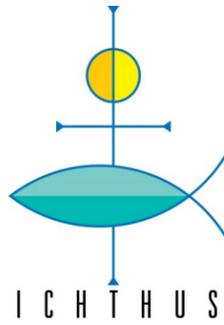


**CHRISTIAN SYMBOL**

**FISH**—The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



**Bible Quiz**

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin



Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)

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**Puzzle!**

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L  
 P Z Q N R V M Y L  
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;  
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G  
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V  
 Y O K L D Z Z N  
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D  
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V  
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

**PSALM 111:10, NIV**

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV

**Worship in the Parking Lot**

Come join us for worship,  
in the safety of your own car.  
Tune your radio to 87.9 FM

**Concerns, joys or prayer request**

to be listed in the bulletin or monthly newsletter  
can be sent to  
the church email  
hlpumc@gmail.com  
or call the office at (712) 832-3361.

**REMINDER:**  
**Please help us keep our records up to date!**  
Let us know if you have a new  
address or any other information we may need.  
Your feedback is important to us!  
Thank you!

You can now give to LPUMC online, by text or directly  
out of your account.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Go to the church website at  
www.harrislakeparkumc.org and click the “Give Now”  
tab and follow the instructions.

**TO GIVE BY TEXT:** enter 73256 to receive a  
response with your next steps

**GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT:**  
automated clearing house (ACH); stop by the Savings  
Bank in Lake Park and they will be happy to help.



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*We welcome you to grow together with us in Christ through  
prayer and the Word.*

*July  
2022*

**Harris UMC**  
208 N. Main  
Harris, IA 51345

Worship 9:00AM  
Sunday School 10:15AM

**Custodian**  
Kelley Morgan  
(702) 526-1054

**Lake Park UMC**  
1471 135th Ave  
Lake Park, IA 51347

Sunday School 9:15AM  
Worship 10:30AM

**Custodian**  
Mary Schmidt  
(712) 331-1455

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**Amanda Money**

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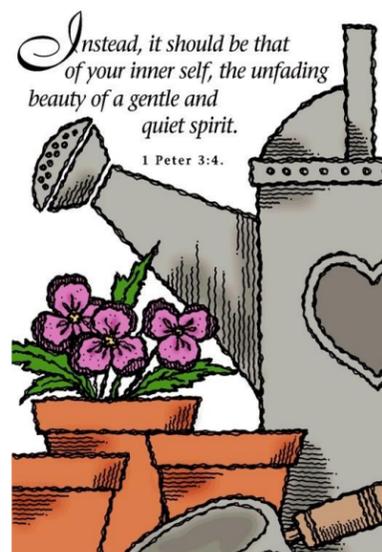


# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- |                      |                      |                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Jeanine Gunderson  | 13-Justus Voss       | 23-Mandy Heuer      |
| 1-Madison Read       | 13-Tracy Bosma       | 23-Richard Meyer    |
| 2-Blake Gunderson    | 14-Daryl Meyer       | 23-Richard Raveling |
| 2-Phyllis Johnson    | 14-Kathy Winters     | 24-Pat Gillespie    |
| 2-Rita Reimers       | 15-Nathan Heuer      | 24-Fran Graham      |
| 3-Steve Bosma        | 15-Ray Ann Weltzin   | 24-Louise Petersen  |
| 3-Sheyenne Weltzin   | 15-Brody Dingel      | 24-Meagan Barnhart  |
| 3-Stacie Cornwall    | 15-Zachary Hellinga  | 24-Tyler Anderson   |
| 4-Payton Christenson | 16-Diane Duitsman    | 26-Raymond Ransom   |
| 6-Allan Garloff      | 16-Kristin Heikens   | 27-Jeremy Rasche    |
| 6-Gerald Zahren      | 16-LeDonna Bosma     | 28-Connor Gunderson |
| 7-Hailey Heikens     | 17-Jay Duitsman      | 28-Nancy Anderson   |
| 8-Daniel Loring      | 17-Jesse Duitsman    | 29-Loretta Rowe     |
| 8-Jeff Loring        | 19-Hazel Jo Morrow   | 29-Joshua Paskert   |
| 9-Tim Gallagher      | 20-Joni Harms        | 30-Heidi Martens    |
| 9-Beckett Schultz    | 20-Madison Gilmore   | 31-Paul Gallagher   |
| 10-Errol Siemon      | 20-Shirley Taylor    | 31-Gregg Hellinga   |
| 11-Madison Bosma     | 20-Massina Mandelkow | 31-Cynthia Gilmore  |
| 13-Kinley Bosma      | 21-Arin Elser        |                     |
| 13-Ken Brennan       | 22-Marie Krummen     |                     |



Thank you to the wonderful people who have been pulling weeds, trimming the trees and bushes, mowing the grass, cleaning and maintaining the landscaping and garden area's of the church and parish house. It all looks wonderful!!



# ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

- |                            |                             |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2-John & Joy Mier          | 16-Brian & Jamie Nebelsick  | 28-Jericho & Jordan Jones   |
| 6-Bob & Rita Reimers       | 19-Brad & Fran Graham       | 30-Tim & Angela Fisher      |
| 7-Stan & Alice Anderson    | 20-Dan & Susie Betz         | 30-Karl & Jo Watkins        |
| 8-Steve & Kathy Goodell    | 25-Steve & Jennifer Krummen | 30-Ryan & Brittney Houseman |
| 8-Terry & Deb Morrow       | 26-Mike & Shirley Taylor    | 31-Scott & Tricia Rueter    |
| 16-Jordan & Meggie Widholm | 27-Tanner & Grace Hively    | 31-Mike & Kelli Vellema     |

# FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE LORD

## Lake Park Food Bank

The Lake Park food Bank is held the first Thursday of every month in the parking lot of the 1st Presbyterian Church.

Food boxes come from the Feeding America program from Des Moines.

The Lake Park Food bank also take donations to supplement and monetary donations to purchase bread and other staples locally to add to the boxes we receive. Approximately 70 families &/or households are receiving food every month. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help with unloading the truck at about 1:00 PM and distribution at about 4:30 PM. Please talk to Jerilyn Marra (712-348-0475) or Jim Kessler (712-330-1738) for more information.

## Serving as ushers/greeters in Lake Park

July 3 Daryl & Shakira Meyer  
 July 10 Denny & Diane Duitsman  
 July 17 Usher/Greeter Needed  
 July 24 Usher/Greeter Needed  
 July 31 Jake & Amanda Money

Thank you for choosing to serve.

Upcoming opportunities to serve:  
 9/11; 9/18; 10/2; 10/16

## No Coffee Schedule for July

### July Ushers/greeters for Harris:

Mark Dillehay  
 Harold Anderson  
 Noah Bosma

Lake Park UMC	Attendance	Offering	Harris UMC	Attendance	Offering
May 29	81	\$1557.00	May 29	25	\$570.00
June 5	55	\$2676.72	June 5	32	\$1654.20
June 12	95	\$2583.00	June 12	30	\$1235.00
June 19	77	\$2174.00	June 19	42	\$1185.00
June 26			June 26		

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)

## FREEDOM

Each one of us is born most free  
 And we alone can choose  
 To do what God would have us do,  
 To use what God would use.

Or we are also free to seek  
 The proud and selfish way-  
 A life where other gods come first  
 To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,  
 We find that freedom's place  
 Is really in God's will for us,  
 And we have chosen GRACE!

-Peggy Ferrell, *Prayers and Poems*

**GOD**  
**BLESS**  
**AMERICA**

# The Church Library

July 2022

Independence! Many people through many years have been a part of the freedoms that we continue to defend. It has not been easy nor has it been straightforward. Our common ideology is that all people deserve choices that are in the realm of humankind and personal spirituality. Here are some books that you have the independent choice about reading. A blessed every day of July to you!  
 Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

*If My People: A 40-Day Prayer Guide for Our Nation* by Jack Countryman is a "40-day journey for our leaders and the future of our country. The promise of God's blessing and guidance is given to each of us when we humble ourselves and come to Him in prayer. Let us claim this promise together in His name! Our prayer is that this booklet will draw you closer to our heavenly Father as you commit yourself to pray for our country" (Located at Prayers/Devotions.)

"With over 1,000 promises from the Bible arranged in alphabetical order according to subject, the remarkable little book can be described in two words. *Absolute necessity.* \**The Bible Promise Book: One Thousand Promises From God's Word* is found at Religion and Related Resources.

*The Missing Books of the Bible Volume 1 and Volume 11* will offer you the learnings about some "important biblical figures that are likely to be missing from your Bibles. Why? These and twelve other books are known as the *apocrypha*, meaning 'missing' or 'things hidden away'. Why were these books omitted from some Bibles? *In Missing Books of the Bible*, you'll learn their fascinating history, and be able to read them in their entirety."

\*Taken from book cover

## A prayer for strength

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in wariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit. You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen



Join us for a baby shower honoring  
**Macy (Gunderson) Planteen**  
 Saturday July 16th 9am-11am  
 Macy is registered at Target & Amazon  
 All are welcome

**Education Committee**  
 Meeting July 18th at 7:30pm

**Memorial Garden Work**  
 The Women of Joy Circle will meet  
 on July 21st at 9:00am to work in the  
 Memorial Garden and have a  
 devotional. Any and all women are  
 welcome to join.

As our congregation awaits the placement of a new Pastor  
 please feel free to contact the Church Office with any  
 Pastoral needs (712)832-3361. If anyone is in need of  
 Pastoral Care and unable to reach the church office:  
 Harris contact Shantry Dake (712)461-1547  
 Lake Park contact Scott Rueter (712)260-6678

**United Women in Faith**  
 Meet the first Wednesday of  
 July at 1:00pm  
 See you all there!

**Ushers are Needed for service in Lake  
 Park, Please contact the office for more  
 information.**

**Being an Usher/Greeter**

Can be a rewarding experience within a  
 simple task. Greet and welcome people  
 as they walk into service, hand out bulle-  
 tins, pass out mics during announce-  
 ments, then pick up notes & remove  
 items left in pews.

