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### **This week's Immediate Prayer List**

A complete prayer list is available at the Welcome Center.

Barb Gosselar is liturgist today. Communion servers are Karen and Wayne Disegna, Sherrie Gartside, Bill and Shirley Mitchell.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church of Ludington.

We believe in the God who created and continues to create.

We want to root ourselves in Jesus.

We rely on the Holy Spirit.

We seek to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

We believe our church is part of this community. Ludington has our heart.

We open our doors and ourselves to everyone --

When we say "Come as you are" we mean it.

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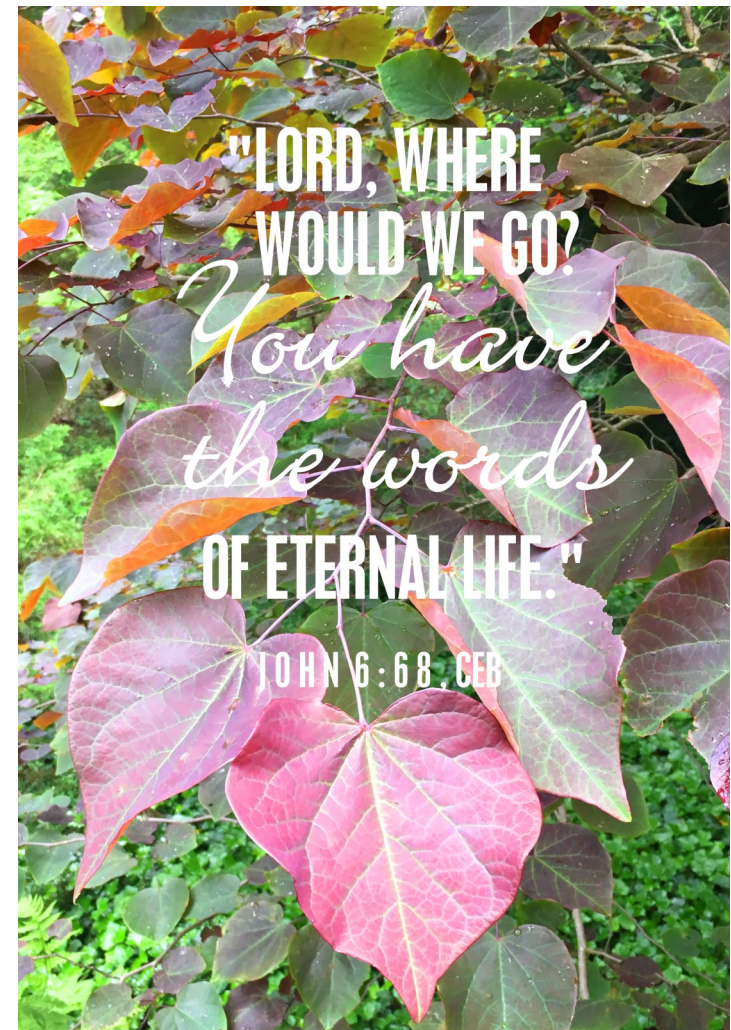
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*Our Mission: Reveal the Grace of God by welcoming and serving all in Christ!*



**July 3, 2022**



**Music for Gathering “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**  
William Whiting & John B. Dykes

*If you have a prayer concern that you would like the pastor to lift up during the prayer time today, please fill out a yellow prayer card from the pew or from the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Someone will take the prayer cards up to her at prayer time.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

- The Missions Committee has placed a blessing box outside the church. We'd love to fill it with non-perishable food items to share with those in need. Please stop by any time to donate.
- Vacation Bible School returns July 18-21! After two years away, it will be a wonderful outreach to the children of our community. There is a table in the lobby with information. They are also collecting Little Caesar's pizza proof of purchases for a pizza party to conclude the week.
- The church's technology is in need of an update for sound and projection. If you are able to contribute to this project, please designate any giving for the Technology Fund.
- We welcome children in worship! But if parents prefer, a staffed nursery is available.

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn “America the Beautiful” Hymnal #696**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

**People: We are called to love with all our heart and soul**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

**People: We are called to love with all our mind and strength**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God

**People: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Leader: Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

**Special Music “Sea of Glory”** arr., Richard Kingsmore  
Chancel Choir, with Soloist John Reed

**Children's Time**

**Song “Where Children Belong”** James Ritchie

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

*(As Pastor ends Pastoral Prayer, congregation joins pastor in the Lord's Prayer, Hymnal #895).*

**Offering “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”**  
Clairvaux & Dykes

**Choir Anthem “Give Me Jesus”** arr., Jay Rouse

**Scripture John 6:61-68** Pew Bibles p. 1299

**Sermon “Songs, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs: “Give Me Jesus”**  
Pastor Hillary

**Holy Communion Hymnal p. 15**

**Closing Song “God Bless America”**  
Irving Berlin; arr., Joseph Martin  
Chancel Choir, with Soloist Hunter Brown  
Trumpets: Melissa Davis and L. J. Lindsey

*Congregation joins choir on Conductor's cue for last chorus. Words will be on screen.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude “Hornpipe”** G. F. Handel

**Today's guest choral conductor is Frank Fahrer from Sidney, Ohio.**

## Announcements

The Vacation Bible School students and leaders will receive free pizzas for their final meal together on July 21 if you bring Little Caesars pizza box proofs of purchase and put them in the collection receptacle in the narthex/lobby. They need to collect 200 in order to qualify. The proofs of purchase are located on the side of the lid. Thank you!

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### ***Petunia Party Wednesdays at 10:00 Throughout the Summer***

Again this year, members of our congregation are invited to participate in a "cultivation & weeding party" each Wednesday at our church Petunia Parade block on Ferry Street - west side of the municipal marina. Bring your hand trowel or spade and *come on down* for a fun social time as we tweak our petunias. If you are unable to actually work on the flower beds, just bring a lawn chair and bottle of water and lend encouragement from the sidelines.

We are fortunate that our area has basically no traffic; just friendly pedestrians passing by on the sidewalk. Watching the boats cruise in and out of the marina is an added "perk," making us feel that we're on vacation! *Kathy Radtke*

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Ladies of the church, we are going to be back in the Cherry Pie Making business, if we are fortunate enough to have a good cherry crop! We plan to have four pie making days; so if you can roll crusts, measure or mix filling ingredients, put on lattice tops, or package pies (and talk and laugh), please sign up for one or more of the days. They will be 9 am to noon Thursday, July 14; Tuesday, July 19; Thursday, July 21; and Tuesday, July 26 in the church kitchen. There will be a signup sheet in the church office and in the church lobby on Sundays. If you want to sign up by phone, call the church office or call Karen Genson at 231-843-2482 or 269-861-2812.

## This week at church

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| Today         | Worship with Communion 10 am   |
| Mon., July 4  | Holiday: Church Office closed<br>Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room                                |
| Tues., July 5 | Intercessory Prayer 10 am  |
| Wed., July 6  | Rug Ladies 9:30-11:30 am, Rug Room<br>Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room<br>Books & Beyond 1:00 pm |
| Thu., July 7  | Men's Emmaus 4th Day 7:30 am<br>U Dig It Youth Summer Series 9-12:30, Pavilion                       |
| Fri., July 8  | Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room<br>Blood Drive 12:00-4:45 pm                                    |

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## More Announcements

Pastor Hillary will be on vacation next week. Rev. Ken Tabor will be on call for emergencies in which a pastor is needed. He can be reached at 231-907-1821. Our guest preacher July 10 will be Rev. Kim Bos of Ferris State University Wesley House.

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For your calendar: There will be a memorial service for Bill Alexander Saturday, July 23 at 2 pm here at the church.