



OUR CHURCH

Dear Friends,

A passage from Hebrews 10:24 reminds us to "spur one another on to good deeds." A timely parable for the summer season is this storyteller's tale, based on THE STAR THROWER:

At sunrise, after a coastal storm, an old man hobbled slowly along the sandy beach, strewn with driftwood. In the distance, he saw a bright-eyed young boy, tenderly carrying a starfish from the beach, back to the sanctuary of the sea.

The old man gazed at the sandy beach, which stretched ahead for miles, now strewn with starfish.

Approaching the young lad, the old man asked, "How can YOU hope make a difference today, with so many starfish to rescue?"

The young lad reflected thoughtfully for a moment. He replied politely, "But, sir, I AM making a difference. The day is just beginning. Just THINK of how many starfish I can rescue before sunset!"

Bending down to the sand, with a new light sparkling in his eyes, the old man then carried a starfish to the water's edge.

The old man and the young lad began walking along the beach TOGETHER that day, sharing in the joy of a newfound friendship and a shared mission.

Reflecting on this summertime parable, may we each find "meaning and mission" in each new day. May your summer days SHINE FROM THE LIGHT of good deeds.

In fellowship, in friendship ~
Darin Wooters

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SERVE

- **Council** No Meeting in July
- **UWF** No Meeting July and August
- **“Singing the Favorites”- Choir**
July 13, during worship
- **Love One Another.**
How are you doing this each day?
- **Practice Active Membership**
“I will faithfully participate in the ministries of Gowrie UMC through my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**

9:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **Bible Study** Tuesdays 1:30 - at Joan's
- **Holy Spirit Study** Wednesday 7/30 at 1:30pm in the Church
- **Facebook Devotion** Thursdays 9:30 am

We hear the Word and grow in faith.

- **Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner** Friday, July 4 after the parade.
- **VBS at Zion Lutheran Church** Joint with Zion from July 22-23 6:00-8:30 pm
- **Community Gatherings**
Whenever you gather with others this summer, you bring Jesus with you.

PRAY

Please call in or email your prayer request, changes and updates to the office.

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Colleen Traster and George Anderson.

Health Concerns: Denny Tucker, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those suffering from chronic pain. All those fighting cancer. All those receiving therapy. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: Family of Jill Viles. Family of Dale Brandt. Family of Eleanor Anderson.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for all people in war zones. The Middle East, Ukraine and those countries the Spirit has placed in your heart.

Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.

Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

CELEBRATE

4th of July



4th of July
Chicken
Dinner
After the
Parade



July 29th
5:30pm
Circuit Mtg
Potluck
FD 1st UMC
Please Come!



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*Grace and Peace to you, Gowrie United Methodist Church..
When I think about you, I thank God for you!*

We are so excited and nervous about the Wesley Pilgrimage we will be attending. Over our years of learning at the School for Lay Servants, Lay Speaker classes and Seminary, we both have developed a keen interest in all things "John and Charles Wesley." As Glenn and I work through our required and recommended reading for the pilgrimage, we are being reminded of who we are in Christ and as United Methodist.

In our summer bible study we are studying the Word of God (scriptures) and what they tell us about God, the Holy Spirit and the Spirits action in the lives of believers.

Wesley indicated the interconnectedness of the Word and the Spirit. "It is by the word the Spirit teacheth; but unless he teach, all other teaching is to little purpose. You will never see yourself aright, till he light his candle in your breast. Neither the fulness and glory of Christ, nor the corruptions or vileness of our nature, ever were, or can be, rightly learned, but where the Spirit of Christ is the teacher." (J.Wesley)

So as we go forth this summer, on pilgrimages, walks, reading the Epistles, praying for our FRAN list, summer picnics and enjoying one another and God's creation; let us pray that God may work in our lives through the Word of God, by the Holy Spirit.

John Wesley often prayed that God's people would hear...

"the Word of salvation sounding in our ears and the Spirit of God striving with our hearts"

This is My Prayer for you.

Pastor Susan



Sermon Series Sunday's in July 2025

Dear Children of God

Let's dive into Paul's letters and explore what message he has for us!



July 6

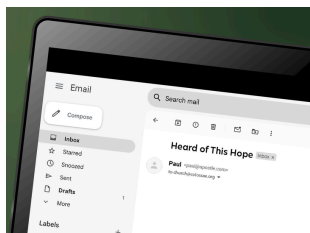
A New Creation is Everything!

