

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, October 8th

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 10:00 am-Worship w/Handbells  
 12:30 pm-Youth to Adventureland

## Monday, October 9th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
 4:00 pm-Food Distribution  
 5:30 pm-Finance meeting

## Tuesday, October 10th

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
 9:30 am-Cleaning woodwork w/Pam  
 3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, October 11th

9:30 am-Project Group  
 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, October 12th

9:30 am to 3:00 pm-Card Workshop  
 4:30 pm-NOW Singers  
 5:30 pm-SPRC meeting

## Saturday, October 14th

7:30 am-UMM meeting

## Sunday, October 15th

### NOISY OFFERING

8:30 am-Confirmation  
 9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
 w/Ingathering store  
 9:00 am-Adult Bible Study w/Melva  
 10:00 am-Worship w/NOW Singers

2:00 pm-Grief Facilitators Training  
 6:00 pm-Charge Conference

## Prayer Requests

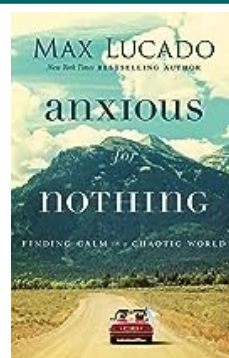
Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Kim Piercy
Melva Bainbridge	Carol Prichard
Coleen Baughman	Stan Quick
Lance Bellinghausen	Stephanie Quick
Donna Blom	Sondi Raveling
Craig Boeset	Deb Richardson
Virginia Carlson	LaVonne Robb
Kevin Eddie	Karen Salmen
Marlon Gasner	Bev Schmidt
Drew Havens	Reid (Rude) Sears
Dan Hegarty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

## Birthdays this week in October

Duane Gerlach	8th
Dwight Young	8th
Ruth Stark	9th
Jean Bennett	13th
Halle Patten	14th
Elliott Schiltz	14th
Terry Zimmerman	14th



**GRIEF FACILITATORS TRAINING**  
 2:00 PM OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>



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

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 08, 2023  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
COLOR: GREEN

PRELUDE

"Ciacona"  
"How Firm a Foundation"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Pachelbel  
D. Wood

WELCOME

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Rude

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

**UMH #369**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

-Verse 2-

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

-Verse 3-

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

-Chorus-

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

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

*Jan Finnegan*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

- L: Dear friends, welcome to God's house, a place of faith.  
P: From our homes, we come seeking God's word.  
L: Here you will find nourishment and hope.  
P: **May we learn lessons of courage and peace.**  
L: Here you will find rest from your struggles  
P: Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people. AMEN.

*Please join in the...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, from the mountaintop in ancient Israel, you gave your people ways in which to live in harmony with all creation. As time has progressed the power of those words seems to have faded in our lives and we often succumb to base temptations of power and greed. Bring us back to your words of compassion and hope, offered to all creation by your Son Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and your direction in our lives. Receive our prayers this morning in the name of Jesus Christ. 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...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We keep slamming into walls, O merciful God, when we are left to our own devices. Throughout our faith history, your Son offered words of healing and hope to people who dwelled in darkness. In the brilliant light of his love, people grew and flourished. But now, Lord, we find that this world dominates our lives. We are troubled, angry, and fearful. We want to see your presence in the world, but we spend far too much time looking for the "big picture" rather than seeing the myriad of ways in which your love and healing power is shown. Forgive us when we grow impatient with you and with the course of things in our lives. Heal our wounds and put us back on pathways of peace and service. Enable us to speak your words of hope in this darkened world. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*Hear these...*

*Jan Finnegan*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the words of hope! Though the days seem to darken quickly, the brilliant light of your love and presence will always be a guide and comfort to us. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

GOLDEN TONES HANDBELL CHOIR

Linda Baier, director

"Prayer"

by Jeanne C. Warzym

**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**

Ingathering

Pam Milbrandt

**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 21:34 - 46

*Natelyn Phillips***VIDEO**

"True Love Goes Beyond the Ordinary"

**SERMON**

"In Your Presence, Lord"

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 "My Hope Is Built" (UMH # 368).

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name  
(continued...)

-Chorus-

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

-Verse 2-

When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

-Chorus-

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

-Verse 3-

His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

-Chorus-

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

-Verse 4-

When he shall come with trumpet sound  
O may I then in him be found  
Dressed in his righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

-Chorus-

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

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

"How Great Thou Art"

J. Linker

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.

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)**

*Jan Finnegan*

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.

**\*CLOSING 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**

"March"

Deanna Larson, organist  
G.F. Handel