

## Welcome Guests!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. We invite you to complete the Welcome Card in the pew pocket and stop by the Welcome Desk on the main level outside the west Sanctuary entrance to receive a gift and more information about our ministries.

Hearing aid devices are available (including the neck loop for telecoil programs). Large print song sheets are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

## Next Week's Lectionary Readings

We invite you to include these readings in your devotion times. Readings for next week are Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Psalm 14, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, and Luke 15:1-10. Next week's readings during worship are Ephesians 5:1-2 and John 3:16-17.

## Today at Gary Church

### Adult Ministries

#### Music Ministry Bake Sale and Silent Auction

8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Commons

Gary's Festival Choir and Orchestra have received the distinct honor of being invited to perform Dan Forrest's *LUX: The Dawn from On High* at the Illinois American Choral Directors Association fall conference. We appreciate your support to help raise the funds needed for this performance.

#### Reading with Eyes Open: A Primer on Interpreting the Bible

Sept. 8-22 and Oct. 6, 10 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Dr. Gene Green

The books of the Bible often seem opaque to us and difficult to interpret since these 66 documents were written thousands of years ago to people who lived in other places, who spoke languages foreign to us, and whose cultures were different than our own. Despite the distance between the first readers of these books and ourselves, we hear God's voice in these texts as they speak divine wisdom into our lives and world. In this workshop class, we will explore some of ways we can interpret and hear the ancient message in our day. Bring your Bible, paper, and pencil!

#### God, the Creator

Through Sept. 22, 10 a.m. in the Anderson Room, led by Rev. JoAnne Chase and Christy Grace  
Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will focus on God and what it means to be created in God's image and to worship God alone. The first unit, *God, the Creator*, takes us through texts from Genesis and Exodus that help us discern what "Godness" is. These lessons also encourage us to develop the spiritual practice of mindfulness. Student books are available for \$14 for use on Sunday mornings or throughout the week!

#### Parent Kickoff Meeting with Pastor Alexa

11 a.m. in the Jr. Room

All parents of middle and high schoolers are welcome as we walk through the dates and details of the Gary Youth fall calendar, talk about the "why" behind what we're doing, and resource you with parenting ideas. All in an hour!

## Gary Kids & Gary Youth

### Kids' Church

Preschool 3's-4's meet in the Preschool Room on the lower level

Kindergarten-Grade 3 meet in the Lower Level Lobby

### 10 a.m. Sunday School

Preschool 3's-Kindergarten meet in the Preschool Room

Grade 1-5 meet in Gamon Hall

Grades 6-7 meet in the Heritage Room

Confirmation (Grade 8) meet in the Jr. High Room

Grades 9-12 will meet in the Chapel

## Congregational Care

Please remember these individuals and families in your prayers this week.

Jan Adair, Tom Austin, Heidi Brewer, Bob Bucklin, Jim & Carol Eaton, Dixie Hawthorne, Joyce Fahs, Pat Hill, Beverly & Norvis Land, David Lingo, Brian McIntosh, Dan Meeks, Chuck Minauskas, Jeri Nixon, Jim Trieschmann, William Watkins, Jack & Shirley Williamson

### Our sympathy to

Judy Grote, Scott, Katie, Zach & Wes Bordner on the death of Judy's uncle and Scott's great-uncle, Gladwyn (Jumbo) Helmeid on Sept. 1

### Today's altar flowers are given by

Penny Gillen, John Erhardt & Susan Erhardt in memory of their mother, Dorothy Erhardt, whose 95<sup>th</sup> birthday would be Sept. 13

Bob & Diane Martin in celebration of their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 4

## Serving Today

### 9 a.m. Service

Greeters Jeff, Christy, Brenden, Caden & Zoey Bohmer, Jack, Lisa & Zoe Rozwat, Bill & Mary Anne Phemister

Welcome Desk Phyllis Geyer, Kathi Hodges, Penny Gillen

Ushers Chuck Miller, Paul Calderwood, Sam Calderwood, Joe Davisson, David Plate, Dick Raber, Lisa Rozwat

### 11 a.m. Service

Greeters Don & Shelley Kenyon, Alberto & Max Crisostomo

Welcome Desk Bob & Madge Drake

Ushers Bob Hawkins, Bill Austin, Michael Graves, Doug & Tammy Halenza, George King

**Musicians:** Kevin Lange (organ, piano), Jennifer Whiting (Chancel Choir)

**Sound Technicians:** John Brunner, Phil Johnson, Alyn Mann, Dave Mann, Ellie Phillips, Ethan Phillips, David Rush, Tony Venezia

**Staff Ministry Team:** Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Rev. Brian Felker Jones, Rev. Bruce Anderson, Jennifer Whiting, Kevin Lange, Carey Bebar, Kim Austin, Alexa Isaac, Becky Lemna, Pam Keller, Raven Larkin, Deb Evans, Deb Hafner, Mike & Donna Capra

## Mission Statement

**Grow** in faith, knowledge, and understanding of Christ as Lord and Savior

**Serve** our community and the world by sharing time, gifts, talents

**Nurture** one another through worship, fellowship, love

**Demonstrate** our discipleship to Christ

**Proclaim** God's grace and Good News



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