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The Current

Monthly News from Port Edwards United Methodist Church

WISCONSIN'S NEW BISHOP!

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church met July 10-13 in Sioux Falls, S.D. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference comprises of nine Annual Conferences that cover the Upper Midwest (nine states: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and N. & S. Dakotas). Their primary role is to elect, assign, and rotate bishops within the annual conferences.

Bishop Dan Schwerin (shur-EEN) will be our bishop starting September 1, for the next 4 years, at least (1 term)!

Bishop Schwerin was born in Waukesha, WI. He came from a family of farmers on one side and machinists on the other. He grew up playing ball, working hard, and fishing often. He heard the call to ministry when he was 17 at Concord United Methodist Church, a few miles from where a family member of his was a Methodist circuit-rider just a lifetime before him. Bishop Schwerin holds a bachelor's degree from Carroll University (1985) and a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology (1989).

While serving as a student pastor in the Oklahoma Conference, he was ordained as a deacon by Bishop John Wesley Hardt (1987). Just after beginning his service in the Wisconsin Conference, he was ordained an elder by Bishop David Lawson (1991).

His first appointment in Wisconsin was at Parfreyville UMC in Waupaca, WI, in 1990. In 1996, he was appointed as the founding pastor of Still Waters UMC in Jackson, WI. He was appointed as a District Superintendent of the Metro South & Metro North Districts from 2004-2007. Following this time, Bishop Schwerin was appointed to First UMC in Waukesha, WI, from 2007-2021. In 2021, he was appointed as Assistant to the Bishop under Bishop Hee-Soo Jung.

He has enjoyed many contexts for pastoral ministry, including urban and rural churches, a new church plant, and superintendent of two districts, as well as a multi-staff downtown setting which became a Reconciling Congregation and launched a beloved community of non-profits to benefit children dealing with grief, persons who wanted help to battle generational poverty, and children who desired access to musical instruments, lessons, and a community to grow their musical abilities.

Bishop Schwerin starts each day with a psalm and *Lectio Divina*. He is a published poet and writes every morning. His debut poetry collection, *ORS*, from Red Moon Press, won the Haiku Foundation's Touchstone Award in 2016. His poetry comes from life on the farm or making his rounds across 30+ years as a pastor in Wisconsin. He loves evening walks and labyrinths.

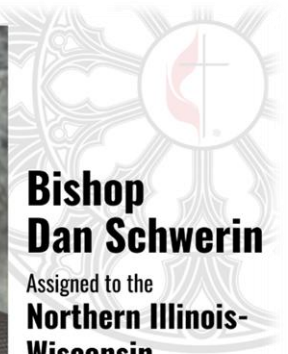
Dan was elected to the episcopacy (office of the bishop) on November 3rd, 2022, in Fort Wayne, IN and consecrated on November 5th. His first assignment was to the Northern Illinois Conference, effective January 1st, 2023. Starting September 1st, Bishop Schwerin will be bishop of both Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. While the two conferences will remain separate, he will be overseeing the work of both. He is retaining his office in Chicago.

Dan is husband to his wife, Julie, and father to Rachel Schwerin Kuschewski and Andrew Schwerin, as well as 4 grandchildren.



**Bishop
Dan Schwerin**

Assigned to the
**Northern Illinois-
Wisconsin
Episcopal Area**



COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRIVIA NIGHT

to benefit The Family Center (which has received devastating funding cuts)
hosted at Port Edwards United Methodist Church

In memory of Nancy Klahn

Tuesday, August 20th – PEUMC's Fellowship Hall

El Café Catered Dinner: 6:00-7:00 PM / Trivia Begins: 7:00 PM

\$15 per adult; \$5 per minor. Groups of 4-6 required.

**Pay at door OR send checks to Port Edwards United Methodist Church,
written out to The Family Center (memo: Trivia Night Benefit).**

Bake Sale available. \$150 worth of prizes.

\$2 gets you a mulligan in place of an answer

(canned/non-perishable boxes of food will be accepted for this, too)

**Church members are asked to donate toward the prizes, bring baked goods,
or be a part of a group.**

Register at peumc.org/trivia or use the QR Code:



FIRST WEDNESDAY

Hymn-sing service on the first Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, August 7th – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Fellowship Hall.

We sing through lots of hymns—learn a few new ones, sing lots of favorite classics!

The message is in the lyrics! *(Not livestreamed.)*

P.E.U.M.C. *CONSTITUENT SPOTLIGHT!

THE REV. NORMAN S.



*Pastors in The United Methodist church hold their membership in the annual conference, during active & retired ministry. Norm is a member of PEUMC *in spirit*.

Did you, or do you still, have any nicknames?

Norm

How long have you attended PEUMC?

25 years.

What is your favorite memory about PEUMC?

Participating in choir.

What is your favorite hymn or Christian song? Why?

There are so many but I'll choose: "Hymn of Promise."

It's a progression of promises from God.

What are your hobbies?

Composing and playing music. Reading. Travelling.

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

Singing Christmas carols and eating Lucy's *pfefferkuchen* (honey-sweetened cake)

What is your favorite food or recipe?

***Pfefferkuchen!* Anything that's German!**

Share with us some fun facts about yourself?

The first song I wrote "Take God Along With You" came to my mind while riding my bike on a Chicago street but I must have been imagining I was riding horseback because it has more of a "western rhythm."

With what religious traditions did you grow up?

I grew up in an independent church for German immigrants in Chicago—The *Kristliche Gemeinschaft* (The Christian Fellowship). Later, during my seminary years, I joined the Evangelical United Brethren denomination through Lucy's home church in Wisconsin.

What brought you to this area?

****See Lucy's answer.**

Share something fun about yourself that probably nobody at church knows about you.

My German immigrant parents never owned a car so I biked my way around Chicago. That included going to church, school, and my first two years of college at North Park University.

What advice would you give someone curious about our faith or our church?

We have enthusiastic members and an enthusiastic pastor whose sermons inspire and challenge us.

P.E.U.M.C. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



LUCILLE S.

Did you, or do you still, have any nicknames?

Lucy

How long have you attended PEUMC?

25 years.

What is your favorite memory about PEUMC?

There are many, but the all-time favorite is our mission strip to Hawaii.

We developed lasting friendships, learned much about the Hawaiian culture, and climbed a volcano! I worked a whole lot—and played!

What is your favorite hymn or Christian song? Why?

“Here I Am, Lord.” I makes me think of all the possibilities for service and it somehow assures me that I can be of use in that service.

What are your hobbies?

Playing bridge. Travel as much as possible. Reading

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

Baking and sharing of German *pfefferkuchen*—a recipe Norm’s mother brought over from Germany. Now it’s enjoyed by 4 generations of our family!

What is your favorite food or recipe?

Again, one of Norm’s mother’s—*beef rouladen*.

Share with us some fun facts about yourself?

In grade school, I was always the smartest one in my class! That’s because I went to a one-room country school and never had a classmate for any of my 8 years!

With what religious traditions did you grow up?

Evangelical United Brethren, until we became United Methodist with the 1968 denominational merger.

What brought you to this area?

We bought a lot at Lake Arrowhead in the 1970s so we’d have a place to camp, and we decided we liked it here and stayed when we retired.

Share something fun about yourself that probably nobody at church knows about you.

My most favorite class ever was a spring break experience at Disney University where I got to tour underground Disney and meet teachers from around the world as we studied Disney’s marketing style and applied it to our school settings.

What advice would you give someone curious about our faith or our church?

You’ll find us to be a welcoming group of folks who welcome you, appreciate your gifts, and value your questions and your doubts. Just try us!

DONATE TODAY TO OUR "LOBBY CARPET" FUNDRAISER!

"Remove your sandals, for the carpet you are standing on is holy (and soft)." -PEUMC 4:13-14



We are preparing to replace the carpet in the lobby, vestibule, and tower room (*old main*) with carpet squares.

But we need *your* help!

Each square will \$14-\$16.

Project quote is \$6,027.00 (Freedom Carpet)

That's 375 squares!

Go to peumc.org/donate OR use this QR Code:



WALK OFF DEBT SCHOOL MEALS

SEPT. 7 8am



HELP US, HELP OTHERS

WALK STARTS & ENDS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
311 2ND ST. S WIS. RAPIDS

BENEFITS SOUTH WOOD COUNTY SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS.

SPONSORED BY G.R.A.C.E
CASH & CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO PORT EDWARDS UMC

The Greater Rapids Area Churches for Ecumenism (G.R.A.C.E.) is sponsoring a walk-a-thon event to help raise funds for school meal debt. This year, we are focusing our efforts on Lincoln High School.

Why school meal debt? Yes, some people qualify for the gov't free lunch program but do not file for it. There is still a lot of stigmas around free lunch programs and parents/students are often embarrassed to fill out the forms. Additionally, many older students are tasked with filling out the form themselves but without knowledge of their family's annual income they don't know how to fill out the form. Any senior with outstanding meal debt cannot graduate in good standing. We want to help them start the next chapter in their lives on the right foot and free from embarrassing debt. Checks are made out to *PORT EDWARDS UMC*, because Pastor Caleb is the treasurer; until G.R.A.C.E. is registered as a non-profit, all funds will be funneled through the church.

Update to Elevator Donor Plaque

A change to our elevator donor plaque was made by request.

“The Jasperson Family Charitable Foundation” was added to the list of donors who gave significant monies to our elevator project.

A Letter from the Boettchers

To: Pastor Caleb
Leo
John & Diane
Julie & Bob
Connie
All Members of the Port Edwards UM Church

Dear Friends,

By now I trust that you have recovered from the “energy-push” and exhaustion of planning and putting on the 125th Anniversary activities. It was indeed well planned and organized and offered a great feeling of togetherness to all of us who attended. One hundred and twenty five years offers a lot of history and people to be remembered and you brought it all together beautifully.

It was hard for me to believe that it was 44 years ago that I moved into the Port Edwards church and community. The 14 ½ years we spent there was the “high point” of our ministry. It continues to feel like home. To see some of the “old faces” again was gratifying, and to listen to and tell our stories was fun. The day was a great success. Even our son Brett felt good about being there.

Thank you for the *Kwik Trip gift card. A new store opened this spring a mile from us.

Hope to see all of you soon, somewhere, as the 150th anniversary might be a bit of a stretch.

With Joy and Love

Ken & Ann Ellen

*The cards given from Pastor Caleb to each anniversary day speaker, on behalf of the congregation, included a Kwik Trip gas card. Just recently, each speaker received in the mail two pages of thank you notes from members of the congregation. Included was the following photo:



Our Prioritized Church Goals

#1: Provide learning opportunities for the community.

#2: Provide a compensated children/youth/family coordinator.

August Household Prayers

Next month the congregation is asked to pray for the following families

(randomly chosen on 7/26):

- Page & Richard C. household;
- Julie & Bob B. household;
- JoAnn & Guy D. household;
- Mary & Edwin H. household



July-August Mission Project

Part One: Collect \$\$\$ for



This ministry is a therapeutic horseback-riding ranch and is located in Babcock, WI. The ranch is dedicated to helping horses help children and adults with diagnosed physical, cognitive, emotional, and academic special needs at no cost to the riders or their families.

Part Two: Collect school supplies for TEACHERS

(teachers are always having to buy their own supplies during the year; it can get very expensive)

We will focus our energy on buying:

1. Boxes of tissue & hand sanitizer
2. Dry erase markers and dry erasers

WORSHIP SERVANTS (SO FAR) FOR AUGUST

| COMMUNION: BECKY CANDLES: BECKY | GREETER(S) | USHER | LITURGIST | PEW AMBASSADOR | MUSICIAN |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| AUGUST 4 TH | Skip & Ellen M. | Sue T. | Leo T. | Maribeth L.-S. | |
| AUGUST 11 TH | | | Kathleen M. | Kathy McG. | |
| AUGUST 18 TH | | | | Maribeth L.-S. | |
| AUGUST 25 TH | | | | Diane S | |

Sundays in August

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| August 4 th | <i>Sermon: When the Odds Seem Against You.</i> Living with Dementia | Summer Series #3: Hope for Hard Times: The End of Our Rope | Pentecost.11 Communion Sunday |
| August 11 th | <i>Sermon: When You Feel Down and Out.</i> Empty Nesters and Loneliness | | Pentecost.12 |
| August 18 th | <i>Sermon: When Life Takes a Turn.</i> Grieving the Loss of Your Spouse | | Pentecost.13 |
| August 25 th | <i>Sermon: When All Seems Lost.</i> Depression | | Pentecost.14 |

August Sermon Series:

HOPE FOR HARD TIMES: THE END OF OUR ROPE

We've all been there: Rock bottom. At the end of our rope. The last straw. During such times, it often seems like the only option is to throw in the towel. Based on the book by The Rev. Magrey R. deVega, we will examine the lives of the two great Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha, to reveal their consistent message to us: Don't give up! Don't lose hope! Trust that God will help you find a way. There is hope for you in hard times. Your story of hurt, heartache, and hopelessness has been heard, and God has a message for you. We will also be touching upon such significant live experiences like: Grieving the Loss of Your Spouse; Living with Dementia; Empty Nesters and Loneliness; Depression.

*The Rev. Magrey R. deVega is the Senior Pastor at Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH – When the Odds Seem Against You

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH – When You Feel Down and Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH – When Life Takes a Turn

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH – When All Seems Lost



After a mistake in our order was corrected, the July-August *Upper Rooms* are now available, and we will continue to receive them for the next year! Please pick up your free copy!

Trustees Projects

- Fix front lawn damaged by elevator equipment. Ben Martinson of the Village Public Works crew has graciously offered to fix the sidewalk himself. But the lawn, including sections of the sprinkler system, will need to be fixed as spring approaches.
- **COMPLETED:** Six problematic spots on the roof will be addressed in a more permanent way.
- The foyer floor will be replaced with carpet squares. This will be our congregational fundraiser. Price of each square will be approximately \$14-16.

Highlights from the 2024 Annual Conference Session

Friday, June 7th – Monday, June 10th / KI Convention Center – Green Bay

Theme: “Abundant God, Beloved Community”

Based on: “*I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance.*” -John 10:10

PEUMC’s Lay Members to Annual Conference: John and Diane Sweat

As has become tradition of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, the session was opened by a drumming circle ritual by the Buffalo Creek Singers of the Oneida. We recognized the First Nations lands upon which we gather.

The opening worship had a sermon by The Rev. Medardo Vedia Guitierrez, bishop of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia. The sermon was titled “Jesus is the Way of Life and Love” based on John 14:4-12. Rev. Anita Lang translated the bishop’s message into English.

Statistical highlights from Conference Statistician Don Cramer:

- **38,680** members in 2023, continuing trend of declining membership
- Average weekly worshippers **14,838** (up 1% from previous year)
- Average weekly Sunday school attendance 2,816 (down 5%)
- VBS participation **2,756** (up 9%)
- Average church size is about 100. Median church size is 58 (50% have more than 58, 50% have less).

In 2023, Conference expenses were **\$195,511** under budget. The Wisconsin 2025 budget will be lower for several reasons: four district superintendents rather than 5 and lower global-church budget resulting in \$346,135 less in Wisconsin’s share in the global denomination’s budget.

Church Insurance will be a significant issue in 2025. Church Mutual will not service all of our churches. The Conference is now seeking a new carrier that will agree to cover all congregations. Churches are instructed to pay their insurance premiums only monthly, in preparation for an expected change in coverage.

The 2025 Minimum Compensation for Elders serving full-time in 2025 shall be **\$50,236**. The Minimum Compensation for Local Pastors serving full-time shall be **\$45,450**. This is a 3.2% increase. Approved 361 yes, 4 no, 3 abstain.

Revive! Community Development Planning Team. *Revive!* will work with congregations to provide consulting for churches looking to “right-size” their building, engage in Church and Community Assessment, and offer church leaders practical and valuable information on how to leverage their church’s real estate assets in an effort to maintain and expand opportunities to be of service to their local communities. In other words, help churches figure out how to better utilize the empty spaces in their buildings for community engagement and income.

Rev. Steve Zekoff gave a report of the Shared Bishop Task Force. Wisconsin Conference membership is ~25% of what it was at the time of union (1968). Northern Illinois is roughly 1/3rd the size it was in 1968. Effective Sept. 1, 2022, the Northern Illinois and Wisconsin episcopal areas will be shared. This is not a conference merger. Conferences are considering how to have shared conference staff; for instance, Cheryl Weaver will be

the Benefits Officer for both. The bishop's office will now be located at the Wespath building in Glenview, IL. Two assistants to the bishop and two executive assistants to the bishop will remain, serving in Chicago and Sun Prairie, respectively. Wisconsin will sell the bishop's residence in Sun Prairie, with proceeds going toward the housing allowance for the next bishop. Northern Illinois will do so with their Chicago residence.

Rev. Douglas Clement gave the report of Camp & Retreat Ministries. He thanked all those in the Conference who support our camps, by volunteering, attending, or through their financial support.

Rev. Scott Carlson gave the Congregational Development Report. The Conference is currently supporting 23 new ministries, all with the goal of growing and developing in hopes of becoming chartered. Bishop Jung said 31 new faith communities have been planted since he arrived in Wisconsin.

18 pastors are retiring in 2024, representing 417 combined years of ministry.

Rev. Jenny Arneson and Jessica Gobel, co-chairs of the delegation to the Postponed 2020 General Conference, gave their report, emphasizing the passing of the Regionalization plan, the removal of harmful language against LGBTQ+ persons in the Book of Discipline, and a more stream-lined, revised Social Principles, approved full-communion relationship with The Episcopal Church, approved the next quadrennial budget that is **41% less** than the previous one.

This is Bishop Hee-Soo Jung's last session with us. He gave his state-of-the-church address: *It has been my great privilege to visit every church in the Wisconsin Conference. Almost 40% of our clergy are non-Anglo. We always pay above and beyond our general church apportionments.*

Ben Brancel announced that we established our first-ever Certified Lay Ministers Program in Wisconsin. Our first two CLM's were recognized in Wisconsin. While most other conferences have long had a program of certifying lay people as ministers, Wisconsin never established one until recently. A CLM is a lay person certified to routinely fill a pulpit in a church that cannot afford their own clergy. They are trained to preach and expected to offer weekly sermons. They are not "lay speakers" because they are appointed by the conference to a church, but they remain a lay person in charge.

The reduction to 4 districts, each served by a district superintendent, was approved. 349 yes, 5 no, 0 abstain.

Two churches discontinued their ministry (not by disaffiliation): Cristo La Roca UMC in Whitewater, WI; Granton UMC in Granton, WI; and the Chili UMC in Chili, WI abandoned their property. Rev. Douglas Clement asked for the distinction between "abandonment" and "discontinuance." Rev. Steve Zekoff explained that *abandonment* is when there simply is no congregational activity going on at the property. A *discontinuance* is when a congregation intentionally decides to close.

Rev. Anna-Lisa Huner spoke about a disaster response trainer moving to Wisconsin this year. The Conference hopes to strengthen its disaster relief response through trained volunteers and groups in every district.

Bishop Jung and the District Superintendents read the changes in appointments for the 2024-2025 year.

The Youth and Young Adult delegates introduced themselves. They talked to the conference about "youth tokenism": "Youth are not a trophy. We do not want to be baby-sat. We do not want to be served. We want real responsibilities. Youth and young adults are the two categories of largest decline in the church. We are young adults went to youth groups, camps, Convo, ect. The young adults around you aren't youth anymore. The young adults around you have opinions and thoughts about what they believe the church should be. Connect with youth adults around you. Find ways to involve them in things other than youth or children's ministry, unless that is truly their calling."

Rev. Breanna Illéné, director of ecumenical relations and justice initiatives for the Wisconsin Council of Churches, brought greetings from the Council. The Wisconsin Conference is one of 21 Christian traditions that

are members of the Council, representing about 2,000 congregations and more than 1 million church members. United Methodists are not necessarily active in WCC in numbers but are major supporters in financial support.

Rev. Jim Cotter proposed that the Conference seek a way to fund or endow a position for a Conference Youth Work and that the Conference report back next year. Jenny Arneson replied that a job description for “Next Gen” ministry is in the works already and funding is being sought.

[There is a great many more to report about the A.C. but these are just some highlights.]

The next A.C. will be held at the Marriot Madison West in Middleton, WI on June 6-8, 2025.

Map of the Four New Districts in the Wisconsin Conference.



**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR
HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN JULY!**



A program of Aspirus Riverview Hospital
made possible by United Way of
South Wood & Adams Counties

Home Delivered Meals Drivers

- Julie Berg
- Skip & Ellen Mazurek
- Pat & Kathy McGrath
- Sue Mitchell
- Nina Pelo
- Becky Taylor
- Leo & Sue Thomasgard

Every four weeks, PEUMC volunteers deliver a hot and nutritious noon meal to homes of Wisconsin Rapids area residents who are unable to prepare their own meals. Anyone interested in helping with this program may contact Becky Taylor (715-887-2163) for more information. **THANK YOU!**

Summer News from Pastor Caleb

FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND TRIP: Doug and I spent four days camping at Rocky Arbor State Park in Wisconsin Dells—but we didn't watch any fireworks; it was stormy that night. In fact, that was my favorite night. It was so surreal and peaceful being in a tent as a storm raged overhead. Our tent stayed dry and there was no wind. Just thunder, lightning, and rain. The woods look so beautiful after a rain, doesn't it? Everything looks greener.



We had utilized some wedding money to pay for all the things we would need to go camping. One of the items I was excited to try out were the iron pies (or pudgy pies). We had pudgy pie breakfast, dinners, and dessert. While the weather wasn't entirely cooperative, and the camp site was mosquito-y and moth-y, it was still a nice time. I vowed to limit camping to just once a year!

We spent each day doing some Dells things, like Noah's Ark, then Pirate Cove mini-golf.

We also spent some time driving around, and ended up at the Wildcat Mountain State Park. What a beautiful area! We hope to try that one next!

CREATIVE CAMP: The following week, I spent at Lake Lucerne, one of our UM camps. This is now my third year doing this. The camp asks me to help for one of their larger camps each summer which need extra supervision. The summer staff counselor I was helping was a man (older than me) named Konrad from Warsaw, Poland! He owns a bakery and is a first officer pilot for Poland Airlines.



We had 9 boys in the cabin (ages 9-13)—with all the joys and drama of summer camp! The camp was called "Creative Camp." It is like their most popular one, "Classic Camp," but it emphasizes more crafts and messy activities. We made bottle rockets, tie-dyed hats, water-paint on canvas, drew with chalk, made art projects with beads and other craft items, made slime, and threw paint balls at each other. We also had our daily time at the beachfront and swimming; I helped send the kids off into "corkals,"

canoes, and rowboats. We had daily bible study each morning on the steps overlooking the lake, climbed the (very) high ropes course, participated in a scavenger hunt, played ZooKeeper (counselors dress up as animals and hide in the woods for the campers to find us and "round us up"—a camp-favorite). And . . . we had the most *amazing* camp food ever! (This is usually the most favorite-est thing campers like about camp!) We ended the day with campfire, performing skits, make S'mores, and singing songs. We always closed the day with singing "Sanctuary."

CHICAGO CONCERT: The following weekend, Doug, myself, and a colleague from Illinois, attended a concert in downtown Chicago. I've attended this concert before, in 2017. We enjoyed our trip on the Metra, riding it from the outskirts of the city into downtown. The concert was at Millennium/Grant Park near "the Bean." The music—*surprise!*—was the film music of John Williams! We heard music from *Indiana Jones*, *Harry Potter*, *Hook*, *E.T. the Extra Terrestrial*, *Jurassic Park*, *Schindler's List*, and LOTS of *Star Wars* music! They were incredible! I love listening and watching orchestras play!

We enjoyed dinner at the German restaurant, The Berghoff, and I had fried green tomatoes! The next morning, we had the most peaceful walk along the canal.



Blessing of the Backpacks

hosted by Port Edwards United Methodist Church

Wednesday, August 28th – 3:00 – 6:00 PM

at Ripple Creek Park – Verbunker Ave, Port Edwards

- First 15 students that come with their backpacks will receive \$15 worth of meal cost (one week).
- 2 students will be eligible for one month's worth of meal cost (\$52).

LABOR DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST - 10:00 AM

Edwards-Alexander Memorial Park Lions Shelter House

Three congregations: PEUMC, Nekoosa UCC, Rapids Congregational Church (UCC)

Potluck provided by all three churches.

Rapids Congregational Church is *hosting, Rev. Kate West is preaching.

*organizing the service; will go to Rapids in case of bad weather.

Sunday School 2024-2025

Will begin on Sunday, September 8th—Kick Off Sunday!

After that, we will have Sunday School every first Sunday of the month.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 1st – 10:00 am

- Sunday School begins!
- Journey Through the Bible, Year 3 Begins – *Year of Luke*.
- Cookout after the service.



Join us for the 3rd time for our 40-week journey through the Bible!

The journey starts on September 8th with Cain and Abel and we'll make our way through the Old Testament up until Christmastime. After that, we are in the Gospel of Luke through Easter (4/20) and Day of Pentecost (6/8).

AUGUST

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | Pastor's day off | Anniversary Bill & Jody Parks |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Communion Service 10:00 AM | | Sharing Memories Group – El Café-10:30A | Birthdays Anna Mykisen Jeff Taylor First Wednesday Service 7:00-8:00 p Fellowship Hall | Pastor out of town | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Birthday Lori Hintz Barbara Taylor Service 10:00 AM 2 nd Sunday Refreshments | Connie out of the office this week. | The Ministry Team – Lounge - 10:00A | Anniversary Ken & Sue Brzezinski | | Pastor's day off | |
| | | | | | DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR TRIVIA NIGHT. | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Service 10:00 AM Church Council 11:00 AM | Connie out of the office this week. | COMMUNITY TRIVIA NIGHT 6-7 Dinner 7 – Trivia PEUMC Fellowship Hall | S-PRC Lounge-10:00A | Birthday Gloria Wunrow Anniversary Phil & Ginnie Oliver | Birthday LuAnn Slattery Pastor's day off | Anniversary Curtis & Linda Frost |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Service 10:00 AM | | Birthday Mike Hintz | Birthday Carlyn Cumberland BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 3:00-6:00 PM Ripple Creek Park | Birthday Mable Johnson | | |

Church Office Hours:

Connie: Monday through Friday : 8:00a – noon

Connie will be out of the office for the entire weeks of 8/11 and 8/18.

Pastor: Monday through Thursday : 9:00a – 1:00p