



## THE REPORTER

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner  
worthy of the calling to which you have been called,  
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another in love,  
eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
(Ephesians 4:1-3)*

As our country celebrates Independence Day this month, we also remember the desire of the thirteen colonies to be united with one another. They wanted to create one new country on the American continent. Their biggest fear, especially in the Federalist Papers, was that a number of countries would emerge, and America would look just like Europe.

So also, in the Church, we seek unity with one another. That unity shows itself in the calling to which each of us has been called. Each communicant member of the congregation has made the same vows before God and the congregation in Confirmation, a Profession of Faith, or even the reception by transfer from another congregation. We have all made the vows to strive for the unity of the congregation “in the bond of peace.”

However, unity is not always an easy thing to maintain. Two hundred forty-eight years after the Declaration of Independence was signed, the now fifty United States seem to be anything but united as one state’s laws are the exact opposite of the neighboring state. Yet, we still call ourselves the United States because we are united in the Spirit of America.

Christian unity is something so much more difficult to pin down because it has nothing to do with us. Paul reminds us that the basis of our unity is “humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.” These four virtues do not come naturally to us poor, miserable sinners. Yet, God calls us to use them all in our interactions with each other.

God calls us to this “unity of the Spirit” because it reflects the unity that resides in the Trinity. God calls us to conduct ourselves in a way that reflects Him. God humbled Himself to become man to save us. He treats us with gentleness, knowing that our sinful natures are frail. He is patient, knowing that we sometimes have to learn our lessons the hard way.

His love covers us as we struggle and stumble in our attempts to remain united. Our sins separate us from each other. His forgiveness brings us back together. As we continue to walk in His way, let us strive to show the humility, gentleness, patience and love that He shows us every day.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

### Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet Saturday, July 13 at 8am. We are finishing our six-month study of Psalms of Divine Wisdom. This month, we will look at Psalm 139:1-11. Doug B. is our host this month. Every man of the congregation is welcome.

### Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is available. Thank you to Kenda Morts for donating the inserts this month. Grab your copy from the narthex.

### Vacation Bible School

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those that helped with VBS this year! Thank you to all those that donated items for our snack time. Each day, we had about 40 kids. During our weeklong Jungle Journey we learned the Seven C's of History – Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, the Cross, and Consummation. We also learned how this events shaped out world and that we can always trust God's promises that we read in the Bible.

### VBS Mission Project

Our mission project this year was for Children's Hunger Fund. Each day we met children all around the world that didn't have enough to eat for various reasons. The kids brought in coins each day to provide meals to others. With the help of the congregation last week, we were able to send \$535 to CHF, which will provide 2140 meals! Thank you for helping our VBS kids!

### First Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal July 3rd at 6pm. This month we will have tacos. We will play a few rounds of Bingo – will you get a good prize or a funny prize?! Bring a friend to join in the fun.

### Pastor on Sharper Iron

Sharper Iron is a daily Bible Study on kfuo.org. Pastor will be on with host Rev. Timothy Appel on Thursday, July 4 discussing Haggai 1. Tune in and learn more about this forgotten book of the bible. Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org/sharperiron.

### Quarterly Church Council and Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 18 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday, July 21 - Annual Meeting following service.

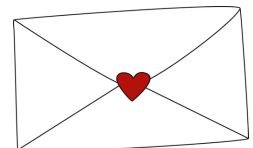
Please put this on your calendar now so you can attend and be involved in the decisions of your church.

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### *Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning*

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Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Delmer Henrichs	1257 E 1200 North Rd	Onarga, IL 60955
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St	Milford, IL 60953
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr	Milford, IL 60953
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd	Milford, IL 60953
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr	Watsseka, IL 60970



**Eastern Illinois Foodbank Foodmobile**

The Foodmobile will be in Milford Thursday, July 18 from 1:30 – 2pm at Town and Country. If you plan to attend one of the following distributions, we encourage you to visit [www.eifclient.com](http://www.eifclient.com) to pre-register. Please note, pre-registering is not required and does not reserve a spot in line. Those attending should bring boxes, bags, or carts to transport food.

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024)										
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$3,645	\$4,930	\$6,215	\$7,500	\$8,785	\$10,070	\$11,355	\$12,640	\$13,925	\$15,210
For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,285 for each additional person up to 300% FPL										

**Podcast of the Month**

Our podcast for July is **Thy Strong Word** podcast from KFYO. Pastor has appeared numerous times on this podcast. It is a Bible study with Rev. Phil Booe from St. John Lutheran Church, Luverne, MN. A study of the Gospel of Luke began on June 17.

**Wrestling with Theology Schedule**

**Confessional Corner** – July 22 – Scottish Reformation

**Digging Deeper**

- July 4 – Heard of You (Colossians 1:1-8)
- July 11 – Filled with Knowledge (Colossians 1:9-14)
- July 18 – Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20)
- July 25 – Reconciled by Death (Colossians 1:21-2:5)

# July 2024

Date	7/7/24	7/14/24	7/21/24	7/28/24
<b>Elder</b>	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder	Bob Storm	Con Campbell
<b>Organist</b>	Theta Lee	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals	Linda Kellerhals
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Brian Neukomm Neil Rieches	Charlene Rieches Patty Bruens	Patrick and Dawn Teig
<b>Sound Board</b>	Kendra Morts	Patrick Teig	Neil Rieches	Patty Bruens
<b>Greeters</b>	OSLC Youth Group	Jake and Olivia Harms	Bob and Chris Rieches	Lois Pounder Linda Kellerhals
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jackson Lavicka	Henry Lange	Clara Neukomm	Ellie Schwartz
<b>Old Testament Reading</b>	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Amos 7:7-15	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Genesis 9:8-17
<b>Psalms</b>	123	85: (1-7) 8-13	23	136:1-9
<b>Epistle</b>	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-44	Mark 6:45-56
<b>Festival</b>	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Altar Parameters</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green

**Head Usher:** Jake Harms

**Altar Guild:** Gloria Schleef and Linda Kellerhals



## *Happy Birthday to You!*

Emma Morts	July 1
Benjamin Storm	July 4
Doug Benner	July 5
Cory Bushong	July 7
Clara Neukomm	July 7
Lillian Neukomm	July 7
Sam Seyfert	July 7
Marty Parsons	July 8
Cooper Brazel	July 9
Bridgit Schroeder	July 10
Connie Hartley	July 13
Charlotte Reutter	July 14
Karry Hines	July 16
Ethan Morts	July 16
Isaac Brown	July 17
Donald Hubner (99!)	July 17
Gretchen Brown	July 18
Mary Kamin	July 18
Bob Storm	July 18
Gretchen Harms	July 21
Molly Harms	July 21
Josh Seyfert	July 24
Rich Rieches	July 25
Jamie Bakken	July 26
Hailey Rieches	July 30
Jake Harms	July 31

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Bob and Melissa Storm
July 8 (24 years)
Jerry and Carmen Whaley
July 11 (26 years)
Dean and Laurie Lingley
July 20 (22 years)
Landon and Megan Ruetter
July 28 (7 years)
Caleb and Bridget Schroeder
July 30 (8 years)





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Worship Service 9:00 am  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
10:30 am

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

# **JULY REPORTER**

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service  
starting at 9:00 am**

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
209 West Jones Street, Milford  
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listen to a live audio stream on our website**

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