
**August
2026**

River Glen Shared Ministry

“United in Christ”

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Greetings, everyone.

I am writing this letter right in front of Niagara Falls. The summer falls are truly majestic, showing a powerful force that leaves me in awe. It is here that my parents' visit to the U.S. reaches its midpoint—a special turning point for us.

On the road to this place, we shared so many meaningful conversations. I got to hear stories from the past that I had never heard before: the time they frantically searched for me when I got lost as a young child, how our family settled down in the church, the story of my father's business failure, and the simple everyday lives of our neighbors. These stories of life were even more magnificent and touching than the waterfall itself. Perhaps the true essence of a journey lies not in the destination, but on the road itself.

Our journey of faith is much the same. While we all live out our faith with the Kingdom of God as our destination, the Kingdom often reveals itself in our daily lives—in unexpected ways and through unexpected moments.

It was only last Sunday that I finished visiting all five of our churches to worship with each community. Each church offered a beautiful and charming service, uniquely its own. Perhaps our ministry journey should be like a slow, careful dance—one that takes time, care, and patience. Yet, I firmly believe that as we follow His rhythm and step, God's shining grace will surely be given to us step by step. I look forward to it, and my heart is already full of joy. Let us enjoy this path together.

"The Lord directs the steps of the godly; He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. - Psalm 37:23-24 "

In Christ's Grace,

Pastor Anna (Shinae) Kim



Joint Service

There will be a Joint Worship Service and Potluck at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 2nd at Faith Family United Methodist Church, 2692 154th Ave., Emerald. There will be no services at Glenwood City, Boyceville, Downing or Wheeler that day!



Thank You to our July Worship Leaders:

Earl Blodgett Heather Greene
Bruce Drinkman Bonnie Walters
Howard Hintzman
Dick & Marlys Tews

We couldn't do this without you!

The next worship planning meeting is at 6 p.m. on Friday, August 14th at the Glenwood City church. If you are interested in helping with a service, please attend.

A CHURCH ON A MISSION

Both the Boyceville and Glenwood City churches are collecting items for the Operation Back-to-School program at WestCAP. More information about what is needed can be found on their pages.

Books, Brownies, and Beverages

(BBB at UMC)

Friday, August 21, 2026, 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 9 am - 3 pm



Fundraiser for New Furnace

(Prevent the Penguin Invasion - Part II)

Free Will Donation

Boyceville United Methodist Church
804 St. John Street
Boyceville, WI



Enjoy Pickle Fest 2026! August 21st – 23rd

I can trust God to provide what I need.

7-25-26 Upper Room

PRAYER

list

Sister Alegria	Carol Cherney
Julie Babbit	Sister Confianza
Pastor Sue Oeffler	Marlene Larson
Jo Smith	Dick Tews
Pastor Shannon Mattison	Nancy Hill
LeRoy Salzman	Ed Stine
Pastor Don Drollinger	Debbie Stevens
Penny Warner	Jodi Main
Sheldon Simonson	Bruce Ohman
Family & Friends of Dennis Swenby	
Family & Friends of Mary Miller	
All countries with wars—Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, the Mideast—especially the children, migrants, immigrants, and refugees under the threat of forced deportation	
Grandson in the military in Middle East	
Those battling cancer	
Peace in the world	
Victims of natural disasters	
Our shut-ins & those in nursing homes	

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August birthdays:

2	Jessica Hiben
7	Jared Kegen
8	Sandy Christian, Leslie Olson
9	Mason Nelson
10	Hunter Jones
11	Juanita James
17	Jessica Gove-Minor
23	Russell Roemhild
25	Laurie Tone, Edna Forrest
27	Larissa Krueger

Happy Birthday and God bless you!

August Anniversaries:

9	Nick & Allison Schone
20	Jeremy & Jolene Leduc
25	Earl & Marguerite Blodgett
29	Tom & Vicki Larson
30	Marvin & Jean Booth

Congratulations and God Bless You!

NewsLetter
DEADLine

Gleaner news is due by
noon on Tuesday, August 25th.
Please contact Tammy Nelson
at 715-505-2657 or
riverglensharedministry@gmail.com
with your news. Thanks.

