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# The Good News

Of West Prairie Lutheran Church

**July 2023**

## **Church Service, 8:30 am**

2 Communion

9 No Communion

16 No Communion

23 Communion

30 Healing Service, No Communion

**Fellowship Following Service, 9:30 am**

**Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am every Sunday**

**Children's Sunday School suspended until Fall**

## **July Church and Community Events**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Happy Birthday, USA!!

*Naomi Circle:* Wed., July 5<sup>th</sup>, No Meeting

FC Municipal Band Concert, Sun., July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Forest City

*WOW Quilt Group:* Wed., July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 am at church.

Lunch following: TBD.

Winnebago County Fair begins Thurs., July 13<sup>th</sup>, Thompson,  
Parade 1:30pm-Sun., July 16<sup>th</sup>

*Church Council Meeting:* Thurs., July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All welcome.

Puckerbrush Days: Fri., July 14<sup>th</sup> & Sat., 15<sup>th</sup>,

Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup>-Parade at 10am, Forest City

Municipal Band Concert, Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup>-Forest City at 1 pm

For additional community event dates, see bulletin board.



## Message from Pastor Scalisi

Anxiety is plaguing our society now more than ever. As a pharmacist I noted that over the 4 decades I practiced the use of anti-anxiety (tranquilizers) meds increased at an alarming rate. Men and women flee to their ivory towers of luxuries, computers, drugs, and other forms of additive escapes. But what are so many people worried about? From a Christian point of view anxiety seems to be directed at all the wrong things.

But Jesus tells us, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” Matt 6:25-26 He goes on to tell us, and we should know that to God we are more valuable than the “bird of the air.”

Doctors can care our bodies and minds, but only God can care for our spirits. So, what am I getting at? When our bodies are sick or injured go to a doctor. But when our souls are sick, we need to go to God. David tells us in Psalm 42, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God” Ps 42:1

Our primary bodily needs are food, water, and rest. But our spiritual needs can only be satisfied in a spiritual way. And too often we get our spiritual problems confused and we seek physical relief when we need Christ’s healing touch.

Some even resort to crimes thinking that will satisfy their spiritual hunger. Here we go to James to find the answer. “You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. Jas 4:2 Jesus gives us the road to follow, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matt 6:19-20

In other words, set your priorities on heaven and the promises God has given us and not on trivial things that do not last. This includes our selfish needs such as things we covet and fight over.

When we commit totally to Christ and turn our lives and will over to Him, we will see that all other things are mere trifles that only satisfy us until the next fade.

When we follow the journey with Christ by our side and focus our lives on Him, living the life He has directed us you will truly find happiness and you will feel the difference and live with a freedom and peace you never thought possible.

Amen and blessings. Pr. Tony

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### Prayer List

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<b>Phyllis Disque</b>	<b>Nicholas Oppman</b>	<b>Arlene Preston</b>
<b>Irene Eide</b>	<b>Allen Peterson</b>	<b>Jacob Reupke</b>
<b>Joyce Greer</b>	<b>Jean Peterson</b>	
<b>Brittany Hawke</b>	<b>Roger Peterson</b>	
<b>Ryan Mullins (in the military)</b>		

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### Happy Birthday



2 Jordan Colby	23 David Branstad
13 William Kirschbaum, Jr.	24 Ty Durby
14 Gabby Branstad	24 Sharon Holland
17 Ryan Mullins	24 Tucker Branstad
21 Ryan Berryhill	28 Garrett Fjeld

### Wedding Anniversaries



7 Jan and Julie Reimann
7 Ryan and Ceara Mullins
31 Oly and Veronica Maas

### Baptismal Anniversaries

2 Luke Johnson	15 Jonathon (JW) Bradley
7 Rita Schutter	16 Will Kirschbaum
11 Joran Colby	17 Ryan Mullins
13 Austin Kirschbaum	24 Leo Colby



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