

Sumner Center UMC

Newsletter

August 2022



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

Pastors' notes... 10 Fun Facts About August

1. August was once the 6th month of the year In the Roman calendar, August was known as "Sextilis", the Latin word for 6. It wasn't until 700 BC when [January](#) and [February](#) were added to the calendar, that August was bumped down to become the 8th month of the year.

2. How many days are in August? Come on, August! Make a choice! The number of days in August has changed many times. First it was 30 days. Then, 31. When January and February came onto the scene, August got reduced to 29 days. Then, Julius Caesar changed it back to 31. Thankfully it has remained that way ever since. Did you know August was named after Augustus Caesar?

3. August has an identity crisis While "Sextilis" does have a somewhat naughty ring to it, it was in 8 BC when it was dropped and Augustus became the official name. The month was named in honor of [Augustus Caesar](#), the Roman emperor and adopted son of Julius Caesar. Eventually, Augustus was shortened to simply, August.

4. No other month with the same starting day Here is one of the more interesting August facts – in a regular year, no other month starts on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, that other quirky month, [February](#), will start on the same day of the week as August. It's interesting the way the days fall within a month, isn't it?

5. The lion and the virgin No, we're not in a Madonna music video! The two zodiac signs that represent the month of August are [Leo](#) and Virgo. Leos, represented by the lion, are people born from August 1st to August 22nd. Virgos, represented by the virgin, are people born from August 22nd to August 31st. Peridot is the birthstone for August

6. The underrated birthstone of August A birthstone of the highest beauty, period. Errr, we mean [peridot](#). Peridot is a stunning green gem that is forged in lava. While it may not be the most well known of the birthstones, its stunning range of color from electric grass to subtle olive, will make anyone green with envy.

7. August is for holidays and vacations The residents of major European cities often go on vacation in August. If you're traveling to [Paris](#) or [Rome](#), you will notice that mostly everyone around you are fellow tourists. Don't worry though, while many residents are gone, the service industry remains to take your tourist dollars!

8. The strange days of August There are many strange days celebrated in the month of August, but here are a few of our favorites. August 3rd is National Watermelon Day. August 10th is National Lazy Day. Maybe our favorite, August 16th is National Roller Coaster Day. And finally, August 28th is fancy, it's National Bow Tie Day!

Get ready for National Roller Coaster day in August

9. August is the month of...Sandwiches! This makes sense because the sandwich was invented in August of 1762 when the [Earl of Sandwich](#) (yes, that's a real guy) requested two pieces of bread with meat inside. But shouldn't the cook who made the sandwich get the credit? Either way, now all we want is a good sarnie!

10. August is also the month of...Weeds! In the days of the Anglo-Saxons, August was known as "Weod Monath" or Weed Month, because it was when weeds and [plants](#) grew the fastest. Here is one of the coolest fun facts about August. Bamboo in August

Worship:
Sundays

In Sanctuary at 11:00am

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Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact Pastor Bridget, by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to(bridget@countrywidecarriers.com) Or by bringing your information to Worship on Sunday mornings)



The light of God remains to shine bright in the community of Sumner Center UMC, only by your generous giving heart!

Thank you for your dedication and love!

Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

August 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|--|------------------------------------|---|--|
| | 1 | 2  6-8pm Racine UMC | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  NATIONAL ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY |
| 7 Worship 11 am  | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Worship 11 am | 15 | 16 International Joke Day!  | 17 | 18 Zoom Book Study 6:30pm | 19  WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY | 20 |
| 21 Worship 11 am | 22 | 23 | 24 In person Book Study @ Wykoff 1:00 pm | 25 Zoom Book Study 6:30pm | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Worship 11 am | 29 | 30 | 31 In person Book Study @ Wykoff 1:00 pm | | | |

World Humanitarian Day History

World Humanitarian Day seeks to recognize the compassion and bravery of humanitarian workers. The day also serves to gain international cooperation to meet the needs of humanitarian work around the world. Humanitarian workers provide life-saving assistance like first aid. They also offer nutrition, shelter, and help with rebuilding after disaster strikes. These workers often battle violence, local diseases, and hunger while attempting to save lives and provide relief to those most in need.

World Humanitarian Day was established by the United Nations in December of 2008 to honor the sacrifices of humanitarian workers. It is celebrated annually on August 19, a day that commemorates the 2003 bombing of the UN Headquarters in Iraq.

