

# Joys and Prayers

Prayers for Jim Kausie's sister, Jean, as her lung condition is making it increasingly difficult for her to breathe.

Please pray for Kathy Atnip who had total knee replacement on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pray for positive and full recovery.

Prayers for Greg Kleindl's son in-law, Michael as he deals with his worsening ALS symptoms. Prayers also for Greg's wife, Cindy who struggles with continued fatigue.

Continue prayers for friends of Marvin and Rhonda Whitman, Jacki is home - did not have to stay in a rehab center. Paul is seeing increased effects of the cancer and chemo. Fluids drained from his abdomen have floating cancer cells - metastasizing cancer. Maybe 18 months for him. He's thankful for the prayers.

**Joys** - Kimberly Martinson has been released from the hospital! Thank you for all of your prayers.

## Home Bound or in Care Centers

June Harvey, Danielle Mensing, Jane Larsen, Rick Jenson, Mary Ellen Lidgerding, Ramona Reidt, Betty Hazen, Rose Marie Johnson, Loren Heffern, Barbara Laatsch, Carolyn Hubbard, Rosella Blakley.

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# Sunday Bulletin

**JUNE 14, 2026**

## WORSHIP WARM-UP

"The Little Brown Church in the Vale"

See words on screen

"God is Speaking" Words on screen

"Here I Am Lord" Hymnal #593

## GREETING

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

**People: God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.**

Leader: God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

**People: God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.**

Leader: God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

**People: God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.**

Leader: Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

**People: God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

**\*OPENING SONG** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymnal # 139

## OPENING PRAYER

God of astonishing grace, you have been surprisingly, abundantly, and almost ridiculously good to us, bringing light and life and healing and hope into our lives even when we could never earn or deserve such miraculously good gifts. We thank you for the persistent presence of your goodness and grace in our lives. Show us how you can use us this week—maybe even starting now!—as an ambassador of your love to the world around us. Through Christ we pray, Amen.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8

## MESSAGE

"Laughable"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## PRAYER HYMN

"Something Beautiful"

Hymnal # 394

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

## OFFERING PRAYER

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, **Amen.**

## \*HYMN

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" Faith We Sing # 2241

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** Handel's suite #16 (HWV 452): Allemande and Courante

# Upcoming Events

June 14, 2026

**Foot & Nail Clinic with Nurse Jacki Bruchert**, 2nd Wed. of the month 9:00-3:00 pm. Contact Jackie at 715-529-5637 to schedule appt.

**Sarah Zarbock, Parish Nurse**, In the Conference Room or Fireside Room most Fridays from 9:30 -11:30 Feel free to stop by with any health or faith concerns.

**Mom's Group**, 4th Sunday 10:15 am, Education wing. Childcare available.

**Mission U—Experiencing Emmanuel.** Join us thru Zoom on Tues., & Thurs., June 16, 18, 23, 25, 6:30-9:00 pm. See the poster on bulletin board for more info. Everyone is welcome.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Third Thursday of the Month, 4:00 pm Fireside room for more information contact Margaret Hastings or Sarah Zarbock.

**Summer Camp 2026**, Contact Amanda at: family\_outreach@menomonieumc.org. Registration now open.

**Grief Group**, Tuesday, July 28, 6 pm, Fireside. For more info contact Sarah Zarbock.

*Contacts thru email are listed on the back of this bulletin.*



**Monday's Meal June 15**  
**Menu subject to change**  
Mexican Egg Omelette,  
Fruit, Sweet Treat

Betty Hazen is in need of paper for the cards, bookmarks, and crosses she makes to give to others. Specifically she is looking for construction paper and scrapbook paper. If you are able to provide some, simply leave on the church counter and Anita Wiese will take to her when she visits her on Wednesdays.

Pastor Inwha and his wife, Esther, will be arriving in Menomonie on July 1st. If you'd like to send them a welcome note and share some of your favorite things about the Menomonie area, you can reach them at this address.

If you have a family photo you would like to share, include that too!

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