

THE CHURCH CANDLE

JULY 2025

A Newsletter of the Sayre Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



FEED THE HUNGRY

July 6th ...

"Food Pantry Sunday" is observed on the first Sunday of the month. Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Athens United Methodist Church on South Main Street. A total of fifty-three (53) food items were collected and delivered to the "Feed My Sheep Pantry" in June. The Outreach Team would like to thank the congregation for their continual support of this outreach.



WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

- I see God: In the beauty of old hymns played on an organ.
- I saw God at the Planning of VBS this week and the people who are willing workers!
- God Sighting: I walked from PA Avenue to Fun Fair in the Park. I purchased some items and started walking back. I was in front of the hospital. At a stop sign I saw my brother-in-law on his way to recycle. He took my stuff and I walked on. God provides in many ways!!

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 13th thru Thursday, July 17th at
St. John Lutheran Church (207 South Hopkins Street)**

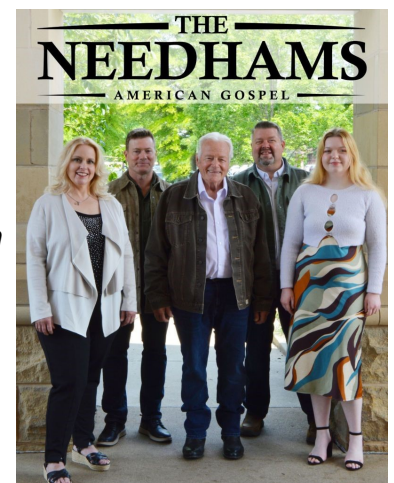
6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

In Person Registration from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by: St. John Lutheran Church / in conjunction with the Valley United Presbyterian Church, the Sayre Christian Church, and the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Please welcome back The Needhams ...

They will be here in concert on Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. Their performance is always fresh, entertaining and inspirational. Admission is free. A love offering will be received for them. Visit theneedhams.com for more information.





PAULA'S PAGE

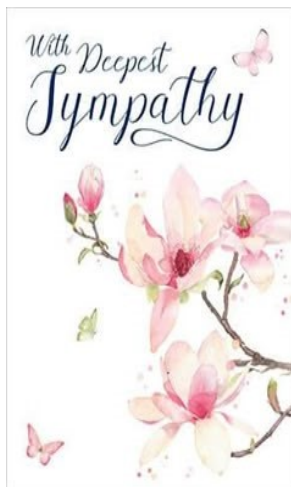
Dear Church,



Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray you have a Summer filled with blessing! This summer brings some changes for this congregation along with things that always remain the same. I want to welcome Kristi and Dan Blackman as new members – we accepted them into membership on Sunday, June 8th. We also said goodbye to a pillar of our Christian community Allan Frisk who went home to be with his Lord on June 10th. We will greatly miss Allan, and our prayers are with Janet as she grieves his loss. Things are always changing in the life of any church and Sayre Christian Church is no different. We face some challenges in the coming months – one is the challenge of keeping up with our yard work, mowing and trimming around the church properties. We need willing and responsible volunteers for the work that is currently done by the trustees, your Pastor, and her spouse. Another challenge is the ongoing search for a pianist or organist to accompany our congregational singing – if you know of anyone willing to accompany this congregation let your Pastor know – the only requirement is the ability to play piano and the hymns your Pastor selects.

I said when I began as your Pastor that God is present in this church; I still believe that. I want to borrow a comment that Rev. Chris Weems wrote in his letter to the Athens Methodist Church, "There is newness waiting for you in this season – new hope, new healing, new opportunities for joy. Whether your soul is soaring or struggling, I want you to know that God is still faithful, and God is still for you." God's got this – be still and know God's presence in your life and in the life of this church.

Blessings, Rev. Paula Kraus



To Family and
Friends
of Allan Frisk

A Memorial Service
will be held
on Saturday,
July 12th, with a
luncheon to follow

SEED FAITH CIRCLE ... will not meet in July or August, but will resume in September. Please look for details in the September Newsletter. May everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Pulpit Exchange ...

