

*August 2019*

In your Session meetings, your leaders and I have been communicating about communication. Several events have brought attention to how challenging it is to make sure important information gets to those who should have it. It's not just us, every organization and social unit has the same challenge. Our circumstances are compounded by a number of quirks, including the "what we've always done" syndrome and by having a new and very part-time person in the pulpit. Balls have been dropped, and the Session rightly wants to improve team performance. The recent email regarding water damage in the choir room and Sunday School storage room is an example of their sincere effort.

Technology can be a great tool for communicating information. The printing press, radio, and television were all primarily intended for making larger-scale communication possible and more efficient. All of these tools have limitations. They are heavily dependent on the whims of whoever produces and disseminates the content. The content is subjectively processed by the recipients. A classic case is the 1938 radio broadcast of H.G. Well's *War Of The Worlds* with Orson Welles as the narrator. Orson Welles' production was so convincing that people really thought there was a Martian invasion. Panic was such that people ran to churches, let out livestock (so the animals would not attract the Martians), even jumped from windows to end their lives rather than be captured by the "aliens".

We're at a point where digital devices and the apps they drive give us unprecedented capabilities, yet we are quite dysfunctional. Instead of being comforted by increased access to information, we're more anxious. Instead of more knowledge creating better understanding, we fight more. Technology reflects our best and our worst, and reveals the truth of the gospel like few other things can. Simply put, our best efforts at self-improvement fall short. We need a Savior. Google reports that the most translated phrase used by Google Translator is "I love you". The Word made flesh translated that message from God a long time ago (Hebrews 1). Our personal interactions speak love like no device ever could. Hugging a phone is really dumb, and kissing one is just disgusting.

So keep an eye or ear out for communications from your Session about things happening in your church. At the same time, come to Sunday worship. Be there, physically present, to give a smile and greeting to your church family, and let them smile and greet you as well. There's nothing else like it in the world.

*Pastor Carl*



- Aug. 3 Alexis Gransee
- Aug. 4 Betty Derby
- Aug. 5 Bev Livingston
- Aug. 6 Sharon Law
- Aug. 7 Randy Carlsen, Jackson Wilke
- Aug. 13 Ally Holtz
- Aug. 14 Hayden Prenzlou
- Aug. 18 Quinton Kase
- Aug. 20 Mitchell Morgan
- Aug. 22 Wendy Flynn
- Aug. 23 MacKenzie Alberts
- Aug. 25 Kristin Overson, Buster Meyer
- Aug. 26 Jane Carlsen
- Aug. 28 Jennifer Erwin
- Aug. 29 Jule Lipps, Rachel Talbert

Pray for those who are serving our Nation’s defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.

Pray for those in the care center: Vivian Royce.

Pray for Betty Derby, Bev Stucky, Jean Weinknecht, and Char Sveska for better health.

### 5 Wishes Presentation

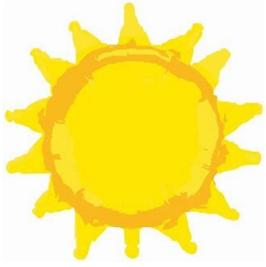
Join us for a presentation on the 5 Wishes on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00 at St. John's Lutheran church. Learn more about advance care planning from nurse practitioner students from Viterbo University, so that you can make informed choices. The 5 Wishes advanced directive addresses physical and spiritual needs so your loved ones know your wishes if you are seriously ill. It's \$2 per booklet. Snacks are provided.

### Church Information

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- Janet’s office hours Wednesday & Friday 8-12
- Worship 9:00 am
- Fellowship 10:00 am



- Aug. 1 Carl & Jennifer Mittelstadt
- Aug. 2 Dan & Gayle Kaufeld
- Aug. 3 Rick & Sharon Bexell
- Aug. 11 Pastor Carl and Denise Grosse
- Aug. 26 Joe & Judy Jones
- Aug. 27 Tom & Jerri Fogal
- Aug. 31 Clint & Judy Patterson



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Communion

Meals on Wheels



11 12 13 14 15 16 17

*Session meets  
6 pm*

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

*Newsletter  
deadline 8 am*

25 26 27 28 29 30 31