**Please consider serving.**

*“Whoever receives you, receives me,  
 and whoever receives me receives the  
 One who sent me” -Matthew 10:40*

**Women of Joy  
 Circle**  
 Thursday July 7  
 at 7:15pm

**Men’s Bible  
 Study**  
 Meet every  
 Wednesday  
 mornings at  
 6:30am,  
 men of all ages are  
 welcome to join.



Mark your calendars for the  
 Back to Sunday School Bash  
 August 27th,  
 time to be determined  
 Welcome back all returning  
 and new Sunday School  
 Students as well as rounding  
 up much needed Sunday  
 School Volunteers.  
 Please join us and consider  
 volunteering with our youth.



**June Baptisms**

Top Left: Bella Barnhart,  
 daughter of Matt & Meghan  
 Barnhart, was baptized on  
 June 12th.

Top Right: Braxtyn Heikens,  
 son of Taylor & Laura Heikens,  
 was baptized on June 12th.

Bottom Left:  
 Zoey VanDer Sluis, daughter of  
 Nicholas & Amy VanDer Sluis,  
 was baptized on June 21st.

Help is needed to clean up the Parish House and prepare it for our next Pastor. It is in need of some painting, carpet replacement, window blinds repair, small maintenance, and general clean up all over. Please contact Ben Ehlers, Scott Rueter, or any Trustee Committee member.



Sunday School is in great need of volunteers. Adults are needed in all classrooms, curriculums are provided so minimal planning is necessary. Someone to lead elementary music is also needed. Please consider donating a small amount of your time so we can continue to provide the wonderful teachings, guidance, and overall fun that is Sunday School.



A Farewell celebration was held for Pastor Emmanuel on Sunday June 19th. Pastor Emmanuel has moved to Crooks South Dakota and will continue to search for a congregation to serve in that area. He will be greatly missed after serving both the Harris and Lake Park United Methodist Churches for the past 8 years. We wish Pastor Emmanuel and his family all the best.

### CAT

What is CAT and what does it have to do with you? CAT is the Congregational Assessment Tool or survey that leadership in our church has chosen to participate in. This assessment will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The tool we'll use is the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at insert your church name and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

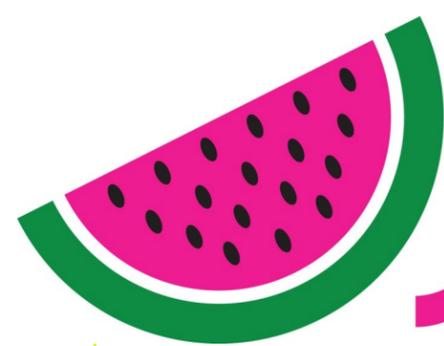
**YOUR** part is to take the survey. We, as leadership want to know what you think about our church. Everyone who has been confirmed and/or participates in worship, Bible Studies, or youth activities is invited to do the survey. We don't want just one person from each household to fill out the survey—we want to hear from everyone that is eligible to participate. To be clear, you do not need to be a member to participate in the survey, only that you have participated in our church activities and/or worship. **INDIVIDUAL INPUT** is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences. There are different opportunities for you to find the survey to fill out. You may or may not have received it in your email already. Otherwise, you can find it on our church website, Facebook page, or you may pick up a paper copy here at the church. You will receive an envelope to mail it back to the church. Each survey is strictly anonymous. The only thing we will know is if you are a member or associate with the Harris or Lake Park congregation.

Please consider this an important activity to participate in for our church. **YOU** are an important member/participant and we want to hear from **YOU** and what **YOU** think and believe. If you have any questions you can talk to any of the CAT team members. Fran Graham is available by phone, (712)330-1157, or you can reach out to any member.

CAT team members are Scott Rueter, Shantry Dake, Amy Bosma, Fran Graham, Gregg Hellinga, Jerilyn Marra, and Rebecca Luitjens.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

**Rhonda Miller, Rick Wilson & family, Ellen Wolf, Jan Atwell (sister of Steve Krummen & Arlene Jaycox), Allen & Loretta Rowe, Daxton De Groot (great grandson of Ginny Verdoorn), Craig Heuer (father of Kayla Updike), Becky Sommers (sister of Alice Anderson), Amanda Bondhus, Our Church Family, District Superintendent Ron Carlson and Bishop Laurie.**



# JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* times and dates are subject to change					1	2
3	4 	5	6 6:30am Men's Bible Study-LP  1:00pm -United Women in Faith-LP	7 Community Food Bank  7:15pm Women of Joy Circle-LP	8	9
10	11	12	13 6:30am Men's Bible Study-LP  7:00pm Lake Park AD Council	14 6:00pm Harris AD Council	15	16 9am–11:00am Baby Shower for Macy (Gunderson) Plateen All are Welcome to attend
17	18 7:30pm Education Com. Meeting	19	20 6:30am Men's Bible Study-LP	21	22	23
24 31	25	26 7:00pm LP Trustee's Meeting	27 6:30am Men's Bible Study-LP	28	29	30