On Sunday, July 13th Vacation Bible School begins at 6:00 p.m. at the St. John Lutheran Church. On the 13th, Pastor Paula and Pastor Sharan (from the Valley United Presbyterian Church) will exchange pulpits and lead the worship service respectively. They will be discussing VBS themes. Please welcome Pastor Sharan to the Pulpit.

LOVE PACKAGES ... For many years our church has been collecting Bibles, reference materials, non-fiction Christians books, Christian magazines and Daily Devotionals for this ministry, based in Butler, IL. You may place your donations by the Pastor's Study. Read the story of Love Packages at www.lovepackages.org. Thank you to Sue Kasson, Anita Kasson and Oliver McKeithan for packing and mailing the boxes. Wendy McKeithan, Outreach Coordinator

As a
Answer to Trivia (from a previous page) ...
Woman. Proverbs 8:1-3 & 9:1-3

GIVING REPORT FOR May 2025:

The following income for our church came from the weekly offering on Sunday and payments from the groups who use our building weekly:

May 2025	
For Current Expenses	\$5,176.00
Designated	\$999.00
World Outreach	\$150.00
Local Outreach	\$200.00
Building Fund	\$845.00

Celebration Sunday will be held on **July 27th** following the Worship Service. Everyone who is observing a Birthday or Anniversary in July will be honored. Please bring a snack, to be shared with others.



INDEPENDENCE DAY (Fourth of July)

***Friday,
July 4th ...***



COINS FOR CAUSE ... The Outreach Team invites you to bring your loose change to church, to be given to the Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (DOC). This fund supports our own PA Region and ten divisions of the General Ministries, beginning Sunday, July 6th. Thank you to our congregation for their generous support of this ministry.

1 ~ Margo Eike
3 ~ Dan Blackman
7 ~ John Hunsinger
8 ~ Karen Bennett
11 ~ Nikki Greeno
14 ~ Jerry Cain
14 ~ Denise Hurd
15 ~ Donna Johnson
15 ~ Corey Hurd
16 ~ Rachel Rava Aguilar
16 ~ Bill Flottemesch
16 ~ Gary Taubar
18 ~ Janet Frisk
19 ~ Zachary Anderson
23 ~ Susan Hurd
29 ~ Margaret Crowley
30 ~ Pam Hayton



HAPPY Anniversary

For July...

6 ~ Jim Barber and Bev Anderson
10 ~ Jerry and Juanita Cron
23 ~ Albert and Gilberta Corneby
26 ~ Francis II and Gloria Lincoln

LET US PRAY ...

Ric Rava
Bonnie Beley
Jim Barber
Bev. Anderson
Mike Spencer
Brett Lattimer
Bruce Bach

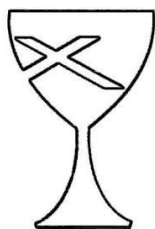


A LITTLE

Question: How is "Wisdom" portrayed in the book of Proverbs?

(See answer on another page in the Newsletter)





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UPCOMING DATES ...

Tuesday, July 1st - Elder / Deacon Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Friday, July 4th - Independence Day / Church Office
Closed
Sundays, July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Sunday School at
9:15 a.m.
Sunday, July 6th - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Food Pantry Sunday
Tuesday, July 8th - NO Board Meeting
Thursday, July 10th - The Needhams in Concert at
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 12th - Allan Frisk Memorial Service at
11:00 a.m., Luncheon to follow
Sunday, July 13th - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time / Pulpit
Exchange, Pastor Sharan will lead the Worship
Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 13th thru Thursday, July 17th - "*Waves of
Wonder*" VBS beginning at 6:00 p.m. / at the St.
John Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 20th - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 27th - Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time /
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 27th - Celebration Sunday (Snack)
Worship Service at Athens Healthcare / **1:30 p.m.**



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