How can I use the talents God has given me to serve my community?
6-29-26 Upper Room

Women's Evening Fellowship Group

The Monday night Bible study will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd **at the church** in Glenwood City. We will be doing Lesson 10, "Joy is My Strength" in the Contagious Joy book. Interested in learning more about the Bible and being in fellowship with other "learners"? Come and join us! If interested, please contact Judy Bender at jbender298@gmail.com or (715)265-7362

Men's Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets at the Glenwood City Methodist Church. Next meeting date tbd. If you are interested, contact Julian Bender at 715 265 7362 or jbender167@gmail.com.



Thanks to your generosity we were able to donate:

760 Empty pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries

Please note: they only take actual prescription pill bottles now. They no longer accept the over-the-counter white Tylenol bottles or clear/brown/green vitamin bottles.

Weekly Audio or Video Sermons Available

Sermon by Phone is an audio version of the weekly service - call 715-309-5114. This is a Menomoneie number. The service is updated each Sunday afternoon and is usually available by 4 pm. A video of each week's service is available on the United Methodist Church of Boyceville Facebook page, Glen Hills Parish Facebook page, and at : boycevilleumc.org.



Thanks to Faith Family United Methodist Church, we now have a zoom worship option available!

Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at 8:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=UlpaSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhcn83UT09>

Meeting ID: 886 1365 2777

Passcode: 421072

I can look to the future with hope because God is with me.

7-17-26 Upper Room



**Grace
United Methodist Church
Wheeler
Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.**

**Recipe from Pastor's Vicky's
farewell party potluck:**

**Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of children.
Please watch over
our children & grandchildren
as they go back to school this year.
Keep them safe every day.
Help them to remember
that you are right there with them
in the halls and classrooms.
Help them soak up good knowledge
and to dismiss any negative or
worldly messages they may hear.
Help them treat others with
kindness and respect,
and to guard their hearts
with the armor of Your Word.
Give them joy and peace as
they put their trust in you.
Amen**

Pineapple Casserole

1—20 oz. can pineapple chunks, drained
3/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup grated cheese
1/2 stick butter, melted
24 round buttery cracker crumbs

Place pineapple in small casserole dish.
Mix sugar, flour and cheese with
pineapple. Top with melted butter/cracker
crumbs. Bake for 25 minutes at 350
degrees

***Today's pause could be an invitation to notice God's presence.
7-5-26 Upper Room***

United Methodist Church of Boyceville

Worship Time: 10 a.m.

Scripture Readers for Boyceville

Reader

August 2 10 am Joint Svc at Faith Family
August 9 Melissa Blodgett
August 16 Marguerite Blodgett
August 23 Earl Blodgett
August 30 Marguerite Blodgett

Coffee Time: Coffee time will be after the worship service on Sunday, August 23rd. Server to be announced.

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Prevent the Penguin Invasion II

Books, Brownies and Beverages fund raiser for the Boyceville furnace. We are looking for donations of gently used books for the sale. Books can be dropped off at the church on Sunday or contact Sheila at 715-702-1235 or Marguerite at 715-651-7850.



Back to School Mission Project

During the months of July and August we are collecting school supplies for West-Cap. All sorts of school supplies are needed. Notebooks, 3 ring binders, pencils, scissors, markers, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, rulers, crayons, colored pencils, backpacks, etc. Cash is always welcome if you don't care to shop. WestCap puts cash donations to the area of greatest need. **Please have all school supplies to the church by Sunday, August 9th.** Thank you!

God can use me to uplift and comfort others.

