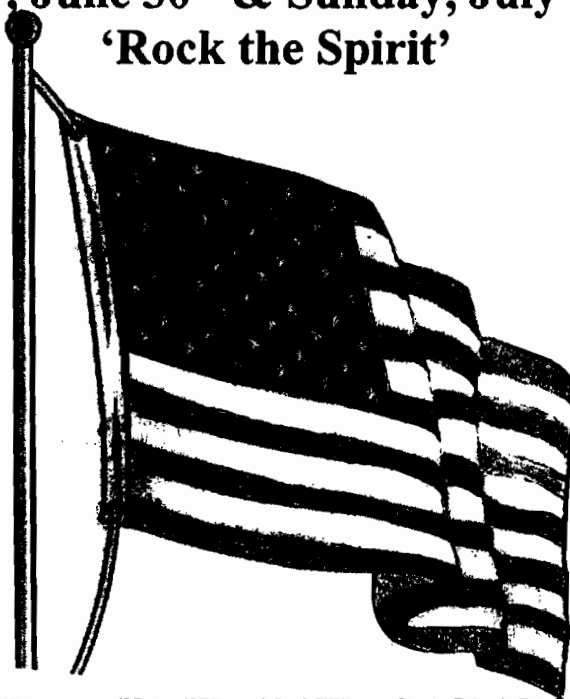


Celebration of Freedom
Saturday, June 30th & Sunday, July 1st, 2012
'Rock the Spirit'



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will grow spiritually and in numbers as we serve Christ. We will reach out and address the hurts and hopes in our community. We will maintain a church home that is reverently joyous and extend a welcome to all who seek to join us in our mission.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

“All You Need is Love”

“Holy Spirit Reign”

OPENING SONG: “People get Ready”

Impressions

Lord, You are the God of the vast universe. How safe we feel when we journey with you and are secure in the knowledge that you are with us. Your love and kindness does that to us.

It is altogether right for us to be here in God’s house on this national holiday weekend. A people’s true worth is measured by the integrity of their faith in God.

On this day of celebration, let us seek first the true satisfaction that comes from spiritual hunger and thirst. Let us enjoy the gifts God grants us through Jesus, His Son.

Praise God His greatest gifts are free! Life and salvation are served to us by God’s Son, without money, without price.

Take all you need. Fill up your emptiness. Now think for a moment also of all the beautiful daily gifts God sends us.

We are aware of them! It is hard for us to believe God would bless us so richly. May we praise Him forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION MUSIC: “Blowin’ in the Wind”

Bob Dylan

FIRST READINGS CONCERNING FREEDOM

Galatians 5: 1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

John 8: 31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free?”

MEDITATION MUSIC: “Eleanor Rigby” Beatles

SECOND READINGS CONCERNING FREEDOM

Romans 6: 23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I Peter 2: 16-17

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the gathering of believers, fear God, honor the king.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

MEDITATION SONG: “Peace Train” Cat Stevens

THE MEDITATION: Holy Smokes

MEDITATION SONG: “ Turn, Turn, Turn” The Byrds

THE OFFERING

“Shower the People”
“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

James Taylor
Simon & Garfunkel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Holy Spirit, and with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A time for silent prayer.

Guide your church, that, freed from the law of sin, we may delight in serving you and your gospel for the sake of all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless our efforts to care for the earth and its resources so that it may flourish from generation to generation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your wisdom to the leaders of all nations, that they may lead with humility and justice. Grateful for our country's freedoms, help us work for peace around the globe. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give rest to all who are weary or burdened: those who are poor, hungry, oppressed, ill, or grieving (*especially*), that they may know your peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Empower this congregation to take on Christ's yoke, serving one another with gentle and humble hearts, that this community may witness the strength of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers of intercession may be made.

Reinvigorate our confession of the faith until that day we join the saints who have received their eternal rest in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONGS:

“Long Train Runnin’”

“Let It Be”

“All You Need is Love”

Beatles

Beatles

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA JULY 1 THRU JULY 7TH, 2012

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| Mon., July 2 nd | 7:00 p.m. | AA & Alanon |
| Tues., July 3 rd | 9:30 a.m. | Bells |
| Thurs., July 5 th | 8:00 a.m. | R.O.M.E.O.S. |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Funtimers |
| Sat., July 7 th | 5:00 p.m. | Saturday Evening Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come today (Sunday, July 1st) to the Aitkin County Courthouse lawn at 1:30 to take part in **unveiling an impressive boulder and granite memorial to all area veterans**. An outstanding program and dedication will be held and a lunch will be served at Westside Church immediately following the program.

The **Portals of Prayer** for July-September are available in the Narthex.

The **Glen Parade** will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4th. The event will be hosted by Keith & Dawn Kellen of Glen. Valerie Benton will emcee. Bring lawn chairs to view the parade.

The **Mille Lacs Area Youth** will present **The Beverly Hillbillies** on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11th & 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Isle School Auditorium and Monday, July 9th and Tuesday, July 10th at Onamia Crosier Center. Free will donation. (See bulletin board for further information).

The **Veggie Stand** opened Saturday and will be open every Saturday for the rest of the summer until Labor Day. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for you and your friends to sign up to help on Saturday mornings (we need volunteers). Also veggies, plants and baked goods are needed to make our Veggie Stand a shining success. Thank you.

Pastor Winfield Johnson passed away on June 13th if you have not yet heard. As Winnie and Marjorie were such an integral part of our congregation, many in our church family would like to provide a memorial to honor them. **We would like to purchase paver bricks for the Memory Garden in memory of Winnie and Marjorie**. There is a basket in the church office where you may leave your donation as well as a sheet to sign. After the purchase of the pavers, the remaining funds collected will be sent to Christ Lutheran Church Foundation per Winnie's wishes. To send a card to the family, please mail to Ron Johnson, 2357 Elm Drive, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

Mark July 20th on your calendar. The **Annual Beef & Corn Feed** will be held from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy! Bring your friends.

Address for Dean Newman for the next few months while he recuperates from surgery:

Dean Newman
c/o Cuyuna Regional Medical Center
Care Unit # 311
320 East Main Street
Crosby, MN 56441

Or call his cell: 320-279-0615

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

- Vs. 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
- Vs. 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
- Vs. 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.