on the Tri Cities Dust Devils!



Tickets are only \$11 each and we'll be sitting in the upper box section on the 3rd base line. It is also a "Tasty Thursday" night, which means \$2 hot dogs, \$2 peanuts, \$2 pop, \$2 beer and more! Kids can run the bases after the game, our residents will be introduced on the field prior to the game - plus there will be a Bethany employee throwing out the ceremonial first pitch on the red carpet!

To get your tickets, call Julie Reymore at 425-551-6340 or email at julier@bethanynw.org. You can pay by credit card, check, or cash.



Thanks for all your support of Bethany of the Northwest.
See you at the game on August 17th!



LWML Sets 2017-2019 Mission Goal at \$2.075 Million

ST. LOUIS, June 26, 2017 — The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed 3,471 people with 850 as first timers to the LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 22–25, 2017, under the theme "Jesus Christ Above All." The convention theme was based on Philippians 2:9.

Delegates to the 37th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2,075,000 mission goal for the 2017-2019 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 22 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. LWML chose to support the following mission grants, pledging their support with prayers and mites (offerings) given over the next biennium:

1. Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children – Mercy Meals of Siouland, \$40,000
2. Mercy House for Women and Children – Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan, \$100,000
3. Christ for Veterans and Their Families – LCMS Ministry of the Armed Forces, \$27,750
4. Tanzanian Sewing Center – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), \$25,000
5. Current Missionary Need – LCMS International Mission, \$100,000
6. Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide – Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
7. Christian Hope Through Mass Media in Egypt – Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
8. NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting – Christian Families United for Progress, \$100,000
9. Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund, \$80,000
10. Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission, \$100,000
11. Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries – Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission, \$93,000
12. Completion of Lukonda Lutheran School Buildings, Uganda – Lutheran Church Uganda, \$48,000
13. Equipping Youth to Witness for Life - Y4Life – Lutherans for Life, \$25,000
14. Laborers of Love – Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
15. Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – Bethesda Lutheran Communities, \$100,000
16. Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants – Ministry Focus, \$100,000
17. Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team – LCMS Office of International Mission, \$25,000
18. Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians – Lutheran Indian Ministries, \$75,000
19. RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 –Texas District, \$50,000
20. Prison and Jail Ministry Synod-wide Conference in 2018, \$36,500
21. Family Scholarships for Short Term Mission Trips – MOST Ministries, \$60,000
22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia, \$97,000

Parish News

In case of pastoral emergency contact:

Pastor Gary Jensen at the church office (360-586-2700) or home (425-212-9337) or cell phone (206-914-3593) **or one of the elders:**

Norm Anderson..... 425-948-7575
Gene Berner 360-568-5970
Wayne Franz..... 425-334-5184
John Hansen..... 425-397-7324
Richard Hellman (director) 425-232-7666

AUGUST Wedding Anniversaries

Aug. 5 Ken & Julie Heike
6 Randy & Kelly Wood (1st Anniv.)
10 Herman & Judy Bosse
10 Lon & Anne Hintze
12 Michael & Annette Schreiner
16 Gary & Ann Jensen
17 Dennis & Melanie Lin (10th Anniv.)
19 George & Marion Stocker
22 Jerry & Kathy Sturlaugson
23 Brad & Lisa Tuengel (30th Anniv.)
28 Dale & Lillian Bartelheimer
29 Bryan & Lois Friedrich (30th Anniv.)

OFFICIAL ACTS for July 2017:

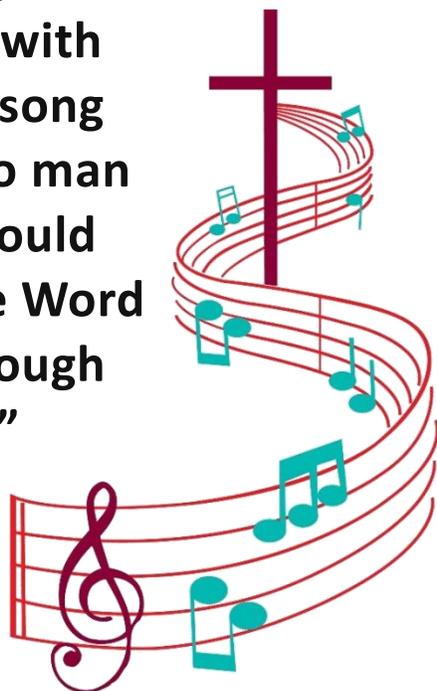
Official Count:

201 Communicant Members
30 Baptized Only
231 TOTAL

Every effort is made to keep the birthday and anniversary lists up to date. If there is an error, or your name does not appear on these lists, please call the church office at 360-568-2700

**“The gift of
language
combined with
the gift of song
was given to man
that he should
proclaim the Word
of God through
Music.”**

— Martin Luther



Birthday Gift to Christ

Scholarships have been granted to many people from our congregation over the years to help them prepare for teaching and preaching ministries in our Lutheran churches. We pray that you will remember this ministry with your gifts and your prayers as you celebrate your birthday.

