



# WESTERN SPIRE

## August 2018

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” ~John 6:35

Sisters and brothers,

This summer, Elena and I have discovered the PBS show *The Great British Baking Show*. It is a baking competition from England, where twelve amateur bakers compete (and are slowly eliminated one by one) to become the “Star Baker.” I confess I was skeptical at first- I’m not a big fan of reality television. However, this show is so engaging, the judges critical, but kind, and the contestants do not attempt to undercut one another, but instead encourage each other, applauding one another’s successes, and consoling in failures.

Each week has a different theme, and for me, the episode that really struck a chord was the week titled “Bread.” Bread is something that humans have been eating since time can remember. It is classic; it is sustaining; it has been vital to our very survival at times.

But bread can also demand a few things. First, it demands attention: it has to be kneaded and rolled *just* right. Second, it demands patience: the yeast must be given plenty of time to mature, and dough enough time to rise (but not *too* much time!). Depending on the type of bread you are making, the recipe will change. It takes a lot to make a *good* loaf of bread.

The lectionary has us linger over the sixth chapter of John’s gospel for the course of about five weeks this August. It is “the bread chapter.” From the beginning to the end, Jesus as the bread of life and bread of heaven is the theme. He begins the chapter by literally feeding five thousand people (v. 1-14); the chapter ends with Jesus foreshadowing the eucharistic meal, that *he* will be the bread and wine that they eat and drink (something the people gathered have a very difficult time understanding).

All of this has gotten me thinking about what feeds *us*. When I watch *The Great British Baking Show*, I confess that my mouth waters at the sight of extraordinary, delicious looking cakes, pies, biscuits, and tarts. Yet at the same time, I know that these will only fill me temporarily. I will eventually be hungry again. But what is going to feed me in a way that sustains me, in a way that I will not be hungry again? Quite simply: the life and love of Jesus.

Yet that life and love of Jesus comes to us in many forms. I could give examples, but I want to know what feeds *you*. What nourishes your spirits? What feeds your soul? What fills you in ways that you don’t need filling again? Is it a shared meal around the tables of Fellowship Hall? Is it a bible or book study with friends? Is it getting your hands dirty constructing a house with Habitat for Humanity? *What feeds you?*

This isn’t just rhetorical- I really want to know! So over the next month or so, come find me! Let’s sit down and talk about just what it is that feeds you, that fills you, that builds you up for the sharing and living of the gospel. Because the life and love of Jesus that we have encountered is a life and love that needs to be shared- like a good, tasty bread.

Grace and peace,

~Pastor Kyle

# **Preaching and Worship**

## **August 2018**

**August 5, 2018**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday**

**Reader: Don Dantz**  
**Toddler Room: Jan Taylor**  
**Communion Elders: Sue Leonard, Sharon Marr, Mary Beth LaBerge and Don Dantz**

**Usher: Sue Leonard**

**August 12, 2018**

**Vacation Bible School Recap.  
Guest Preacher: Laurie Tiberi**

**Reader: Jacob McFarlane**  
**Toddler Room: Sue Pringle**

**Usher: Sue Leonard**

**August 19, 2018**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Reader: Janet Manktelow**  
**Toddler Room: Irene Fadden**

**Usher: Sue Leonard**

**August 26, 2018**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Reader: Randy Kennard**  
**Toddler Room: Ruth Dantz**

**Usher: Sue Leonard**



**The deadline for the next SPIRE is Tuesday, August 21st, 2018.  
Thank you!**



**If anyone has extra produce from their garden or fruit trees, it would very welcomed at the food pantry. You may bring it to the pantry any Monday or Wednesday between 6:30 and 8:00 pm or bring it to the church on Sunday am. Any questions, please call Ruth Dantz at 315-597-2143.**

### **Fellowship Team**

The Fellowship Team is planning a progressive dinner for October 20th. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in hosting and or participating. When we held this in the past, everyone had a great time. We are looking forward to a large turnout this time. Thank you.



## Calling all Adventurers!!

Who's ready for an outrageous experience this summer????? Shipwrecked is the Vacation Bible School where kids & adults learn that **JESUS RESCUES!!** It's going to be an amazing adventure that will help kids (and adults) begin or deepen their faith by discovering that Jesus cares about them personally & rescues in life's toughest circumstances.

Don't be left out!! Shipwrecked beings on August 6<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Get ready for a week full of fun, incredible music, and a relaxing island-getaway setting that all comes together to point kids to Jesus!

**\*\*\*FREE LUNCH SERVED EVERYDAY\*\*\***

For a registration form, call 597-9171 or contact Cim McFarlane at [cgunkle1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cgunkle1@rochester.rr.com)



## Family Promise News

WPC will host Family Promise families for 4 weeks throughout the calendar year. There will be up to 4 families with a maximum of 14 persons. Families are screened for drug use and abuse of alcohol.

