

The Heartbeat

August 2026

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Every Sunday :
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.

A Minute with Mike

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, we are in the Dog Days of Summer. This name usually implies hot, lazy days. The origin of the phrase goes back to ancient Greek and Roman times.

The star, Sirius, is the brightest star in the night sky and is also known as the Dog Star.

In late July, Sirius rises and sets in conjunction with the sun.

Because Sirius is so bright, ancient astronomers believed that star's brightness radiated extra heat to the earth. Combined with the sun's rays, this extra warmth was believed to be the cause of the extreme heat of early August.

Today, we know that the brightness of Sirius does not send any extra warmth to us.

In Genesis, chapter 1, verses 16 through 18, we find these words about the fourth day of creation. "God made two great lights – the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set these lights in the sky to light the earth, to govern the day and night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good."

As we endure the heat of August, let us also take some time to look at the night sky. In doing so, let us appreciate the work of the creator. Everything we see in the night sky was deliberately and purposefully placed.

While observing nature, let's worship the one who put everything in its place. It could not have been done better.

Blessings in Christ,

Mike

"Therefore
ENCOURAGE
one another and
BUILD EACH OTHER UP,
just as in fact
you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

inspire
kindness

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3 VBS	4 VBS	5 VBS	6 VBS	7 VBS	8
9	10	11	12	13 Midwest	14 Community Cupboard	15
16	17	18	19 Back to School	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Grace Harmony	31					

Schedule of Events - August

3 – Annual Board Meeting for the Congregation after worship

3-7 – VBS

13 – Midwest 11am at the church house to unload the van.

14 – Pantry Handout 4-6pm

*****Every Week Invite A Friend**

July Averages

Sunday School - 24

Worship - 55

General Funds- \$2,020.00

Faith Promise- \$198.00

Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27

Faith Promise - \$310.00

Building Fund

July income - \$0.00

Sunday Servants

Greeters

02: Mark & Amanda Behymer

09: Donna S. & Nancy P.

16: Jere & Paula Greuel

23: Terry & Diana Arnett

30: Beverly R. & Carmen M.

Welcome/Meditation

Lyndall Snowden/Kristie Oblak

Donna Horwedel

Shirley Roberts

Randy Parks

Rick Riggins/Rodney Parks

Nursery

Sharon Parks & Carmen Martinez

Casey Schoonover & Avery Horwedel

Emery Behymer & Addie Martinez

Paula Greuel & Amanda Behymer

Luis & Diane Martinez

Monthly Servants

Elder
Mike Ulmer

Deacon
Tony Roberts

Deaconess
Paula Greuel



08 – Luis Martinez
19 – Jim Cassidy
14 – Brad Kluthe
26 – Brian Parks
29 – Keith Boeckelman



2 Jere & Paula Greuel
10 Randy & Sharon Parks
20 Don & Marla Butcher
21 Luis & Diane Martinez
22 Michael & Kristie Oblak

Junior Worship

2 – Luis Martinez

9 – Christen Parks

16 – Carmen Martinez

23 – Rick Riggins

30 – Allie Taylor

Annual Board Meeting

The congregation is asked to attend our annual board meeting Sunday August 23rd immediately following worship. You will be able to ask questions and learn our behind the scenes workings.

Find out what our committees accomplished the last fiscal year and what their plans are for next year!

We will be voting on our nominated members to fill the titles of Elder, Deacon, and Deaconess.

The meeting usually runs no more than 30 minutes.



Missing Fellowship?

Mark Your Calendar

Starting in September

Sunday Socials

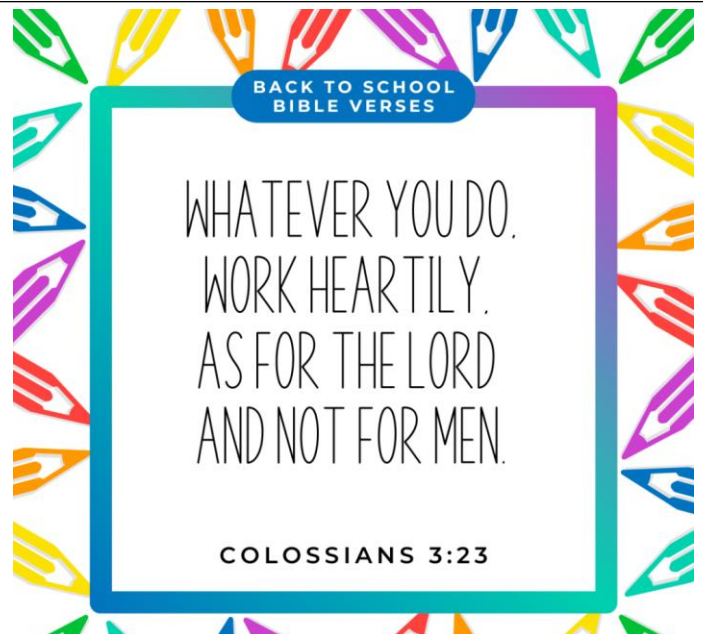
will be kicking off September 20

A Social Gathering,
Fellowship is so important to the health
of our church body. This is the time when
we take time to support and encourage
and befriend one another.

You are welcome to bring something to
share, but we would rather you bring a
friend!

**Please continue to be in prayer
over each other, our church, our
communities, our schools and
their faculty as we head back
into another school year.**

Thank you!





VBS 2025
August 3 – August 7th
6:00pm – 8:15pm

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