Happy Birthday to the following **AUGUST** birthday celebrants:

1 Anna Groeneveld	13 Carole Reinig
2 Tai Junge	14 Ragene Kimsey
6 Otto Schwarzmiller	21 Mike Bauer
6 Edith Stocker	22 Gil Schwarzmiller (91)
8 Matthew Jackman	24 Tina Krajsek
8 Michael Schreiner	24 Keith Miller
8 Sandy Walker	26 Willard Maynard (94)
10 Pat Kuhlman	29 Sharla Spoelstra

Reconciliation – Peacemaking Message



Relational Wisdom 360 is a regular e-mail that is published by Ken Sande. We hope you enjoy this month's excerpt. For more information on *Relational Wisdom 360* please visit their website or subscribe to the e-mail at www.RW360.org.

7 Ways to Apply RW in Combat, Congress and the Church

What is the common link between commanding soldiers in combat, passing a bill in Congress and leading a church or ministry?

Answer: Success in each of these venues is more likely when leaders live out the relational principles set forth in God's Word.

This common link was repeatedly revealed during discussions at three seminars I recently taught in Washington, D.C. These events were attended by Congressmen, their spouses and Chiefs of Staff, ambassadors and high-ranking officers from the Pentagon.

One individual in particular highlighted the far-reaching impact of applying relational wisdom in critical leadership positions.

Before being elected to Congress from Oklahoma, Lt. Col. (U.S. Army, Retired) Steve Russell led the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th infantry Division in Iraq. In 2003, his battalion occupied Tikrit during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since Tikrit was Saddam Hussein's hometown, it quickly emerged as the epicenter of insurgency efforts to restore the dictator to power. Steve wrote a fascinating book about these events, *We Got Him: A Memoir of the Hunt and Capture of Saddam Hussein*. Once I started reading it on the flight home, I couldn't put it down.

I was especially intrigued by the many ways Steve had applied biblical relational principles as he led his soldiers through months of deadly conflict ... and continues to apply them in Congress today. As I describe a few of these principles, I encourage you to consider ways God



Lt. Col. Steve Russell

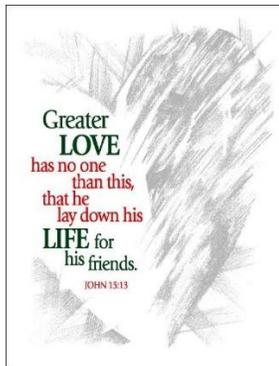
may be calling you to apply some of them in your own family, workplace or church this week. (I've provided seven reflection questions at the end of this post to help you make these applications.)

1. Understand the culture in which you are serving (Acts 17:22-23) – Before he arrived in Iraq, Steve diligently studied the Arab culture, partly by reading books like *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, written by T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia"). His thorough understanding (other-awareness) of Arab culture served him well throughout his deployment, especially when he was seeking to form a trustworthy local militia. Rather than accept unknown volunteers, he first identified the ten most respected sheiks in the region, who he knew would be the ones sitting in the front row of every major leadership gathering. Showing them honor, he pulled them aside and told them he wanted to train the best of their men. But Steve also told them that they must give him a signed personal endorsement for each man. Why? Because he knew that no sheik would want to be dishonored by having one of his men sent home as a coward or troublemaker.

2. Pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17) – Steve was constantly in prayer for his soldiers, their missions, his family back home, and the people of Tikrit who were seeking to rebuild their lives after decades of oppressive rule. As I read how frequently he was on his knees, I was reminded of Oswald Chamber's famous comment, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."

3. Demonstrate compassion (Matt. 14:14) – All too often, Steve was notified of an attack that had killed or wounded soldiers under his command. Whenever possible, he jumped into his Humvee and raced to the scene to form a protective perimeter and speed the evacuation. He often ended up holding a soldier's bloody head in his hands, reassuring him that help was on the way and praying earnestly for his healing. There was no doubt in any wounded soldier's mind that their commander cared deeply for them

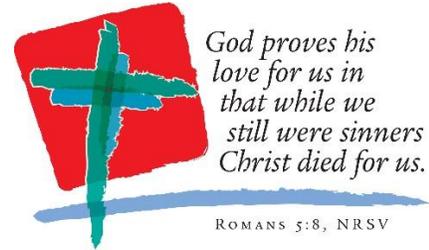
and would shield them with his own body if an attack was renewed ([John 15:13](#)).



