

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.
Come to the Word, and come to the meal,
Come without question or pressure or price:
Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger,
Looking for change, or challenge of light.
We all are people whose calling is care,
Bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

Come to me, come to us, broken or building,
Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest, to
Share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.

- *Come to Us*, Rory Cooney

I can't believe it will soon be three months since we picked up our son after finishing his first year in college. Where have the days gone? The four of us had a busy summer individually and as a family. In a couple of weeks, I have to bring him back to campus. He will start this next year of college experiencing and learning to be a part of the community. He has to manage a new class schedule and adjust to the new rhythm in balancing his studies, resting, and having some fun, as well. I hope he is excited rather than overwhelmed.

We had a wonderful VBS, Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God, last week. I was happy to see some of the young families and friends. The youth group will be going on a field trip to Six Flags this weekend before school starts. For me, this season requires creative energy as I work on the worship series for the rest of the year. I just saw several of our neighborhood kids on their bikes at a cul-de-sac. They must have been heading to the park nearby. Before their long summer break comes to a close, they should enjoy playing every day. They do not mind the heat of 88 degrees, as well as my dog, who is currently sunbathing on the deck!

As we welcome the month of August, I hope we can listen to God's invitation to ground ourselves in grace, as Rory Cooney's beautiful song captures the yearning heart of Holy Community, Triune God. God draws us to come as we are, wherever we are on the journey. God calls us to live in community with one another. Here's your family waiting to welcome you home. Let us gather around the table of grace. Let us feast in God's love once again!

Peace & Blessings,


Pastor Mi-Sook Yoo

August 2025 Newsletter



August 2
Youth 6 Flags Outing

August 3
Communion Sunday
"Abounds"
2 Corinthians 9:8-9
John 2:1-11

August 10
Back to School Blessing
"Beloved"
Mark 1:4-11

Summer Potluck

August 17
"Sufficient"
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

August 24
"Flows"
Jeremiah 17:5-8

New Member class

August 31
Labor Day Weekend
"Zests"
Genesis 2:2-4
Matthew 11: 28-30



August Birthdays

- Stryder Gustafson 8/1
- Phyllis Wischoffer 8/2
- Doug Literski 8/3
- Eric Linner 8/4
- Terence Agabin 8/5
- Hahn Le 8/17
- Casey Deak 8/20
- Karen Hernandez 8/20
- Logan Moring 8/21
- Linda Mullen 8/23
- Mike Mullen 8/25
- Debbie Thomas 8/31

August Anniversaries

- Ronald & Brenda Gray 8/1
- Don & Robin Deak 8/15
- Eric & Michele Linner 8/18
- Joe & Lisa Greenwood 8/20

If you are celebrating your birthday and/or anniversary this month, but do not see your name, please call the office and let us know.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen mullen520@comcast.net

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m. *Summer Break*

Lisa Greenwood lisajoegreenwood@yahoo.com

Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Summer Potluck ☀ Sunday, Aug 10 ☀ Following Service

Let's have some fun this summer! Join us for our Summer Potluck on Sunday, August 10 following service. Bring your family and a dish to share. Sign up in the church lobby.

Praying Stitchers Ministry ☀ Monday, Aug 11 ☀ 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Jean Jaderborg or Cheryl Fournier. Our next meeting is at church on Monday, Aug 11.

Crop Walk Fundraiser ☀ Lou Malnati's ☀ Tuesday, Aug 12

"Crop Walk" needs to be mentioned for all orders, dine-in or takeout. The online order promo code is **GPFUND24**. Orders through 3rd party apps, such as Door Dash or Uber Eats, will not count towards the fundraiser. Lakewood - Dine In & Take Out * Cary - Take Out Only * 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

New Member Class ☀ Sunday, Aug 24 ☀ Following Service

If you're new to our church family and would like to know more about us, please join Pastor Mi-Sook and members of our Nurturing Team as we get to know one another on Sunday, Aug 24 following service.

Medicare Basics: Understanding Your Options ☀ Sun, Sept 14

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Sept 14 at 11:30 a.m. for a Medicare presentation by Deana Liss who is the Executive Director at Elderwerks Educational Services. Light lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the lobby.

Crop Walk ☀ Sunday, Sept 28

Let us come together as a community to end hunger one step at a time. Help us to raise funds to provide life saving support, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves. See Debbie Thomas to sign up.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 🌻 10:15 a.m.

We are now offering in person Sunday School for children. After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

Back to School Blessing 🌻 Sunday, Aug 10

We invite all students and teachers to join us for the Back to School Blessing on Sunday, Aug 10 during service. Together, we will bless them for a happy and healthy new school year.

Youth Group 🌻 Sunday, Aug 24 🌻 4 p.m.

Come meet your friends and learn and share a great time of fellowship and fun!

Six Flags Trip 🌻 Saturday, Aug 2

We invite all youth to join us for a youth outing to 6 Flags Great America on Saturday, Aug 2. Please RSVP with Debbie Thomas if you would like to attend.



August Collection



Crystal Lake Food Pantry



You can drop off gently used clothes & shoes in the bin.

Reach Everyone with Acts of kindness & build Communities of Hope

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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

The Culver's fundraiser was a huge success. We made over \$1300 with money from Culvers and tips. Thank you to all that volunteered!!



Collection of items for school backpacks for students in Huntley will continue until August 10th. The bin is in the lobby and lists are on the bulletin board and in the e-news.

If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner.

Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at mliner@sbcglobal.net.

Back to School Drive Supply List	
	• Backpack (no wheels)
	• #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
	• Pencil Top Eraser
	• Pink Bevel Eraser
	• 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
	• 10 Pack Crayola Washable Thick Markers
	• 8 Pack Crayola Regular Thick Tip Classic Markers
	• 12 Pack Crayola 7-inch Colored Pencils
	• Plastic Pocket Folders with Center Prongs
	• 70 Count Wide Spiral Notebook
	• 5' Fiskars Scissors
	• Kleenex

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