Families will sleep in the upstairs rooms. We will work with CTNS to make the families and the preschoolers welcome.

The weekly schedule below shows how Family Promise will happen at WPC.

On the first Sunday,

- we will **set up** the rooms with air mattresses, lay out linens, blankets, and towels, and other items for each room.
- The families will be greeted at 5:00 PM by 2 church members and explained the room usage – Fellowship Hall; bathrooms downstairs and in basement; refrigerator in kitchen, snacks, juice, milk; kitchen to make lunches; and rooms in the basement. No use of sanctuary, parlor, or office. No smoking in building.
- Then at 5:30 PM, the congregation will have a pot luck with the families and some sort of activity to welcome the families to WPC.

Each week day,

- At 7 AM, the families will leave for the Day Center in Lyons where they will go to school, get services, and head to work.
- **From 5:00- 8:30 PM, 2-4 Volunteers** are needed. The volunteers could be a couple of friends, a church family, or a church group.
  - At 5 PM, the families will be welcomed back to the church
  - At 5:30 PM, a **support group** (Lions, Macedon Baptist, Zion Episcopal, Palmyra Reformed) will bring in dinner which the **volunteers** will get ready to serve for 6 PM. **Volunteers** will get the tables set with the help of families and eat with the families. Volunteers and families will clean up and families will make lunches for the next day.
  - Until 8:30 PM, families will go about their family tasks, homework, TV, games, reading, etc.

Each evening from **8:30 PM to 7:00 AM overnight hosts** will be present.

- We need one male and one female each evening. They will spend the night sleeping, being present if something happens.
- In the morning, they will be sure breakfast is out for the families. And the kitchen is picked up for the evening.
- Families leave for the Day Center in Lyons at 7 AM.

On Saturday,

- the church family may join the families for a potluck breakfast from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. Families tell the overnight hosts if they will return for dinner.
- The families will leave to spend the day with family or friends or to go to the Day Center.
- The families will return to the church at 5:00 PM for a typical evening.

On Sunday morning,

- Families will pack up and be ready to leave at 9:00 AM.
- Families will have breakfast at the church, like on weekday mornings.
- Families are invited to stay for church.
- Families go to spend the day with family or friends or go to the day center.

After worship, (**Take down**)

- Deflate mattresses and pack to take to next host church.
- Take down and store items from each overnight room.
- Volunteer washes bedding and then packs it for next Family Promise week at WPC.

Please sign up for

overnight hosts,

5:00-8:30 PM volunteers – 2 to 4-person group

bring dinner for 14–18 people

shop for family lunch fixings, breakfast foods, and snacks

wash bedding and towels at the end of the week

set-up or take down the rooms

Irene Fadden has volunteered to be the Host Coordinator for Family Promise at WPC. Email: [faddenirene@gmail.com](mailto:faddenirene@gmail.com). Cell Phone: 585-802-7594. These are the persons that have been recorded. (not necessarily all those who have volunteered)

**SetUp/TakeDown**

Bill & Sara Bush

Lynn Malboeuf

Norm Underwood

**5:00-8:30 Volunteers**

**Overnight Hosts**

Bill & Sara

Irene & Peter

Carol Sloan

Jody

**Meals**

Sara

Irene

Jan Taylor

**Shopper**

Sue Leonard

**Laundry**

Sylvia

In the fall, there will be training for volunteers who will have contact with families. Watch Sunday morning announcements for dates we will host families.

The prayer concerns listed are current as of 07/29/18. Please remember that all prayer requests are automatically removed from the list after one month unless the giver specifically requests continuation.

### Our Prayer Concerns

#### Grieving:

Family & Friends of Mark Fortunado (requested by Elena Delhagen)  
Family & Friends of Lola Lashway (requested by Bill & Elaine Hassler)  
Family & Friends of Jim Rauhe (requested by Sandy Kelly)  
Family & Friends of Shelby Tilson (requested by Sharon Marr)



#### Serving in Armed Forces: *(Please contact church office if no longer serving)*

Jeffrey Bavis, Kyle Chapman, Tim Henderson, Jake Hewitt, Adam Hill, Sarah Jagger, Joe Krebbeks, Patrick Magno, Brandon Maxwell, D.J. Phee-Henderson, Adam Stephens, Adam VanNatta, Logan Warner, Shod Williams

