

the sower

... sowing the seeds of a new creation. . .

reflections. . .

For the past couple months, I've - slowly but surely - been working my way through a new book. . . 1861: The Civil War Awakening by Adam Goodheart. Full of thought. Well written. Easy read. Anyway, last week, finally, finishing up the book, I came across a quote by the Rev. Thomas Starr King, the man Mr. Goodheart credits with keeping California in the Union.



After a trip to the mountains, Pastor King wrote. . .

"[There are so many of us] who have no majestic landscapes for the *heart* - no grandeurs of the inner life! We live on the flats. We live in a moral country, which is dry, droughty, barren. We have no great hopes. We have no sense of Infinite guard and care. We have no sacred and cleansing fears. We have no consciousness of Divine, All-enfolding Love! We may make an outward visit to the Sierras, but there are *no Yosemite*s in the soul."

I read that passage and thought about the words as I looked out across Wet Mountain Valley at Pikes Peak beyond. Sometimes. . . the greatest heights aren't those that lie beneath our feet. They're the ones inside us! The ones we believe in!

until September. . .

pastor bob



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the LEADERSHIP of the CONGREGATION

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secretary	marylin boomer (699-7237)	carol reinert (694-5062)	treasurer
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outreach		fred behnken (262-3374)	
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organist	chad hauris	bob barndt	pastor

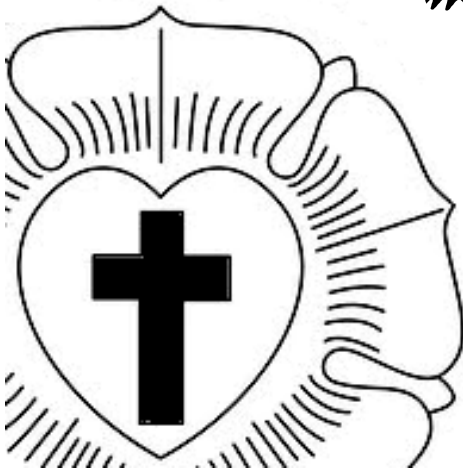
the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	acolyte	reader	worship ass't	tellers	altar flowers
july 03	eden brown	dorothy chambers	lonnie yee	del bowie & lonnie yee	the BOOMERS
july 10	jonathan yee	fred behnken	kay sewell	tom daneker & lonnie yee	the BEHNKENS
july 17	joshua yee	marylin boomer	bob boomer	gerald & ruth mendenhall	the DANEKERS
july 24	eden brown	gretchen shults	marylin boomer	fred behnken & alan sewell	
july 31	jonathan yee	jonathan yee	fred behnken	del bowie & lonnie yee	the BOWIES
altar guild	anneliese hyde & wanda hayes		gretchen shults	cantor	
			marylin boomer	lockup	

*“Either we must become
more radical about the gospel,
or we would be better off
to forget it altogether.”*

the rev. dr. gerhard forde
1927-2005

average sunday attendance for june: **38**



LEADERSHIP FOR JULY AND AUGUST

the BIRTHDAYS

nita johnson	7/01	barbara wolfe	8/01
allen keys	7/01	brandon stroud	8/02
charles wolfe	7/04	delphine bowie	8/06
alan sewell	7/05	bill reinert	8/06
blake keys	7/11	janice taylor	8/15
fred behnken	7/12	abbie meyer	8/16
garrett nelson	7/13	byron bachschmid	8/18
makensie wills	7/13	sharon roach	8/18
henry holstein	7/14	sean rowell	8/20
kathryn daneker	7/20	mark zimmerman	8/26
anneliese hyde	7/23	liz daneker	8/29

jean mcLeod	7/26	doris muehlbrad	8/30
diane keys	8/01	matt roach	8/30

the ANNIVERSARIES

tom & liz daneker	7/07	38 yrs
john & virginia spaight	7/19	42 yrs
lyle & helen eberly	7/20	49 yrs
james & nick roop	7/21	55 yrs
fred & ginny behnken	8/13	45 yrs
mark & gina zimmerman	8/15	30 yrs
bill & carol reinert	8/29	47 yrs

if we've – unintentionally – omitted
a birthday or anniversary, please let us know