4. Control your anger and love your enemies ([Eph. 4:26](#); [Luke 6:27](#); [Rom. 12:19](#)) – One of the greatest challenges Steve and his soldiers experienced was not to return evil for evil against the terrorists who sought to do them harm. After many firefights, they discovered wounded terrorists who had just killed or wounded U.S. soldiers. Although the temptation for revenge was intense, the consistent response was to administer life-saving first aid and then rush the helpless enemy to the same hospital that was caring for the soldiers that insurgent had recently sought to kill.



5. Maintain the initiative ([Rom. 5:8](#); [Luke 6:27-28](#); [Rom. 12:20-21](#)) – Whenever the terrorists inflicted casualties through an ambush, it would have been easy for the 1st Battalion to go on the defensive. They could have huddled in their fortified posts and waited for the enemy to come to them. Like a seasoned Chess player, however, Steve knew it would be fatal to surrender the initiative. If all they did was respond to the enemies' moves, they had already lost the battle. So day after day, he and his men patched up their wounds and their vehicles and ventured back into the streets and alleys of Tikrit, keeping the terrorists off balance and steadily reducing their will to continue the battle.



6. Do to others as you would have them do to you ([Matt. 7:12](#)) – When soldiers in Steve's command were killed or wounded, he could have relied on others to convey the news to their loved ones back home. Considering what he knew his family would want in such a situation, however, he knew the right thing to do was for him, the battlefield commander, to call those families personally and immediately. He realized he could not eliminate their grief or apprehensions, but he could enter into that pain with them, add his heartfelt sorrow to theirs, and walk a few steps with them as they processed the most painful news any of us could ever hear.

7. Seek advice and welcome criticism ([Prov. 9:9](#); [12:15](#); [13:10](#); [15:32](#)) – Every day he was stationed in Iraq, Steve had to make decisions that could literally have life-and-death consequences. Recognizing the limits of his own wisdom and experience, he constantly sought counsel and welcomed feedback from others in his command, not only from his fellow officers but also from the enlisted soldiers who shared in the burdens and dangers of their mission (see [Approachability: The Key to Real Ministry and Leadership](#)).

During my conversations with Steve and other Congressmen, ambassadors and military leaders who attended our recent seminars, I heard many examples of how they are applying these principles every day on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon. Please join me in praying that God would give them success as they seek to guide our nation through the challenging issues we are facing in these tumultuous times!

If you would like to develop this kind of relational wisdom yourself, I encourage you to use the following reflection questions to identify ways that you can apply these principles in your own family, workplace or church. As Scripture exhorts us,

“Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress” (1 Tim. 4:15).

~ Ken Sande

Part Two: See 8 More Principles of Relational Leadership drawn from Steve Russell’s book, *We Got Him!*

Reflection Questions

- 1. Understand the culture in which you are serving:** Do you deliberately study the people you live and work with every day? (Acts 17:22-23) How well do you understand the backgrounds, strengths, weaknesses, interests and desires of your friends? Spouse? Children? Coworkers? Church members? This skill is especially helpful with people who oppose or attack you (see Reagan, Lincoln, RW and You).
- 2. Pray without ceasing:** What does your prayer life look like today? A short little ritual early in the morning and then silence the rest of the day? Don’t wait for a crisis to drive you to the throne of grace. Develop the habit of frequent “frontal prayer,” preceding even the mundane activities of life with brief thanksgiving and petitions to God (1 Thess. 5:17). As you develop the habit of talking to God constantly about “little things,” you’ll experience the peace of knowing he is involved in “all things” in your life.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



- 3. Demonstrate compassion:** Who do you know that is needy or hurting, emotionally or physically? How could you go to that person and bring encouragement, help or support? (Matt. 14:14) How could you demonstrate that

you love others so much that you would gladly sacrifice your time, resources or convenience to serve and protect them? (John 15:13).

