

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, October 1st

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study w/Melva  
 10:00 am-Worship w/Communion  
**NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

## Monday, October 2nd

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution  
 4:30 pm-NOW Singers

## Tuesday, October 3rd

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

## Wednesday, October 4th

1:30 pm-Women in Mission  
 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

## Sunday, October 8th

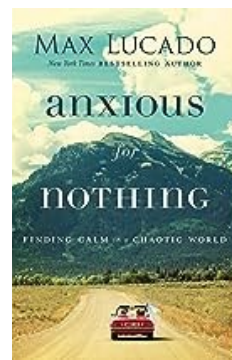
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## Prayer Requests

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

## Birthdays this week in October

Cheryl Delp	5th
Julie Pedersen	4th
Alli Magnussen	7th



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



- \*Brittany Boeset
- \*Erica Boeset
- \*Matt & Katie Brostad (Nora, Clare, Emma)
- \*Mike & Kelli Cameron (Tyler & Blake)
- \*Jayprel & Nelly Kapiriel (Drake & Jarell)
- \*Kurt & Shelby Lucas (Nora & Mia)
- \*Kim McKenna (Jason, Nellie & Mavrick)
- \*John Nichols
- \*Nathan & Taryn Reichter (Rena & Rollins)

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 01, 2023  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"  
"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

Deanna Larson, organist  
S. Karg-Elert  
D. Bish

WELCOME

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**UMH #420**

-Verse 1-

Breathe on me breath of God  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love  
And do what Thou wouldst do

-Verse 2-

Breathe on me breath of God  
Until my heart is pure  
Until with Thee I will one will  
To do and to endure

-Verse 3-

Breathe on me breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine

-Verse 4-

Breathe on me breath of God  
So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity

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

*Shelby O'Bannon*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome to God's house! We are delighted to have you here!

P: **We hunger for God's word of hope.**

L: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life giving love of God.

P: **We thirst for God's healing in our lives.**

L: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed, and your thirst quenched.

P: **Thanks be to God who provides for our needs.**

*Please join in the...*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

*Shelby O'Bannon*

God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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...*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Shelby O'Bannon*

God of mercy, your love has never been far from us. Even when we turn our backs on people in need, when we seek our own comfort and neglect opportunities to help others, when we, by our thoughts and actions, betray you, you always are with us. Forgive us for all those acts of cowardice and self-centeredness that have drawn us away from you. Heal our spirits and rebuild our lives. You have placed us in a global community in which illness, oppression, greed, fear, and anger abound. You ask us to proclaim your words of hope and love, of healing mercy for all your people. Place us again on the path of peace for all your children. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Hear these...*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*Shelby O'Bannon*

Hear the good news, friends! While we wandered in fear, God was with us, offering us hope and courage. God is with you this day, this very minute, lifting you from despair to hope. This is good news! God is always with us. AMEN.

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

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Precious Lord Take My Hand"**

**UMH # 474**

Precious Lord take my hand  
lead me on let me stand  
I am tired I am weak I am worn  
Through the storm through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

(continued...)

-Verse 2-  
When my way grows drear  
precious Lord linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

-Verse 3-  
When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
guide my feet and hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

## 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"

Cheryl Baughman

## THE CHURCH IN MISSION

FRIENDSHIP FUND

Marjean O'Bannon

## HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp"

**UMH #601**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

## THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23 - 32

Shelby O'Bannon

## SERMON

"By Whose Authority?"

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 "The Old Rugged Cross" (UMH # 504).

-Verse 1-

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

-Chorus-

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

-Verse 2-

O that old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

-Chorus-

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

-Verse 3-

In that old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

-Chorus-

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

-Verse 4-

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

-Chorus-

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

## NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise  
your name and join their unending hymn;

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen' Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...Amen

## 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

"Bread of the World"

S. Jarrell

**Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC**

(Offering plates will be passed. The Friendship Fund box is at the back of the sanctuary.

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 (Based on Matthew 21:23-32)**

*Shelby O'Bannon*

Holy God of infinite patience and grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations. When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living reflect our desire to be on the path that would be recognized as faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name we pray. 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**

"Allegro"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Bennett