#### Expectant Mothers:

**Nicki Bush and husband Peter are expecting a baby due in late September. Peter is the son of Bill and Sara Bush.**

#### Others for whom prayers have been requested:

All caregivers, All victims of violence, hatred and hunger, Dan Brotz, Josh Brotz, Beverly Brownell, James Callerame, Doris Chriswell, Emily Hovermale, Jody's brother, Kathy, Dick Kirchhoff, Jack Lamphier, Jeremy Larkin, Cim McFarlane, Matthew, Gene & Mary Ann Niemiec, Wesley Pruitt, Bob Trox, Connie West

**Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous as they, too, need our prayers.**

#### Others for whom we continue to pray:

Gene Bassage, Barbara Bucknam, Doris Coffman, Kathy Cooper, Tracy D'Arduini, Harold M. Delhagen, Nancy Dennison, Robert Griswold, Chris Laudise, Ashley Maragas, Luke Medina, Christie Romano, Andy Sloan, Fran Storm, Becky Strause, Mark Trombino, Marcia White, Ken Zook

#### Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Peg Eskild, Jamie Hemmings, Alice Marks, Bev Mouton, Grace Williams

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In the event of an emergency for which prayer is requested, please call **Deacon Sandy McMenamin @ Home 315-597-6181 smcmenamin@rochester.rr.com**

You may also call the **church office 597-9171** to communicate your request through the Deacons Emergency Prayer Chain.

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Your Property Team would like to remind you that we have a monthly point person on call. If you spot an urgent issue that needs attending, please contact the appropriate person rather than the person you may have reached out to in the past.

Month	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
August	Gary LaBerge	315-597-6727	585-233-3623	glaberge@rochester.rr.com

**Thank you! We appreciate all the members of our congregation being eyes and ears for our facility.**

# August Toddler Schedule



Below is the Schedule for staffing of the Toddler Room during the 10:00 AM Sunday morning service. Thank you in advance for your extremely important mission of providing infant and toddler care. Please arrive about 10-15 minutes early. If you find you are not available on your assigned date, please find a replacement. Many, Many thanks!

**The Nursery is located on the second floor, room # 5 – South Side** - Snack will be in the cupboard and a Vacuum will be hanging around. Age appropriate toys will be available as well as a changing table. Please let Jody know when we need to refill the snacks. Once again, Thank -You for your help!

08/05/18	Jan Taylor	315-597-4293
08/12/18	Sue Pringle	315-597-9553
08/19/18	Irene Fadden	585-802-7594
08/26/18	Ruth Dantz	315-597-2143



Please check your **Calendars** and be sure to find a substitute if you will be away on Sunday.



\*If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the team in providing infant and toddler care during the 10:00 am service please contact **Jody Pruitt**, we would love to have you! Also, if you are no longer able to help please let Jody know as well. Thanks ~ the CE Team      Jody Pruitt 315-331-3211 [jody.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:jody.pruitt@gmail.com)





### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 2	Dona Kadlecik
August 2	Virginia Palmer
August 3	Betsy Goodwin
August 4	Samantha Teeter
August 6	Beverly Mouton
August 7	Janet Barager
August 10	Kyle Delhagen
August 21	John Kadlecik
August 21	Anita Adams
August 21	Sharon Marr
August 23	Zachary Leiter
August 23	Rena Haigh
August 23	Beverly Koeberle
August 25	Patti Squier
August 28	Lois Pratt
August 31	Patricia Nash
August 31	Jerry Kelly

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 1	Morris & Tricia Owen
August 2	Cory & Heather Trapiss
August 4	Michael & Jan Semans
August 21	Scott & Megan Melville
August 26	Ray & Sharon Marr
August 28	William & Sara Bush
August 28	Michael & Elizabeth Pinkney

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!**



## AUGUST 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns	2	3	4
5 <b>Communion Sunday</b>	6 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School 4:30 pm CTNS Board	7 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School 2 pm Deacons 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH	8 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School	9 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School	10 9-11:30 am Vacation Bible School	11
12 <b>Guest Preacher Laurie Tiberi VBS Recap. in worship</b>	13	14 7 pm Worship	15 6:30 pm Property	16	17	18
19	20	21 9 am-Noon Office Hours <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b> 7 pm Session	22 9 am-Noon Office Hours 6-8 pm Women of Faith Picnic LDS Pavilion	23 9 am-Noon Office Hours	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	4 2 pm Deacons	5 1 pm Mission/Social Concerns 7 pm Christian Ed.	6	7	8
9	10 4:30 pm CTNS Board 7 pm Fellowship	11 6-9 pm King's Daughter's FH & Kit. 7 pm Worship	12	13	14 <b>Set Up Canal Town Days</b>	15 <b>Canal Town Days</b>
16 <b>Canal Town Days</b>	17	18 <b>SPIRE DEADLINE</b>	19 6:30 pm Property	20 7 pm Choir	21	22
23 <b>Sunday School Begins</b>	24	25 7 pm Session	26	27 7 pm Choir	28	29
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