



New Adult Bible Study

Written a little over a decade after the death of Jesus Christ, the book of James addresses believers living across the ancient Mediterranean world and tackles the issue most argued over by theologians: the role of good works in the life of a believer. Join Pastor Aaron for a 5-week study on James beginning Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30pm in the adult education classroom downstairs to take an in-depth look at this essay on Christian living.

Pastor Aaron will be on vacation Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th for a family trip to the Wisconsin Dells. There will be no scheduled activities at Church that week.



*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow's world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

July 2024 Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
July 7	Brad Matthes Doug Mayer	Harvard and Karen Jaeck	Karen Jaeck	Pat and Karen McGregor	Ron and Susan Brooks
July 14	Ron and Sue Brooks	Myrna Chamberlain Karen Junker	Helen Meschke		
July 21	Daryl and Rita Schoemaker	Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer	Jim Lambert	Mike and Vicki Youngerberg	Darlene Korstad
July 28	Brad Matthes Ron Brooks	Cliff and Deb Thompson	Mike Youngerbeg		

Church Directory Update

Sign-ups for a time to come and have your photo taken for our newest church pictorial directory will start on Sunday, July 7th and run through the month. The dates photographers will be here are Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th from 2pm to 9pm. Why should you consider coming in for your photograph?

- It is **FREE** to you. While you will have the option to purchase additional prints, by simply coming in for a photography session you will receive a complementary 8x10 print and finished directory.
- An updated photo of you or your family will be a wonderful blessing to share with your friends and relatives, especially for Christmas cards.
- This professionally produced publication will help our faith community get to know one another better and is a resource that can be shared with new families joining our congregation in the future.

June 18, 2024 Church Council Minutes

Members Present: Sue Mayer, Harvard Jaeck, Ruth Heilman, Rebecca Blum, Jerry Roust, Reinhard Riessen, Marilyn Anderson, and Pastor Aaron Deutsch.

President Jerry Roust **called the meeting to order** at 6:30PM.

Devotions: Susan Mayer provided a devotion on Deuteronomy 31:6 *entitled "He's Always There."*

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **M/S/P**

Minutes: May regular meeting minutes were approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Treasurer's Report: Report was presented and filed.

Pastor's Report: Written report was provided and filed. Pastor Aaron will be a keynote speaker at an LCMC Youth Gathering to be held July 11-13 at Ironwood Springs Christian Church near Stewartville, MN. Pictorial directory photos have been set for Tuesday, September 3rd and Wednesday, September 4th between the hours of 2:00pm and 9:00pm. Scheduling will begin soon. Pastor will also start a new series on the book of James beginning July 24th.

Committee Reports:

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No action items presented.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** Written report was provided and file. The annual Block Party will be held Sunday, September 8th, which is the first Sunday after Labor Day. Details to follow. An RLC Men's Retreat is being considered for late Summer or early Fall.
- **Personnel:** No meeting.
- **Property/Facility:** Discussion took place on the resurfacing of our parking lot. Two bids were obtained: one from WW Blacktopping for \$5,950 and the other from Neilson Blacktopping Inc. of Kasota for \$6,655. The Neilson bid, however, included grinding out the existing cracks and double filling them with rubber before they reseal. Both bids included restriping. **M/S/P** to accept the Neilson Blacktopping Inc. bid as it included the additional services.
- **Worship:** Written report was provided and filed. Work will continue soon on reorganizing and cleaning the church library.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

The meeting **adjourned** at 7:30PM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 6:30PM.

Finances

May Income	\$25,924.55
May Expenses	(\$18,429.27)

Account Balances (as of May 31, 2024)	
Checking Account	\$38,716.93
Savings Account	\$19,843.24
Edward Jones CD	\$34,232.39
Building Loan	(\$170,202.48)



WOW

WOMEN OF THE WORD

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

“...but just say the word...”

Mathew 8:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

I know the words above are only a fraction of the complete verse, but you can read about this exchange in the citation listed. Today, I woke up thinking about a comment a young girl made to me yesterday in reply to my question of, “how’s your grandma?” The young girl replied, “she cries a lot.” Her grandmother is my friend, and it broke my heart. So, this morning I prayed, “Lord, what do we need?” and the answer seemed quick: HOPE. I had my Bible nearby and looking at it I thought, yes, the WORD is our hope - for those in flood areas with worry and fears; for tears shed; for recent diagnosis; for my verse to write about for this column, and so much more! As I turned on KJLY, the announcer, Beth Crosby, spoke of hope and referred to Matthew 8. It’s no coincidence how things fall together and the songs following on KJLY spoke of God’s hope and His love for us no matter how we feel or what’s happening in the world around us.

Recently, we had two funerals in our midst, and I want to thank our WOW women who banded together to make it a special time for family and friends to meet, eat, and share memories. Through those times there’s hope for us as a church family in remembering the Savior’s promises, that in Him, there is comfort and an eternal home.

Our Women of the Word met briefly after worship on June 16th to discuss hosting the Augustana District WOW Gathering in 2026. We meet the requirements listed for hosting, and after some discussion it was decided to accept this opportunity. Myrna Chamberlain and Vicki Youngerberg will serve on the AD WOW board to help facilitate this event. This is a two-year commitment, so thank you, Myrna and Vicki. We look forward to working together to help make it a wonderful experience for us here at RLC and the AD Women of the Word. That, my friends, is a clear incentive to attend this year’s conference on Saturday, September 21st at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN. The cost is \$25 and registration forms are on WOW bulletin board. We can carpool.

We continue to work on gathering items for our hospice kits. There’s a recent count of what we have and need on WOW bulletin board. Monetary donations are welcome as well and can be given to Sue Mayer (our WOW treasurer) or Vicki in the office. Thanks to Susan Brooks and Pam Eccles for cutting and sewing strips for bandages. Our WOW Mission Work Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th at 9:30am. (*Note the time*) It’s a great time for fellowship and so important to help those in need.

In Matthew 8, in the story of the Centurion and his conversation with Jesus, he says, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word and my servant will be healed.” Lord, we humble ourselves before you. Thank you for the blessing of ‘Your Word.’ Help us to read and treasure this most valuable gift you have given us.

In His Love,
Karen Jaeck
WOW Coordinator



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