

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, September 24th

9:00 am-Adult Bible Study  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship-**Teacher Dedication**  
 11:30 am-**Confirmation w/parents**

## Monday, September 25th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution

## Tuesday, September 26th

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, September 27th

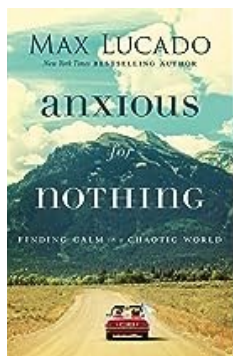
3:30 pm-Zone 4th-6th graders  
 5:00 pm-Handbell practice  
 6:00 pm-Bible Study w/Kiboko  
 6:00 pm-Youth 7th-8th graders  
 7:00 pm-Youth meal  
 7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th graders

## Thursday, September 28th

4:30 pm-**Missions meeting**

## Sunday, October 1st

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study w/Melva  
 10:00 am-Worship w/**Communion**  
**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**  
 11:30 am-**Confirmation**



Melva Bainbridge  
 will be leading a  
 5 week  
 Bible Study  
 beginning  
 Sunday, September 17th  
 At 9:00 am  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**

## Prayer Requests

Karen Salmen	Carol Prichard
John Nichols	Lance Bellinghausen
Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Dyese (DK) Kilumba
Kim Piercy	Reid (Rude) Sears
Virginia Carlson	Terry Davenport
Bev Schmidt	Donna Blom
Melva Bainbridge	Drew Havens
Stan Quick	Rachel Neuroth
Stephanie Quick	Kevin Eddie
Coleen Baughman	Dan Hegarty
Ellen Webb	Wally Johnson
Craig Boeset	Marlon Gasner
Sondi Raveling	David Walker
LaVonne Robb	Margaret Weber

## Birthdays this week in September

Nora Brostad	24th
Lenora Clausen	24th
Rosemary Clausen	24th
Jayprel Kapiriel	26th
Bruce Richardson	27th
Carl Turner	29th
Ann Marie Fiorendino	29th
Linda Sliefert	30th



# WELCOME

## New Members

Join us in welcoming  
 new members  
 Sunday, October 1st  
 Worship Service

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COLOR: GREEN

PRELUDE

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"  
"Prelude in Classic Style"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Walther  
G. Young  
Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**UMH #384**

Love divine all loves excelling  
Joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus Thou art all compassion  
Pure unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart

-Verse 2-

Breathe O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast  
Let us all in Thee inherit  
Let us find that second rest  
Take away our bent to sinning  
Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty

-Verse 3-

Come Almighty to deliver  
Let us all Thy life receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Never more Thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing  
Glory in Thy perfect love

-Verse 4-

Finish then Thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in heaven we take our place  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee  
Lost in wonder love and praise

*Please join in the Call to Worship read responsively...*

*Bob North*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Dear friends, open your hearts to God's loving mercy.  
P: **Lord, come into our hearts this morning.**  
L: Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.  
P: **Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.**  
L: Dear friends, feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.  
P: **Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives.**  
**AMEN.**

*Please join in the...*

*Bob North*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Loving God, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning  
Is now, and ever shall be  
World without end.  
Amen, Amen

*Please be seated and join in the...*

*Bob North*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear God, You know how fickle we are. We proclaim your presence with us and then we behave in ways which run counter to your word. We get caught up in our own needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the deep morass and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

*Hear these...*

*Bob North*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives. God is with us through all our experiences. Though we try we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is good news for all of us! **AMEN.**

**ALL: AMEN. THANKS BE TO GOD!**

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name  
 I've been born again in Jesus' name  
 And in Jesus' name I come to you  
 To share His love as He told me to

-Chorus-  
 He said freely freely  
 You have received  
 Freely freely give  
 Go in My name  
 And because you believe  
 Others will know that I live

-Verse 2-  
 All power is given in Jesus' name  
 In earth and heaven in Jesus' name  
 And in Jesus' name I come to you  
 To share His power as He told me to

-Chorus-  
 He said freely freely  
 You have received  
 Freely freely give  
 Go in My name  
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Together, let us pray:

- L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)  
 Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)  
 Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)  
 Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**
- L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)  
 Lord, in your mercy.      **P: Hear our prayer**

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Joan Rude

**THE CHURCH IN MISSION**

TEACHER DEDICATION

Joan Rude

**HYMN OF ILLUMINATION**

"Jesus Name Above All Names"

**TFWS #2071**

Jesus name above all names  
 Beautiful Savior glorious Lord  
 Emmanuel God is with us  
 Blessed Redeemer living Word  
 (repeat all)

<b>THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON</b>	Isaiah 55:6-9	<i>Tim Gallagher</i>
<b>THE EPISTLE READING</b>	Philippians 1:20c-24	<i>Tim Gallagher</i>
<b>THE GOSPEL READING</b>	Matthew 20:1-16a	<i>Tim Gallagher</i>
<b>SERMON</b>	"You Are Needed"	Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

## **MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION**

(This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are, or you can come to the altar as we sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (UMH # 382).

-Verse 1-

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
 Thou art the Potter I am the clay  
 Mold me and make me after Thy will  
 While I am waiting yielded and still

-Verse 2-

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
 Search me and try me Savior today  
 Wash me just now Lord wash me just now  
 As in Thy presence humbly I bow

-Verse 3-

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
 Wounded and weary help me I pray  
 Power all power surely is Thine  
 Touch me and heal me Savior divine

-Verse 4-

Have Thine own way Lord have Thine own way  
 Hold o'er my being absolute sway  
 Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
 Christ only always living in me

## **PASTORAL 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.**

## **THE INVITATION TO GIVING**

**OFFERING** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" A. Jordan

**Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC**  
 (Offering boxes are at the back of the sanctuary. Please place your offering therein. Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.)

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Bob North*

Heavenly Father, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. AMEN.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom"

**UMH # 666**

Shalom to you now  
shalom my friends  
May God's full mercies  
bless you my friends  
In all your living and  
through your loving  
Christ be your shalom  
Christ be your shalom

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Rinck