Upcoming Events and Information

Tue./Thur.:Exercise Group (Activity Room)4:00pmSaturdays:Wesley Men's Group (Fireside Room)8:00amWed. 8/11:Worship Committee (Fellowship Hall)7:00pm

- Everyday Essentials for the Trinity Food Pantry, Rock Falls UMC Personal Care Pantry, and FISH Food Pantry are being accepted in the fellowship hall. Throughout August we are collecting toothpaste. We also need travel-sized toiletries for local pantries. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our neighbors in need!
- Loose coins for August go to Northern IL Justice for our Neighbors.
- August has a **5th Sunday offering** which will go to Good Neighbor Emergency Center through the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Falls
- There is a sign-up sheet for *special music* on the bulletin board. Please consider sharing in this ministry if you are able. Thank you!

Worship Leaders today

Music ministry: Dylan Hinrichs (director) Judy Bushman (organist)

Children's sermon (online@9:45am)

Head usher: Jeff Cedro

8:00am 10:00 am

Liturgists: Darla Ewing Nora and Jessica Truedson

Greeters: Jan Glover Truedson family
Ushers: Jeff Cedro Truedson family



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Wesley Inited Methodist Chures

You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever 1 Corinthians 9.24-25 CEV

August 8th, 2021
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church August 8th, 2021

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE "Andante Maestoso" by Arcangelo Corelli/arr. Benton Price

"Journey to Galilee" by Jerry McCrory

INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord" by Lanny Wolfe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING PRAYER (Isaiah 6, John 3)

Holy Spirit, as we gather in your presence, blow through this space and through our lives, that we may sense your presence in and among us. As we sing your praise, reveal your glory to us, that we may discover the gift of humility in our time of worship. As we listen for your word, speak to our hearts, that we may hear your call. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545 vs1,4,5

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

HYMN "I Surrender All" UMH #354 vs1

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, Philippians 3:13-14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Race: Rhythm of Life"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy, holy, holy God, bless these gifts with your holiness and your love. Through our giving of time, talent, and treasure, may your Spirit blow ever more lovingly, ever more expansively, and ever more pervasively, through every corner of creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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SENDING FORTH

† CLOSING HYMN "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368 vs 1,4

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL "Go Forth for God" UMH #670 v3

POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by William Croft

†Please stand if you are able in your body or spirit.

Bold print indicates in unison

The flowers on the altar today are in Memory of Harold Palmer from Janet and family.