- 4. Control your anger and love your enemies:** How do you respond when someone has hurt, criticized or rejected you? Do you give into anger and seek ways to strike back? Or do you simply pull away from that person to shield yourself from further pain? What would it look like if you instead resolved to live out the principles set forth in these passages: Ephesians 4:26; Luke 6:27-28; Romans 12:19-21?
- 5. Maintain the initiative:** When you have been bruised in life, are you tempted to go on the defensive? How has that worked for you in the past? How does the gospel demonstrate God’s determination to maintain the initiative in our lives? (Rom. 5:8) What do these passages tell you about maintaining the initiative with people who have disappointed or hurt you: Luke 6:27-28; Romans 12:20-21?
- 6. Do to others as you would have them do to you:** How do you typically respond when you see that others are struggling or in pain? Are you inclined to pull in to shield yourself from that pain or to reach out to ease it? How does imagining what you would need or want if you were in their situation help you to avoid a self-protective response? (Matt. 7:12)
- 7. Seek advice and welcome criticism:** One of the greatest signs of wisdom and humility is the willingness to seek advice and welcome criticism from others (Prov. 9:9; 12:15; 13:10; 15:32). Is this your inclination? If not, why? What price do you often pay when you act without relevant advice or resist correction? What message does your self-reliance send to the people in your life? How would your relationship with those people change if you began to actively seek their counsel and welcome their criticism? (see Approachability: The Key to Real Ministry and Leadership)

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OR
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2–3:30 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 28 (mandatory)
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Bellevue
2–4 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 29 (mandatory)
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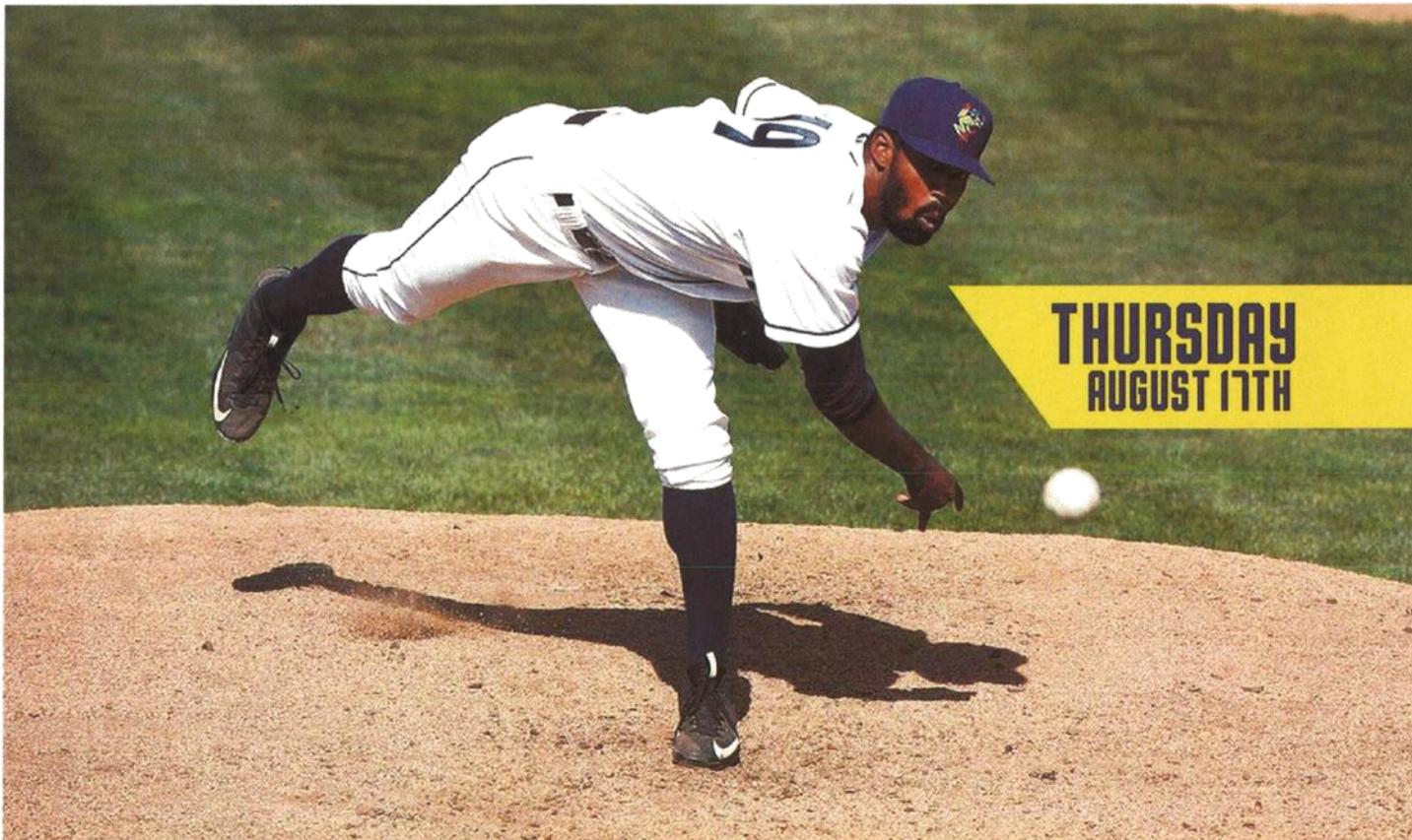
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August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 p.m. Elders Meeting (CO)	2 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)	3 7 p.m. Trustees Meeting (PHMR)	4	5 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
6 9 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion	7 4:30 p.m. Community Kitchen - at St. John's Episcopal, Snoh. (2 p.m. meal prep./5 p.m. clean up)	8 9 – 11:30 a.m. Braille Work (Immanuel Luth., Everett)	9 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)	10	11	12 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
13 10 th Sunday after Pentecost 8 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Combined Sunday School/Bible Class Opening (PH) 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship	14 7 p.m. Bd. of Directors Meeting (PHMR)	15 7 p.m. Valley Spinners (PH)	16 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)	17	18	19 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
20 11 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Rev. Jim Brubaker, Guest Pastor</i> 8 am Traditional Worship/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School/Bible Class 10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Music Practice (CH) 10:30 am Contemporary Worship/ Communion	21 Newsletter Deadline! 7 p.m. 4 – H Meeting (CH – Rooms 2 - 4) August 20 - 21 – Pastor Gary Jensen – Vacation	22	23 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Collector's Choice Restaurant) 9 a.m. Project Linus Quilting (PHMR)	24	25	26 7 p.m. Youth Group (Michelle Bartelheimer's home)
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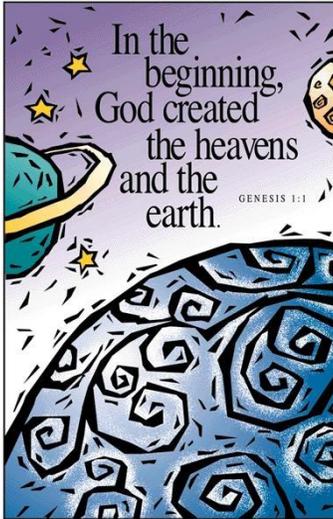
Servants in God's House for August 2017