7-10-26 Upper Room

Faith Family United Methodist Church

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Faith Family Facebook Page:

Faith Family Church on Facebook-
Please send info to be posted to
Heather Greene at
mr.mrs.greene5@gmail.com

Worship Ministry Leaders

August 2: Paul Webster

August 9:

August 16:

August 23:

August 30:

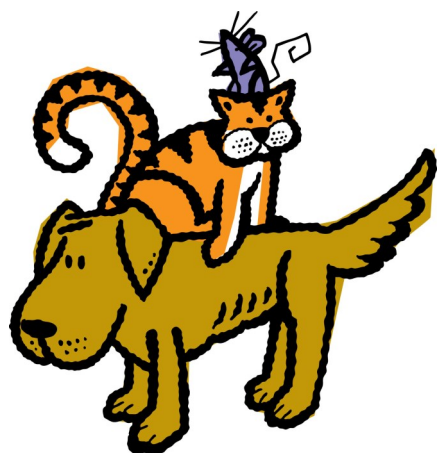
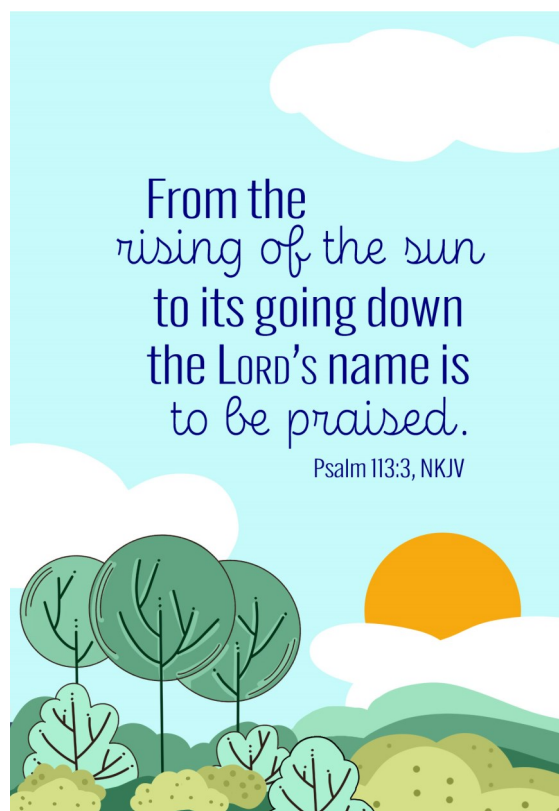
Noisy Can—Amery Animal Shelter

Send offering to:

Terri Wilson

3127—200th Ave.

Glenwood City, WI 54013



***I can trust God to help me navigate change.
7-1-26 Upper Room***

Downing United Methodist Church

Worship time: 11:00 a.m.

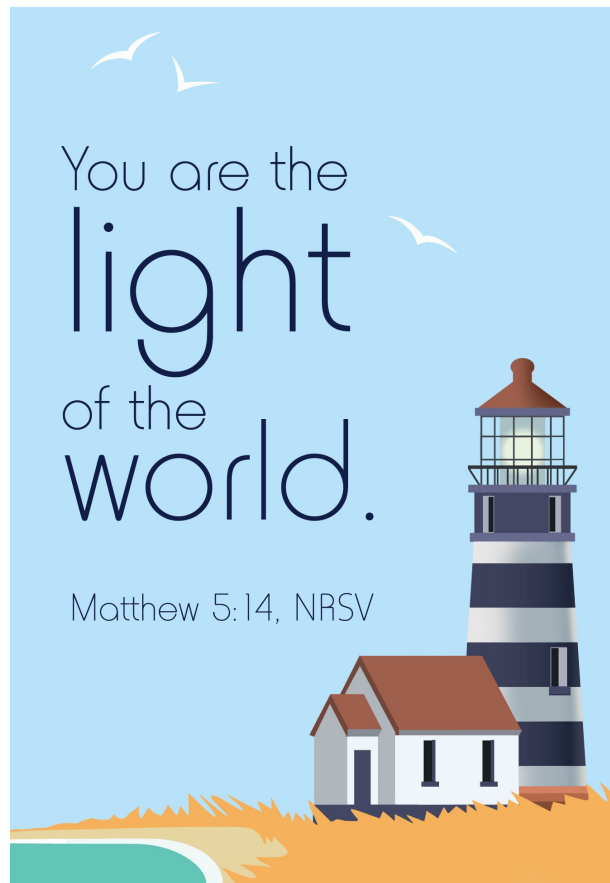
The next Downing Ad Council meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th at the Nelson home.



