

As Seasons Transition

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1. As King Solomon presents in the book of Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to plant, a time to gather the harvest; A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to be silent and a time to speak.

According to God’s plan, seasons change, and every season has its own beauty, grace and purpose. So, it is with the life of the Church; So, it is with the shepherds who are brought in to serve and to be sent to serve elsewhere.

All of us and our Churches are in a season of transition. The Bishop’s Cabinet has made new pastoral appointments: Pastor Mi-Sook has been moved to another Conference, and I have been appointed to Algonquin Christ UMC starting July of 2026.

As I prepare for this pastoral transition, I honor my time serving at Epworth the past five years. I was called there to scatter the seeds of faith, nurture the young and matured spiritually and share in their stories. As I prepare to leave Epworth, I carry those gathered stories and shared moments with me to the new Church.

As much as I ask God to continue growing the seeds of love at Epworth, I also pray that the Lord to fill my basket with seeds of love, compassion and resources to scatter them on the new soil of Algonquin: Christ UMC.

This is indeed a season of transition for you in the congregation, for myself, my husband, our daughters and including Archie (fur baby). As we journey through these changing seasons, I pray that: may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit sustain us and remain with us now and always as we proclaim the good news of Christ in this ever-changing world.

I can’t wait to meet you and minister with and to the community of Algonquin!

Peace and Blessings,



Pastor Satya Sudhakar.

July 2026 Newsletter



Happy Fourth of July!

July 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost Communion

“Go Where You Are Sent”

Genesis 12:1-9

Matthew 28:18-20

July 12

7th Sunday after Pentecost “Road Trip to a Wedding at Cana: Do What You’re Told”

John 2:1-12

July 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost “Road to Damascus: A radical Turn in life

Acts 9:1-6

* July 22, 5-8 p.m.

Crystal Lake Culver’s Fundraiser

* July 25, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Minecraft VBS

July 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost “Difficult and Dangerous Roads”

Luke 10:25-37



July Birthdays

Judy Lange 7/2
Ken Smith 7/5
Thelma Jones 7/14
Kathy Stallone 7/14
Ronald Gray 7/15
Jenny Heider 7/25
Megan Huibregtse 7/25
Connie Gustafson 7/29
Amanda Le 7/31

July Anniversaries

Terry & Peggy
Burke 7/13
Matt & Debbie
Thomas 7/14
Aaron & Jenny
Heider 7/24

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 lisajogreenwood@yahoo.com

Amy Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

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

Bryan Doyle amybryandoyle@aim.com

Praying Stitchers Ministry ✨ Monday, July 13 ✨ 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 Cheryl Fournier.

Midwest Mission Trip ✨ July 12 - 14

This year along with First UMC Woodstock, we will be visiting Midwest Missions on Sunday, July 12 to Tuesday, July 14. We will leave on Sunday afternoon and work on Monday morning, afternoon and Tuesday morning shifts. There are 16 spots available. If you would like to join our volunteer group, please sign up in the church lobby or talk to Eric Linner, the team leader.

VBS ✨ Saturday, July 25 ✨ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sign up in the lobby and join us for a Minecraft VBS day of fun. "Putting on the Full Armor of God." We will have a special "Minecraft themed" catered lunch from 12:30 - 1 p.m. We need your help to make this a successful VBS. Please check the sign-up sheet in the church lobby to volunteer at VBS!

Cougars Baseball Game ✨ Sunday, August 2 ✨ 1 p.m.

The M&M's invite ALL church family members and friends to the Kane County Cougar game on Sunday, August 2nd. Tickets are \$15. That includes \$15 in Ozzie Bucks to spend on food. Please RSVP by July 22. Talk to Bryan Doyle or Dave Dodge following service on Sunday to make a commitment and pay for ticket.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School Class 10:15 a.m.

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

Youth Group Summer Break

We will resume Youth Group in August with our annual 6 Flags trip.



July Collection



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

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LET US GIVE

Greetings from the Mission Team!

In July, the food collected will be delivered to Algonquin/LITH food pantry.

This month, we are going on a short mission trip to Midwest Missions, located near Springfield, IL. Dates are July 12-14. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Eric Linner.

Join us at Culver's in Crystal Lake on July 22nd. Notice this is the first time we have done a fund-raiser at the **Crystal Lake location** and the time is different – just 5-8pm. Watch for a signup sheet on the Missions bulletin board in July.

Also the details are being worked out for our school supplies and backpack collection. Once we get the lists, they will be available to take with you and shop for everything on the list. If you want to contribute, we will let you know the cost. This year we will be supporting one school and each grade at the school. Watch for more details.

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 mlinner@sbcglobal.net.

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