	August 6 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 13 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 20 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 27 12 th Sunday after Pentecost
Elders: 8 a.m.	John Hansen	Gene Berner	Norm Anderson	Richard Hellman
10:30 a.m.	Gene Berner	Norm Anderson	Richard Hellman	John Hansen
Ushers: 8 a.m.	Ken Heike, Larry Heike	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Ken Heike, Marlin Heike	Herman Bosse
10:30 a.m.	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Andrew Bartelheimer	Bud Adams, Harlin Keil	Thad Zwar
Greeters: 8 a.m.	Herman & Judy Bosse	Marlin & Shirley Heike	Gary & Kathy Gable	Brent & Debbie Tuengel
10:30 a.m.	Katie Larchick	Joan Stocker	Rosemary Randall	John & Miriam Hansen
Acolytes: 8 a.m.	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
10:30 a.m.	Sam Lepse	Andrew Bartelheimer	Claire Lepse	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Readers: 8 a.m.	Ann Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Gary Gable	Richard Hellman
10:30 a.m.	Olivia Zwar	Doris Brickman	Jana Ostlund	Miriam Hansen
Scriptures:	Isaiah 55:1–5 Psalm 136:1–9 (23–26) Romans 9:1–5 (6–13) Matthew 14:13–21	Job 38:4–18 Psalm 18:1–9 (7–16) Romans 10:5–17 Matthew 14:22–33	Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 Psalm 67 Rom. 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32 Matthew 15:21–28	Isaiah 51:1–6 Psalm 138 Romans 11:33–12:8 Matthew 16:13–20
Children's Message:	Pastor Gary Jensen	Lisa Tuengel	Pastor Jim Brubaker	Pastor Gary Jensen
Organist (8 am):	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner	Karen Berner
Music Leader(s) (10:30 am):				
Altar Guild:	----- Rosemary Randall -----			
Flowers:	Randy & Kelly Wood (Anniv.)			Ken Lauterbach (in memory of Mary)
Fellowship:	Michelle Bartelheimer	Rosemary Randall	Laraine Hunt	Lynette Zwar
Counters:	Ken Heike Lynette Zwar	Lillian Bartelheimer Joan Stocker	Doris Brickman <i>Volunteer needed</i>	Loreen Atkinson Dan Miller



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Join us for worship and Bible class this Sunday.

Sunday Worship Service Times

8 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

