

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, August 27, 2026

THIS SATURDAY

It's the 11th year of PREP! Thank you to all who have been sponsors, given of their time to pack bags or go shoe shopping and to those who will be here Saturday when families come to pick up their items. It is the various contributions from many in our congregation and beyond that allow us the ability to give back to our community in this way.

THIS SUNDAY

We will gather for worship at 9:30 am. Rev. Gary McCaslin will lead the service and share a children's moment this week. Sam Penoyer is Deacon of the day. If you are unable to attend in person, join us online! You can find the link to our livestream on our website or Facebook page as well as by finding us on Youtube.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday - Care for Caregivers at 11 AM

Sunday – Worship at 9:30 am. Rev. Barb Wright will lead the service and preside over communion

FROM THE OFFICE

We are deeply saddened to share that Jack Carr passed away earlier this week. Services will be held at the Homer Center for the Arts this Sunday, August 30th at 2 PM. We pray for his friends, family, and the many lives he touched and are grateful for the gifts he shared with this congregation.

CANDIDATE DINNER

On September 12th we will welcome for a visit the individual selected by the Pastoral Search Committee as a candidate to be our next Senior Pastor. A dinner will be held on Saturday 9/12. We will start to gather at 5 pm and have a brief introduction of our candidate. Then we plan to eat around 5:30 pm. The food will be catered, and we are looking to get a sense of how many people will be in attendance. This will be an opportunity to meet the candidate and their family prior to Sunday worship and the congregation vote (see below for more info). Please write your name and the number of people in your family that will be attending on the board in the RFR. You can also indicate next to your name if you are willing to bring 1-2 dozen cookies to all share for dessert.

RALLY DAY

September 13th is going to be a full morning!

8:30 AM- Youth and any other adults willing to assist in the kitchen are asked to arrive to begin preparing breakfast.

9:30 AM- Everyone is invited as we gather for breakfast prepared by our youth group. We will eat and fellowship together. After bellies are full, we will break off for discussions about plans for this new Faith Formation year. (So, adults, bring your suggestions for books to read and discuss this year!)

10:30 AM- Worship! It was announced on Sunday 8/16 that the Pastoral Search Committee has selected a candidate to be our next Senior Pastor. This candidate will be joining us on Rally Day to preach. *THERE WILL BE NO LIVESTREAM THIS DAY*

AFTER WORSHIP- We will have a brief break to set something up and then hold a meeting of the First Religious Society. Members of the congregation will vote on accepting the candidate as our next Senior Pastor. Following the vote, we will hold a simple coffee hour, hosted by the search committee. If you have any questions about the upcoming candidate weekend or the search process, please feel free to speak with any member of the search committee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is now a signup sheet on the table by the garden doors for those willing to help staff the nursery. Our first day of resuming nursery care will be Rally Day, September 13th. When we do not have volunteers, we are unable to provide families with the ability to have their young children play in a safe place so their parents can experience worship. Having this available September – June goes a long way in making us a family friendly church community. We are in the process of searching for a nursery supervisor which is a paid role that would be one of the staff in the nursery each week. Until then we still need two volunteers for each Sunday. See Kathleen if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2- Joanne Cincotta, 8- Doris Hoffmann, 9- Marleah Dentes, Emerson Penoyer
10- Lee Benson, 13- Carrie Schneiber, 17- Stef Fellows, 19- Shannon Kostuk
24- Luke Pedersen, Kurt Schmidt, 26- Les Wainman, 27- Janet Bertram
28- Jan Jeffers, Paul Pitkin, 30- Acey Sieffert

PRAYERS

As you pray, please consider...

Gwen, Teri, Joanne, and Kathy Alvord

The friends and family of Jack Carr who passed away earlier this week

The PREP team and the families that will be impacted by this program

Students and teachers as they prepare for the 2026-2027 school year to begin