

**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**  
Come, Journey in faith to Proclaim the Love of Christ  
August 20, 2017

**Welcome!** We hope that you will find meditation and meaning in our worship. To prevent disruptions during the service, **please turn off your cell phone** unless you are “on call” and turn off the flash on your camera. We celebrate open Communion. **Please return the Service Order portion** to the back of the church to be reused next week, but you may take the bulletins home for the weeks’ schedule. The Red Binders in back contain a large copy of the service order and hymns for the day for those that have a harder time turning the hymnal pages. Please ask the ushers if you need help. We have available “ **LOOP**” hearing assistance and headphones. They are located on table in back.

**HELP US!** – If you are the last one out of the church at any time, please make sure the lights are off everywhere and all the doors are locked. We need to be responsible for our church.

**We thank Carrie Williams for sharing with us today.**

**THIS MORNING’S LESSONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-8 (Page 672)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 (Page 1032) Gospel: Matthew 15:(10-21),21-28 (Page 892)

**Thank you** to the Barb Weston for her song today.

Flowers on the Altar are from Dale & Marilyn Peterson and Maureen Shull in memory of Roland & Marion Higgins, Tim and Steve.

**Family Promise week** went well. There is laundry in the back if you want to take it home and wash it. We had 3 families stay with us.

**Upcoming events of interest:**

**AUGUST 23** – 6PM-8PM Volunteer Training for Family Promise at Beloit Library  
6:30PM Church Council and Call Team Meeting

**SEPT 10** – 9AM -God’s Work Our Hands Sunday and Rally Day. We are only short 13 scissors for our goal of 100 school kits. Monetary donations are welcome to help cover the cost of shipping the kits(\$1.40/ea) and quilts(\$2.25/ea).

**SEPT 22-23** – S-C Synod WELCA Biennial Convention in Verona, WI - see connecting room for registration, etc.

**SEPT 24** – Bear/Packer Sunday. You can bring your favorite tailgate snack to share, if you wish, and wear your team jersey.

There are several Sundays still available to **provide flowers for the altar**. The flower chart is in the narthex. We are also **looking for readers** for the scriptures. That signup is in the connecting room.

Please remember to consider your tithing to try and help us get out of the red in our checkbook. We need to get back on track so we can budget for a new pastor.

**If you are doing** your fall cleaning, save it for the Skaalen Rummage sale for September 28, 29, 30. Sign-up to help is in the connecting room.

**Check out the Lutherdale** weekend for 50 Forward in September. Info in connecting room for those in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of their life.

**Sign-ups to help** for God’s Work Our Hands on Sunday, September 10 are in the connecting room. Also, there are a few copies of Sunday School on the Prairie newsletter if you would like one. They were mailed to the Sunday School families.

**Ready? Get set. Rally!**

**Rally Day**, that wonderful kick start to the new Sunday School year, will take place on Sunday, September 10. As ever, it will be a morning of celebration, thanksgiving, and worship, a day for students to reconnect with friends and teachers, and a time to refocus energies towards learning of God's power and love. New to the agenda this year is an emphasis on following Christ by serving each other. Over the course of the school year, kids will have many opportunities to share God's love with their family, their church family, their communities, and their world. The concurrence of the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands day with Rally Day will allow us to get a quick start to walking this walk. As in years past, the Sunday School students will be assembling school kits to be distributed to kids in need around the globe by Lutheran World Relief. Bring your friends! Share the word! Join us for friendship, service, and LUNCH!

**Interested in being instrumental in Jefferson Prairie's youth education program?** Considering sharing your faith with the young people in our church? Anxious to build relationships that matter? Enthusiasm stymied by the huge commitment required to teach Sunday School for a full year? Never fear, we've got a solution! The rotational curriculum offers 3-4 week teaching positions with minimal prep work! Position descriptions and sign -up sheets will be posted in the connecting room soon. After you sign up you will receive a lesson plan and materials. Lessons will span a breadth of areas, including but not limited to crafts, Bible lessons, science experiments, and service projects. Please help us make this program a success by signing up to lead a rotation! See the inserts for more information or contact Carrie Morelock or Julia Pearson with questions.

<b>THIS WEEKS EVENT CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	<b>9AM Worship, 10AM Fellowship Hour served by Memorial Committee Blood Pressure Checks 2PM Skaalen Ice Cream Social</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 22</b>	<b>9AM-2PM Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 23</b>	<b>6:30PM Church Council and Call Team Meeting 6PM-8PM Family Promise Volunteer Training at Beloit Public library</b>
<b>Thursday, August 24</b>	<b>7PM Chapel Worship</b>
<b>NEXT WEEKS EVENT CALENDAR</b>	
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>9AM Worship, 10AM Fellowship Hour served by Parish Ed/Youth</b>
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	<b>Prairie Light Articles due in Office</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b>	<b>9AM-2PM Quilting</b>
<b>Thursday, August 31</b>	<b>7PM Last Chapel Worship</b>

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30AM-10:30AM **Phone:** 815-292-3226

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