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 30

Galatians 6:9:(1-6), 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



July 13

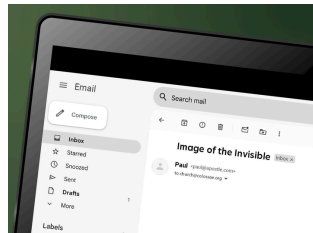
Heard of this Hope

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37



July 20

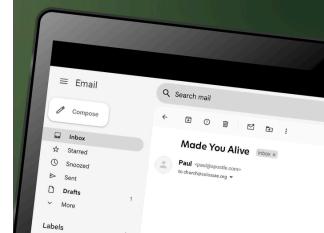
Image of the Invisible

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52 or 82

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42



July 27

Made You Alive

Hos 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

May We Hear the "Word of Salvation Sounding in Our Ears and the Spirit of God Striving in Our Hearts."



JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 am Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live, later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Dennis & Barb Tucker

July 6 & 13

Adam Family

July 20 & 27

July 6

Lay Leader:

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Bergan Dalley

Darin Wooters

Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson

Lincoln & August Akins

July 20

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Kendale Vosberg

Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson

Keith & Dena Sytsma

Dave & Judi Tjepkes

July 13

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

Choir Sings/Hymn Sing

Bergan Dalley

Jeff Patterson

Owen Nuss & Carrie Dalley

Jane Frahm



July 27

Worship Leader:

Music:

Tech:

Altar Flowers:

Bulletins/Online:

John Lizer

Jeff Patterson

Bergan & Carrie Dalley

FRAN Prayer Covenant

Let us remember to pray for our friends, relations, acquaintances and neighbors this summer. If you need a FRAN Prayer List, they are available in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board.



Outgoing Automatic
Bill Withdrawals
Per Month
Approximately \$9000

**June Offerings
\$7195.00**

Thank you!



Automatic Payments and E-payments are a great way to give on your schedule. You can set frequency and date of all gifts to fit your budget.



Extravagant Giving

Several generous families have given toward a fund that enables your Pastors to travel for spiritual learning and growth. Pastor Susan and Glenn will now use the travel fund for the Wesley Pilgrimage and will share faith forming experiences with us!!!

We are so looking forward to worship and deepening our faith in Salisbury England.

Thank you for this gift and your prayers and support!



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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Happy Birthday! Brock Smith 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	30 Pastor's Sabbath	1 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	2 9am Office Open 1:30 Jesus in Me Bible Study	3 Happy Birthday! Alexandra Adam Taylor Willardson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	4 Happy Birthday! Glen Worrel Pastor's Prep Day Annual 4th of July Chicken Dinner	
6 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	7 Pastor's Sabbath	8 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	9 Happy Birthday! Don Wiklander Linda Brandes 9am Office Open 1:30 Jesus in Me Bible Study	10 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	11 Pastor's Prep Day	12
Hymn Sing 13 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship,	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 Happy Birthday! Jeanie Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	16 Happy Birthday! AJ Dorsey Chelsey Worrel Laura Johnson 9am Office Open 1:30 Jesus in Me Bible Study	17 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	18 Happy Birthday! Shirley Wooters Pastor's Prep Day	19
20 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	21 Happy Birthday! Eden Pennebaker Pastor's Sabbath	22 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 6pm VBS at Zion	23 Happy Birthday! Diane Adam 9am Office Open 1:30 Jesus in Me Bible Study 6pm VBS at Zion	24 Happy Birthday! Cooper Nuss 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	25 Happy Birthday! Rachel Farnham Pastor's Prep Day	26
27 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	28 Pastor's Sabbath	29 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30 Circuit Mtg. and Pot Luck @ Ft. Dodge 1 st UMC	30 Happy Birthday! Brooklyn Lee 9am Office Open 1:30 Jesus in Me Bible Study	31 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	1 Pastor's Prep Day	2 Happy Birthday! Emma Sytsma Jenny Ganefff Steve Tucker

WORSHIP LIVE ON FACEBOOK AND ON LATER CHANNEL 575 AT 11:00 AM

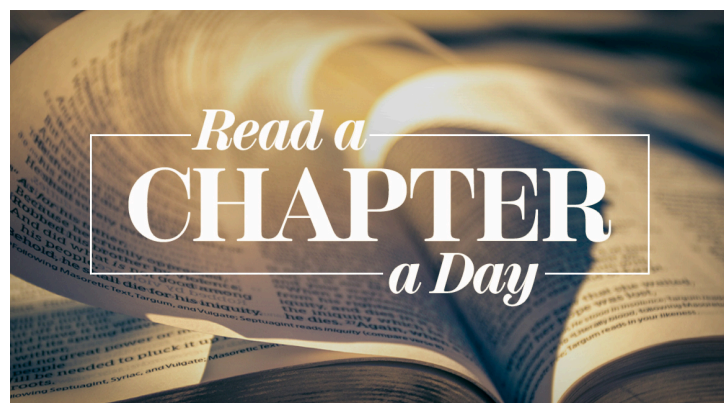
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United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward No Meeting July and August