Fall EVENTS



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

6-8pm- Hosted by Racine UMC

This is a great night of community fellowship *National Night Out*

enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances

Delicious Woodfire Oven Pizza

And the opportunity to meet our local first responders

PLUS...

WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE RACINE UMC FOODSHELF



Suggested Items include but not limited to:

Boxed Cereal Canned



meats such as tuna & chicken

Baking supplies: flour,

sugar



and box mixes of brownies, cake etc...

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Sumner Center will be organizing a community Potluck luncheon in September.

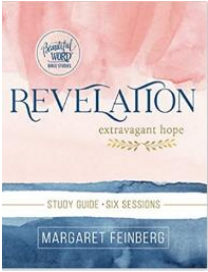
We need you to help us spread the word!

Let us all join together for a time of connection, fellowship and fun!

It has been a very hard couple of years and we have all been isolated from the ones we love far to long!

Will you join us in reuniting with each other to share our love of the Sumner Center Church community?

Finalized date and time will be shared in the upcoming newsletters!



- **Summer Book Study (beginning in August)**

What if God is saving the best for last?

Of all the books of the Bible, Revelation is the one that mystifies and unsettles people the most. From numerical signs to monsters, the book of apocalypse in the Bible can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the message that Revelation really brings is hope.

In this study you will: Uncover the supernatural power of Jesus' names and titles.

Be equipped with tactics on how to overcome the wily ways of the enemy.

Discover how to triumph through the blood of the lamb and the word of your testimony.

Learn that, though life is not always fair, Jesus is NOT finished.

John, the author of the book of Revelation, was blessed to see what each of us longs to know, and he gave us a descriptive and poignant expression of the place, the end, and the eternity that God has promised to us. God has indeed saved the best for last, and in Revelation's pages he gives us the one thing we all long for—hope, extravagant hope.

In person or zoom!

Choose a study session that Works best with your schedule!

Zoom scheduled Thursdays

Aug 18, 2022 06:30 pm

Aug 18, 2022 06:30

Aug 25, 2022 06:30

Sep 1, 2022 06:30

Sep 8, 2022 06:30

Sep 15, 2022 06:30

Meeting ID:

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In Person Scheduled

Wednesdays

Wykoff UMC

(First 3 Sessions)

Aug 17 2022, 1:00 pm

Aug 24, 2022, 1:00

Aug 31, 2022, 1:00

Racine UMC

(Last 3 Sessions)

Sept 7, 2022, 1:00 pm

Sept 14, 2022, 1:00

Sept 21, 2022, 1:00

Weekly Session Topics:

Tempted to Give Up on God?

Have You Lost Perspective?

When Life's Not Fair

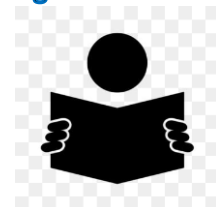
How to Overcome the Enemy

When All Hell Breaks Loose

The Promises of Heaven

Please contact Pastor Bridget Sheely or Pastor Jon Marburger if you will be joining one of the provided study groups.

You can order books from Amazon or If you would prefer to have pastor order your book it will be \$20.00 per study book. For more information, Contact Pastor Bridget or Pastor Jon





Summer happenings in our area communities

Wednesdays are fun in Spring Valley

On the third Wednesday of each month, June through September, the downtown area of Spring Valley is transformed into a family-friendly farmers' market/community center.

Live music, fresh produce and food and drink are plentiful at
Wednesdays on Broadway.



CHATFIELD GROWERS MARKET

THURSDAYS, 3:00– 6:00 PM
MAY–OCTOBER
CHATFIELD CITY PARK

BEGINNING MAY 6TH

DENNY MEYER 507-259-7523
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Off Main Alley Jam - Harmony

Featuring Labarge – Father & Daughter Duo,
food and drink specials.

DATE: Aug 25 2022 TIME: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Spring Valley Ag Days
August 16-21, 2022

WILD WILD WESTERN DAYS
55th ANNUAL - CHATFIELD, MN - AUGUST 11-14, 2022



BILLY HANSON
Grand Marshal

18th ANNUAL WITS' END PRODUCTION. "Once Upon a Mattress". TWO WEEKENDS/TWO MATINEES: Aug. 5, 6, 11 and 12 at 7PM and Aug. 7 at 2PM and Aug. 13 at 5PM. Online tickets at: WitsEndTheatre.org - box office in-person sales or at the door one hour before curtain. All major credit cards accepted. Enjoy at HISTORIC air conditioned POTTER AUDITORIUM, Chatfield Center for the Arts.

FREE FAMILY CONCERT by "BRANDED-Hot Country". Saturday, August 13, 7PM to 11PM at city park band shell. Rain or shine. Bring your lawn chairs. YUP! NO ADMISSION - FREE! Sponsored by Chatfield Western Days, Chatfield Firefighters Activities Association, Solem "Cheese Shack" Concessions and Chatfield Booster Club.

SPECTACULAR GRAND PARADE. Saturday, August 13 at 1PM.

BRAD BOICE "ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST". FREE CONCERT with RPG, Sunday, August 14, noon to 2PM, city park. Bring your lawn chairs. Sponsored by Peoples Energy Cooperative and Chatfield Western Days.



MARGARET PERKINS
Honorary Grand Marshal

Name: _____

Summer Fun:)

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ice cream
park
summer
tanktops

active
donuts
fun
lakeside
picnic
sun
tanning

allergic
family
games
laughter
pool
sundress
vacation

beach
flipflops
hangout
lemonade
road trip
sunglasses
water

beach towel
floats
happy
napping
seasonal
sunscreen
waterpark

butterflies
flowers
hot
netflix
skirts
sweaty
workout

Where We're Headed

My vision for the future of the conference. God has a mission in It is a heart-enlarging mission. It is a into trauma, that embraces learning and crosses boundaries, that allows hearts to be broken open to create new spaces—spaces for grace and healing.” Bishop David Bard



Minnesota Conference is that we are a spacious the world, and love is at the heart of that mission. world-shaking mission. It is a mission that leans

The United Methodist Church

Bishop David Bard: “Moving into the future, The United Methodist Church will continue to focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We will be a church that works to include all persons and to make changes so that the church better reflects the beautiful diversity of God’s people and builds beloved community. We will continue to have global connections and global impact. We will continue to help people connect more deeply with God through Jesus Christ and be open to new ways of doing that through worship, spiritual disciplines, and building community. Through and following whatever separation will happen, The United Methodist Church will continue to change to meet the needs of new people, new generations, and a changing world.”

Minnesota Conference Mission, Vision, and Values:

The Minnesota Annual Conference seeks to be an abundant life in Jesus Christ movement. We are clear about [our shared vision](#): that every congregation be a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world. In the aspirational vision adopted at the 2019 Annual Conference, we have identified [four core values](#) that guide our shared journey: We are rooted in Jesus, grounded in Wesleyan theology, inclusive of all persons, and engaged in the work of justice and reconciliation. Living into our vision and embodying our core values means that we are committed to creating a place at the table for everyone, including LGBTQIA+ persons, and to listening more deeply to voices that have often been marginalized. The Extended Cabinet has created [a statement of our commitments](#) that speaks specifically to how we hold the value of LGBTQIA+ inclusion. And the Appointive Cabinet has created [a statement on racial justice](#) and reconciliation that lists specific commitments and actions that group will take to acknowledge the sins of racism and injustice and work to transform our Church, our Conference, our communities, and our world into the beloved community.

General Conference 2020 has been postponed several times and will not take place until 2024. But regardless of the outcome of the next General Conference, we will be unwavering in our commitment to full inclusion and laser focused on furthering Jesus’s ministry of extending abundant life to all of God’s children. This extended liminal time does not change who we are as the Minnesota Annual Conference or who we are in Christ.

All Are Welcome:

Bishop David Bard: “I see that our mission, vision, and values really lend themselves to the Minnesota Conference being a spacious place. We are not always going to agree on every way we live out those mission vision, and values, but we’ve said, ‘these are our center,’ and I think it means we can have a wide circumference.”

Rev. Cindy Gregorson: “We have made a commitment as the Minnesota Annual Conference to embrace the richness of diversity. We really want to celebrate and honor the gifts of all who want to come and follow and be part of this Jesus Christ movement. So anyone who says, ‘I’m rooted in Jesus and I’m grounded in a Wesleyan theology and I’m committed to be in ministry in respectful, welcoming ways to all people, and I want to work in a broken world, and I want to be engaged in continuing to look at myself and our church how we can we working on reconciliation,’ we say yes—come be a part of who we are.”

We are better and stronger together, and there's room for theological diversity within our shared journey. We need not all think exactly alike. At the same time, we recognize that some churches and individuals have discerned that their path differs from that of the Minnesota Annual Conference. We are committed to extending love, grace, and kindness and blessing them as they embark on a new journey.