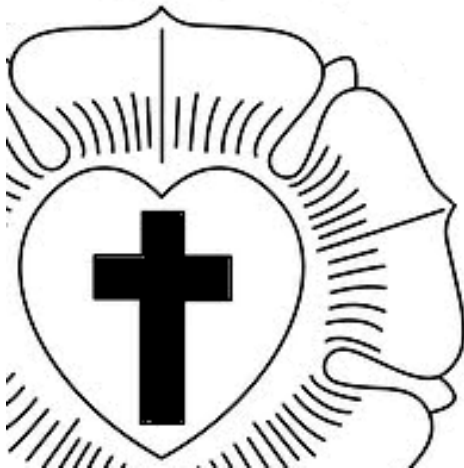
the WORSHIP MINISTERS

	acolyte	reader	worship ass't	tellers	altar flowers
august 07	joshua yee	dorothy chambers	fred behnken	del bowie & lonnie yee	
august 14	lanie barndt	fred behnken	eric kratky	tom daneker & lonnie yee	the BEHNKENS
august 21	eden brown	marylin boomer	gretchen shults	gerald & ruth mendenhall	the BOOMERS
august 28	jonathan yee	lanie barndt	bob boomer	fred behnken & alan sewell	the BOOMERS
altar guild	norma saenger & mary yee		lonnie yee carol reinert	cantor lockup	

*"There's a quiet, serene confidence in knowing
that all things do not stand or fall
according to one's own achievements
or the correctness*

of every decision one makes."

the rev. dr. joseph sittler
1904-1987





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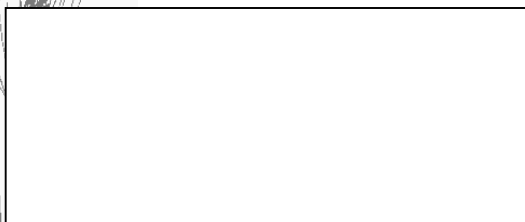
sunday morning schedule: **learning hour @ 9:15 * worship @ 10:30**

office hours: monday-thursday, 9am-noon & by appointment

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the PROPERs for July

the **THIRD SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, July 3

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Zechariah 9:9-12 + Psalm 145:8-14 + Romans 7:15-25a + Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

the **FOURTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, July 10

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 55:10-13 + Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 + Romans 8:1-11 + Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

the **FIFTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, July 17

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 44:6-8 + Psalm 86:11-17 + Romans 8:12-25 + Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

the **SIXTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, July 24

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: 1 Kings 3:5-12 + Psalm 119:129-136 + Romans 8:26-39 + Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

the **SEVENTH SUNDAY** after **PENTECOST**, July 31

the **PRAYER** of the **DAY**: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the **READINGS**: Isaiah 55:1-5 + Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 + Romans 9:1-5 + Matthew 14:13-21

july 2011

sunday monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Pope John Paul II
1920-2005



 <p>3</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship</p>		<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1-5:00pm –  the patio</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-11:00am –  pancake breakfast</p>
 <p>10</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am –  women of e.l.c.a.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2:00pm – caregiver support group 1-5:00pm –  the patio</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
 <p>17</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1-5:00pm –  the patio</p>	<p>During July, I'll be on a mini-sabbatical in Pennsylvania! Until I get back, Fred & Gretchen will ably be filling in Sunday mornings. But if you'd like - or need - to talk with a pastor, several are available . . . just in case! Contact a council representative - their names and phone numbers are in this newsletter - and they'll refer you to one! Have a good summer and I'll see you in a few weeks!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Vaya con dios! Pastor Bob</p>	
 <p>24/31</p> <p>9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1-5:00pm –  the patio</p>		

July 31st
5:15pm

lutheran night @ the ballpark



the PROPERs for august

the EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, August 7

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9–18 + Psalm 85:8–13 + Romans 10:5–15 + Matthew 14:22–33

the NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, August 14

the PRAYER of the DAY: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: Isaiah 56:1, 6–8 + Psalm 67 + Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32 + Matthew 15:10–28

the TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, August 21

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.















the READINGS: Isaiah 51:1–6 + Psalm 138 + Romans 12:1–8 + Matthew 16:13–20

the ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST, August 28

the PRAYER of the DAY: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

the READINGS: Jeremiah 15:15–21 + Psalm 26:1–8 + Romans 12:9–21 + Matthew 16:21–28

august 2011

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4 1-5:00pm –  the patio	5 	6
 7 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	8	9	10  9:30am – women of e.l.c.a.	11 2:00pm – caregiver support group 1-5:00pm –  the patio	12	13  9-11:00am - pancake breakfast
 14 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	15  6:30pm – dreamcatcher's sack-a-thon	16	17	18 11:30am – congregation council 1-5:00pm –  the patio	19	20
 21 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	22  midland i.s.d. first day of school --	23	24	25 1-5:00pm –  the patio	26	27
 28 9:15am - learning 10:30am - worship	29	30	31	<p>“What we love, we shall grow to resemble.”</p>		