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32 (NRSV)



[Discipleship Ministries | Read a Chapter a Day: Summer 2025 Challenge](#)

Dear Friends,
You have read Romans, now
Let's read 1 Corinthians together.
June 26^h through July 12th ,
we will read 1st Corinthians 1 - 16.
One chapter a day.
May the Holy Spirit guide
you as you read.
Blessings, Pastor Susan



VBS At Zion Lutheran Church

We would like to encourage anyone with children ages 4 and up to participate in this fun summer program. This is a way for our youth to grow closer to God and each other!

Looking for a way to share your faith? Help with VBS. Your presence is powerful!

Church Council

June 4, 2025 6:30 PM

Attendance: Carrie Dalley, Judi Tjepkes, Rita Kail, Gary Vosberg, and Pastor Susan Rohden.

Loving

Devotional read by Gary Vosberg, 1Samuel 3:1-10 read by Pastor Susan. Special prayers for the caregivers.

Learning Call to Order-Gary Vosberg acting chair

L3 Leading

Meeting minutes taken by Carrie Dalley

Timekeeper Pastor Susan Rohden

Review and approved meeting minutes from April and May. Change in May meeting minutes on our over-head cost of 4th of July Chicken Dinners from \$10.75 to \$11.00. Minutes approved.

Old Business

- Thankful for our May offerings totaling \$7332.00. Also thankful for our Hot Dog Lunch serving 70 people and bringing in an additional \$432.00. It was a lovely afternoon of welcoming the community into our church.
- We all sat down and wrote notes of encouragement to community/congregation members. This is part of our charge conference mission goals set last year.
- Discussed possible congregational meeting to happen in September.
- Rita Kail has talked to Chelsey about the GDC Flagging the Yard for the 4th of July. Kails will flag the church yard.
- Linda White Mission Sale did well last weekend, bringing in \$3000.00 to assist victims of human trafficking. Linda is very thankful for the use of our Narthex and drive for that sale.
- Discussion on the 4th of July Chicken Dinner. We will get 325 meals at \$11.00 a plate brought to us at 11:30 am from Lidderdale. Menu is set at Chicken, Cheesy Hasbrowns, Baked Beans, Silverware, Carry out plates, Bun & Butter, and Pie/Bars. Clipboards for volunteers and pies/bars in Narthex. Paul Kail will be contacting Blue Ribbon for bottled water
- Judi has contacted the conference and is waiting for building insurance options from the conference.

New Business

- Community Worship in the Park is scheduled for August 10 at 10:00 am. Zion will be preparing and bringing cold meat sandwiches and chips. We will be in charge of lemonade, Water and Coffee. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share.
- Memorial committee is meeting Thursday to discuss items that have been requested. (New computers in the Offices of Pastor Susan and Carrie, Chairs in the Narthex, Christ Candle, New mic & stand for Jeff)

Work Area Reports

- Treasurers report was reviewed. Clarification is wanted on a few items but report is approved with clarification.
 - It has been approved by council unanimously to allow Anna or Ryan Cottington to move funds from Heartland Bank to Security Savings to pay bills and other expenses as needed. Moved by Judi Tjepkes, Seconded by Rita Kail. Approved by full vote.
- Trustees report was given by Judi Tjepkes. Ben is here working on windows upstairs. Plan to be done by the Friday pm with as many windows as he has available. There will be a wedding in the Church on Saturday.
- Education has reported that VBS will be hosted at Zion this year on July 22 and 23.
- UWF Reports good attendance and Tea Room outing is being planned for September.
- Pastor's report given by Pastor Susan
 - o Annual Conference is coming up June 13-15. Pastor will be staying in Des Moines again this year.
 - o Pastor is excited for summer reading of Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians
 - o FRAN Prayer Covenant is available in the Narthex for this summer on the bulletin board.
 - o Pastor is planning an summer bible study to happen on Wednesday afternoons here at the church at 1:30 pm.

Next Meeting is scheduled for August 6 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Closing prayer by Gary Vosberg

Minutes written by Carrie Dalley

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Remember to Join us on
July 4th for our Annual
Chicken Dinner!

LET'S GET READY!
TO SERVE THE LORD
TO LOVE OUR COMMUNITY
TO CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOMS