

September 2020

Racine UMC Newsletter

401 East Main St., Racine, MN 55967

Worship: Sundays

Online Worship Services are available at this time of Crisis
*link shared through Racine UMC Facebook Page or you may email
the church if you prefer to receive the Worship service via email*

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Grace and Peace in the Name of Jesus Christ:

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact our church secretary, Norma Kenning, by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to: Racine UMC (rsumc@hmtel.com) Or by bringing your information to Norma during office hours (Thursdays, 5-7)

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Pastors Notes...

*Lately I have been pondering what once was
and yet I have a deep faith that "we" will be
again.*

*We will be together, we will be back in the
hustle and bustle, we will have a vaccine, we
will move forward.*

*Just as we are fast approaching our fall
season, I am filled with the assurance of
better days ahead. Soon we will be
reminiscing about the "remember when" year
of 2020. One thing is for certain, time keeps
moving forward.*

*This is just a pit stop along the way. But
the distance will never define us, and the
separation only makes us stronger. Our
friendships in Christ cannot be tarnished!
Keep your eye's on Christ and remember we
are united together no matter what this
earthly world hands us. Because we know
we can hand it directly to God!*



THE DISTANCE

By: Mel Rogers

*There is a distance between us. Never will we be
apart.*

The wind carries my heart directly to your door.

*The miles that separate us will not define us.
We will not be misguided by the opinionated
people.*

*We will fight for our rights. It will be a war
Between our hearts and our ever-changing
emotions.*

*Let's not sugar-coat it. This life will be
complicated. Our emotions will run wild.
Sometimes, we will lose our path.*

*But in the end, the distance will not separate us,
Define us or destroy us. We will stand together,
Even when we are far apart.*

The Way to Start your Day...

Go outside and face the East and greet the Sun with a blessing, chant or song that you made yourself and keep for early mornings. Do not fret if you do not know how to make a song it is very simple. First, don't try to think what words to use until you're standing there alone. When you feel the Sun, you'll feel the blessing, chant or song too. Just open your heart and release it. You see, a morning needs to be greeted. A new day needs to be honored. It is our responsibility to welcome the Sun and create a good day for it. We must also make a good world for it to live in one day at a time. So, as you rise out of bed tomorrow remember to look to the East and offer your blessing. And if you are very lucky there may be a time when the sky thanks you back with colors of beauty and magic. **Now that's the way to start a day!**

Special thank you to Bonnie Hotopp for sharing this.

Calendar of Events

(subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SPRC MEETING 6:30 pm via zoom	2 V-J DAY	3 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours 5-7pm	4	5
6 Online Worship "Communion"	7 	8	9	10 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours 5-7pm	11	12
13 Online Worship	14	15	16	17 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours 5-7pm	18	19 
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****If you do not have access to the internet and would like a weekly DVD copy of Worship Service, please call Pastor Bridget @ (507)438-1352 and you will be sent a weekly DVD of the worship services**

Tips on Reading the Bible Daily

Plan Length: 365 days

Estimated Completion Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Now don't get discouraged! We are in this together.

Second month of daily biblical connection. If you miss a few days no worries, you can catch up at your own pace.

Below is the reading schedule for September

1. Start reading the Bible today -- there is no
2. Set aside a specific time each day. Set your great, but feel free to use any time that works
3. Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not a short prayer to God before you begin, asking understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!



better time, and there's no reason to wait. schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are consistently for you. simply to accomplish your next reading. Say the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and

Day 32 - Exodus 27-28; Matthew 21:23-46

Day 33 - Exodus 29-30; Matthew 22:1-22

Day 34 - Exodus 31-33; Matthew 22:23-46

Day 35 - Exodus 34-36; Matthew 23:1-22

Day 36 - Exodus 37-38; Matthew 23:23-39

Day 37 - Exodus 39-40; Matthew 24:1-22

Day 38 - Leviticus 1-3; Matthew 24:23-51

Day 39 - Leviticus 4-6; Matthew 25:1-30

Day 40 - Leviticus 7-9; Matthew 25:31-46

Day 41 - Leviticus 10-12; Matthew 26:1-19

Day 42 - Leviticus 13; Matthew 26:20-54

Day 43 - Leviticus 14; Matthew 26:55-75

Day 44 - Leviticus 15-17; Matthew 27:1-31

Day 45 - Leviticus 18-19; Matthew 27:32-66

Day 46 - Leviticus 20-21; Matthew 28

Day 47 - Leviticus 22-23; Mark 1:1-22

Day 48 - Leviticus 24-25; Mark 1:23-45

Day 49 - Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2

Day 50 - Numbers 1-2; Mark 3:1-21

Day 51 - Numbers 3-4; Mark 3:22-35

Day 52 - Numbers 5-6; Mark 4:1-20

Day 53 - Numbers 7; Mark 4:21-41

Day 54 - Numbers 8-10; Mark 5:1-20

Day 55 - Numbers 11-13; Mark 5:21-43

Day 56 - Numbers 14-15; Mark 6:1-32

Day 57 - Numbers 16-17; Mark 6:33-56

Day 58 - Numbers 18-20; Mark 7:1-13

Day 59 - Numbers 21-25; Mark 7:14-37;
Mark 8:1-21

Day 60 - Numbers 26-27; Mark 8:22-38

Day 61 - Numbers 28-29; Mark 9:1-29

Congratulations!
You finished your second Month

Food Shelf

Thursdays 6 pm - 7 pm

PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING TO
HELP OUT AT OUR
FOOD SHELF!

We are very thankful for the dedicated volunteers that have kept the doors to the food shelf open these past months. Let us show our appreciation to them by offering our time so they may have the opportunity to step back and take a very necessary break.

VOLUNTEER



If you are available on Thursday from 6-7pm contact Tracy Hoover
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We also continue to distribute 20 backpacks a week to families. The backpacks are the boxes that Channel One is providing it feeds a family of 4 for one week.

Donations are welcome in the form of a monetary funds instead of food to promote social distancing and the safety of our volunteers and the people donating.

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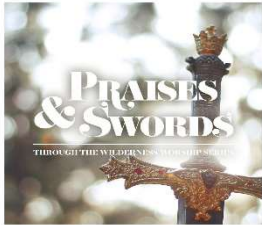
To all that donated to our Food Shelf matching grant.

We raised \$3,640.



September Worship Series -INTO THE WILDERNESS

September 6, 2020



If there is an emotion that seems to resonate throughout the texts for this first week of our new series, it is anger. If there is an emotion that often will launch us into a wilderness experience, it is also anger. So, this seems to be where we need to begin.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week 1: Praises and Swords

Read Exodus 12:1-14 - Matthew 18:15-20

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September 13, 2020



Remember, we are in the wilderness. The people standing on the shore, amazed at what God had accomplished, were not done with their journey. They had only just begun. We are on a journey too, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. And we have only just begun.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week 2: Into the Sea

Read Exodus 14:19-31- Exodus 15:1-11- Exodus 15:20-21 - Matthew 18:21-35

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September 20, 2020



Manna, that's what we're celebrating today. Manna in the wilderness, sustenance for the journey. But also, a question. "Manna" in Hebrew translates as, "What is it?" The perfect question for this odd stuff that just appeared in the wilderness every morning.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week 3: What Is It?

Read Exodus 16:2-15 - Matthew 20:1-16

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September 27, 2020



What if the theme for the week, "Strike the Rock," becomes a call for deeper living? "Strike the rock" means lean on God, trust in Jesus. Strike the rock means find the joy even in difficult moments, even in the wilderness. Striking the rock is trusting that there is a way forward even when it seems like there is no way. Striking the rock is a declaration of faith, even when it seems like giving up makes more sense.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week 4: Strike the Rock

Read Exodus 17:1-7 - Matthew 21:23-32

Face Covering Requirements and Recommendations under Executive Order 20-81

As of July 25, 2020, per the [Governor's Executive Order 20-81](#), people in Minnesota are required to wear a face covering in all indoor businesses and public indoor spaces, unless alone. Additionally, workers are required to wear a face covering when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. **Research has shown that use of face coverings can greatly reduce the risk of infection when combined with other prevention efforts such as social distancing and hand hygiene.**

Types of Face Coverings

Types of face coverings can include a paper or disposable mask, a cloth mask, a neck gaiter, a scarf, a bandanna, or a religious face covering.

A face covering must cover the nose and mouth completely. The covering should not be overly tight or restrictive and should feel comfortable to wear.

Any mask that incorporates a valve that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, mesh masks, or masks with openings, holes, visible gaps in the design or material, or vents are not sufficient face coverings because they allow droplets to be released from the mask.

A face covering is not a substitute for social distancing but is especially important in situations when maintaining at least a 6-foot distance from other individuals who are not members of the same household is not possible.

It is not known whether face shields (a clear plastic barrier that covers the face) provide the same source control for droplets as face masks, but they may be an option in situations where wearing a face mask is problematic. For optimal protection, the shield should extend below the chin and to the ears, and there should be no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield's headpiece.

Although medical-grade masks (e.g., surgical face masks, N95 respirators) are sufficient face coverings, members of the public who do not work in health care or an occupation that requires medical-grade protective equipment (e.g., certain construction professions) are discouraged from wearing them as they should be reserved for those workers.

People exempted from the face covering requirement

Children under age 2 years must not wear face coverings. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old are not required to wear face coverings, but are encouraged to wear a face covering when in public if they can do so reliably in compliance with CDC guidance on [How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings](#) (i.e., without frequently touching or removing the face covering).

People who have medical or other health conditions, disabilities or mental health, developmental, or behavioral needs that make it difficult to tolerate wearing a face covering.

Any person who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, sleeping, incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance.

People at their workplace when wearing a face covering would create a safety hazard to the person or others as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

Alternatives to masks such as clear face shields may be considered for those with health conditions or situations where wearing a mask is problematic. Face shields may also be used as an alternative to face coverings when specifically permitted in the applicable Industry Guidance available at [Stay Safe Minnesota](#).

When it is required to wear a face covering

In all indoor businesses and public indoor spaces, including when waiting outside to enter the public indoor space or business.

When riding on public transportation such as buses or trains, or in a taxi, ride-sharing vehicle, or vehicle that is being used for a business purpose.

For workers only: When working outdoors in situations where social distancing (i.e., maintaining physical distance of at least six feet from other individuals who are not in the same household) cannot be maintained.

When present in a business, whether indoor or outdoor, that has additional face covering requirements. Businesses are allowed to require face coverings even in situations where face coverings are not otherwise required by Executive Order 20-81.

When applicable industry guidance, available at [Stay Safe Minnesota](#), specifically requires face coverings (refer to the industry-specific guidance section, below).

When a face covering is not required

When at home or in an assigned room or living unit in a place of temporary lodging (e.g., hotel or motel room) or other place where a person may reside short- or long-term (e.g., shelter, dormitory, residential treatment facility, long-term care facility, correctional facility).

However, workers who enter a person's home or assigned living unit for purposes of their job—for example, home health care aides or staff in a residential treatment, long-term care, or correctional facility—must wear face coverings when doing so. Certain facilities—including hospitals, shelters, long-term care facilities, residential programs licensed under Minnesota Statutes chapter 245D, residential treatment facilities, or correctional facilities—may also require visitors and residents, patients, or inmates to wear face coverings even when in a living unit.

When in a private vehicle being used for private (i.e., non-business) purposes.

When outdoors or participating in outdoor recreation (e.g., exercising, walking, gardening) for private purposes. However, workers are required to wear face coverings when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Even in situations where face coverings are not required, all people should carry a face covering to prepare for close interactions with others or to enter an indoor space.

When can a face covering can be temporarily removed

While eating or drinking, if you can maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others who are not a member of the same party.

When someone asks to verify an identity for lawful purposes, such as when ordering an alcoholic beverage or entering certain events.

When participating in an activity in which the face covering will get wet. For example, when swimming.

While communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, or who has a medical condition, disability, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a mask difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible between people who are not members of the same household.

While receiving a service—including a dental examination or procedure, medical examination or procedure, or personal care service—that cannot be performed or would be difficult to perform when the individual receiving the service is wearing a face covering.

When alone, such as when working in an office or a cubicle with walls higher than face level when social distancing is maintained, in an enclosed indoor area, in a vehicle, or in the cab of heavy equipment or machinery. In such situations, people should still carry face coverings to be prepared to wear when no longer alone.

When participating in organized sports where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult.

When participating in indoor physical exercise—such as in a gym or fitness center—where the level of exertion makes wearing a face covering difficult, as long as social distancing can be maintained at all times.

When testifying, speaking, or performing in an indoor business or public indoor space, in situations or settings such as theaters, news conferences, legal proceedings, governmental meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law (Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 13D), presentations, or lectures, provided that social distancing is always maintained. Face shields should be considered as an alternative in these situations.

During practices or performances in an indoor business or indoor public space when a face covering cannot be used while playing a musical instrument, provided that social distancing is always maintained.

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