We are accepting gently used garage sale donations for our sale in September.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Mary Miller. Mary passed away on July 2nd. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 27th at the Downing United Methodist Church.



My acts of compassion reflect God's love.
7-4-26 Upper Room

Glenwood City United Methodist Church

Worship time: 9:15 a.m.

The Glenwood City United Women in Faith is currently collecting the following items for Terracycle:

Bread Clips (plastic)
Coffee Bags (bulk) & K-pods
Coffee Creamers (individual)
Candy & Granola wrappers
Drink Pouches (Capri or any brand)
Treat Bags (chip bags, etc)
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste tubes
Flosses
Electric toothbrush heads
Deodorant Containers
Eye Glasses & Cases
Make up Containers
Pumps & Triggers from plastic bottles
Socks (mismatched or holey) Gold Toe
Ribbons & Bows
Cancelled Stamps (NOT Christmas or flags)
Glue Sticks
Expired Gift Cards
Tape Dispensers
Pens, Pencils, Markers or Crayons
Styrofoam Meat Trays
Cereal, Cracker and Bread Bags

United Women In Faith

The Glenwood City UWF will be attending a concert at the Menomonie Public Library on August 13. We will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to carpool and will have supper out before the concert. Please let Patti or Judy know if you would like to attend.



We are collecting school supplies for the West CAP Back to School Program

- Donations of school supplies, crayons, markers, dry-erase markers, headphones, pencils, notebooks, etc.
- Monetary donations to buy supplies – checks can be made payable to West Cap – Operation Back to School, and mailed to PO Box 308, Glenwood City, WI 54013
- Donations toward the Angel Fund. Angel Funds help pay off lunch balances, so no students go hungry. Checks can be made payable to West Cap – Angel Fund, and mailed to PO Box 308, Glenwood City, WI 54013.

****Please note which school district(s) you would like the donation to go to.**

***God can use my ordinary life for an eternal purpose.
7-21-26 Upper Room***



The Dog Days of Stewardship August 2026

August is often called the "dog days of summer." Depending on who you ask, the phrase has everything to do with hot, humid afternoons when the days seem to blend. Gardens need watering again. Lawns need mowing again. Vacation photos have been shared, and school supplies are beginning to fill store shelves. It's a season that rarely feels exciting – it simply asks us to keep showing up.

Stewardship has its own dog days.

Most churches don't receive their largest gifts in August. Attendance is often lighter. Staff and volunteers are taking vacations. Fall programming hasn't quite begun. It can be tempting to think, "Nothing much is happening."

But perhaps these ordinary seasons are exactly where faithfulness is formed.

One of my favorite stories comes from a monk who was asked how he stayed joyful after decades of living the same routine day after day. His answer was simple: "Every morning I thank God for the privilege of doing ordinary things." Preparing meals. Sweeping floors. Greeting neighbors. Praying. None of those activities made headlines, but together they became a life marked by gratitude.

The same is true in the life of the church. Most ministry doesn't happen in dramatic moments. It happens because someone unlocks the building before worship. Someone prepares communion. Someone visits a homebound member. Someone faithfully gives each month without fanfare. Someone quietly prays for a child or grandchild every day.

Stewardship isn't primarily about extraordinary generosity. It's about ordinary faithfulness repeated over a lifetime.

When we learn to be grateful during the ordinary seasons, we begin to recognize that God has been at work all along. The dog days of stewardship aren't something to endure until the "real work" begins this fall. They are part of the work. They remind us that God's kingdom is built not only through mountaintop moments but through countless faithful acts that often go unnoticed.

When August winds down, take a moment to thank God for the ordinary rhythms of your congregation. Those simple, faithful habits are the foundation upon which extraordinary ministry is built.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
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[Facebook/wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org) or call 1-888-903-9863

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Newsletter of Boyceville, Downing, Faith Family,
Glenwood City, and
Wheeler Grace United Methodist Churches
Pastor Shinæ Kim
Parsonage: 715-749-6351
Faith Family Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Glenwood City Worship Service: 9:15 a.m.
Boyceville Worship Service 10 a.m.
Downing Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wheeler: Grace Worship Service 11:15 a.m.
Welcome