

# The VOICE

pastor's Corner

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July 2024

*Where is your Hope these days? Do you find hope in your home? Education or hobbies? Do you find hope in your work? Do you find hope in your relationships with loved ones or friends? Do you find hope in your community and or country?*

This month, I want to share Lamentations 3:25-26. ***"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."***

This verse should speak to all of us and it's one to remember and visit often.

We were all created for the glory of God for His purpose and His joy. Yet, instead so many feel the world owes them something, if not a lot.

They feel they are entitled to use what the world offers with little to no effort in return. It's someone else's job or someone else's problem. Yet, this is not the attitude which God created us for.

Consider for a moment if you will, our economy. It is so exhausted! Yes, I think exhausted might be a perfect word for it. Please note there is no finger pointing going on in this comment either.

Our world is hurting everywhere you turn. People are losing jobs, homes, family members and it seems as though **hope is hard to find**. Some are blessed with much and some are blessed with some and then some are blessed with very little or none at all.

You see, the thought process for some is to consider themselves deserving, or owed, or worthy of the blessings of this world with little to zero indebtedness. I think the key problem is the short phrase **"this world."**

If we rely on "this world" to bring us hope, to fill our dreams, to bring us true JOY, we're relying on the very thing that can and will disappoint us. It can destroy us without any hesitation or consideration. Finding hope really isn't that difficult if you look in the right place.

The Scripture reading says clearly, ***"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him"***. ***Why is it so difficult to seek the Lord? His love and guidance is right in front of us if we would only take hold of it and begin to put our trust in HIM.***

We put more pressure and stress on ourselves by looking in all the wrong places. We might even think God doesn't have time for our piddly problems. Maybe we think we're not worthy of the attention and love of the One true God.

Don't lose sight of the fact that **HE MADE YOU! He knows you and He desires to have you seeking Him**. When we walk with Him and put our Trust in Him, waiting for the salvation that He alone offers will become a true joy. Yes, there will still be struggles, but the joy will be true and complete. **Put your HOPE in HIM ALONE.**

May you find true hope, *Pastor Kathi Kraus*

# July 2024 Happenings

**Sunday Worship services** ~ 10:30 AM  
(1st & 3rd Sundays Celebrate communion and all special services)

**Disciple Time** included in each worship service.

**Fellowship** immediately follows our worship service in the Fellowship hall for cookies, juice and coffee.

**Knitters** ~ On summer break until September.

**Adult Bible Study** ~ On summer break until September.

**Praying with Flair** ~ 1st Thursday monthly via zoom 7:00 PM. Please submit your email address to join the group.

**Believers** ~ 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

**Session** ~ 3rd Wednesday monthly 1:00 PM.

**Movie Matinee** ~ last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Free for all.

**AA** ~ Mondays & Thursday 7:00 PM

**NA** ~ Tuesdays 6:00 PM; Fridays 7:00 PM and Saturdays 4:00 PM

**Girl Scouts** ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM beginning again in August

**TOPS** ~ Thursdays 5:00 PM

## Upcoming Dates Mark Your Calendars

*July 6th- Sept 28th ~ Sullivan Chamber  
Farmer'sMarket at our parking lot every Saturday  
~ 8 a.m. till noon ~*

★ *2nd Saturday of each month through September  
"Noah's Ark Fun Days" 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

*Next one is July 12th & 13th - with  
a blood drive information table; Sullivan fire  
department will have their fire truck on display; a*



*possible HALO adoption event; a puppet show;  
bounce house and Mercy Reign Studios will share  
country gospel music as well.*

*August 10th - Pet Blessing*

*September 8th-Sunday School Rally 9:00 am*

## A Favorite Bible Verse

Pat Andrae shares one of her favorite verses with us.

### Psalms 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

This verse has spoken to me many times during the past year and a half. First, I lost my husband of 56 years very suddenly on an airplane coming back from our vacation. God sent his angels and he was gone. Then my son-in-law Greg, suffered a brain aneurysm from which he miraculously recovered, then he had 3 strokes which left him with challenges he continues to work hard to recover. God has a plan for each of us and we must quiet our minds to listen to Him. At night my brain remembers over and over again all the terrible things that have happened. Then God, very quietly, assures me "Be Still and Trust in Me." He quiets my mind which allows me to remember all the love and the blessings He gives my family. "Be Still and Trust in Me" He says, and I do.

In God's Love,  
~Pat~

## 2024 Vision Plan

*\*Live out being anchored in Christ.*

*\*Be a vibrant, thriving ministry.*

*\*Build on community  
Involvement.*

*\*Outreach*

*\*Build on young family  
participation & Sunday School*

*\*Food pantry re-established &  
feeding the hungry monthly.*

## **This & That**

- Changes are taking place inside and outside of our church; New Anchor Church sign out front; Marquee sign has a new light; several rooms are being updated by painting; children's toys are being collected and donated for our new playground area. God is working in so many ways.
- Session has tabled the purchase of security cameras at this point. They've discussed the older central air conditioner units and are having them serviced to work more efficiently. Lawn mowing is being done by Talon LaBrow, LLC.
- The Noah's Ark Fun Days are being well received by the public and new fun things are being added to each event we have scheduled. The last event we had was moved indoors due to possible rain and it worked out just fine.
- We invite all our congregation to join us to celebrate the Noah's Ark Fun Days and enjoy the fun with us.
- **Sunday School Rally Day will be September 8th.** Stay tuned and tell families you meet to get their kids on the sign up list.



### **July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

2...Sam Kraus  
13...Sylvia Walka  
18 ...Peter Kraus III  
24...Mike Kraus

#### **Anniversaries**

None

### **August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

10...Kathi Kraus  
25...Charlie Lindsey  
28...Jacob Myers

#### **Anniversaries**

9...Tim & Nettie Peterson  
19...Charlie & Audrey Lindsey

## **Quotes from Mother Teresa**

***"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."***

***"Peace begins with a smile."***

***"We fear the future because we are wasting today."***

***"Not all of us can do great things..."***

***"Yesterday is gone..."***

***"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."***

Many thanks to Charlie and Valeta Betz for picking up all the limbs and sticks on the church grounds after the storms! You both are blessings to all of us!

Also thank you to Dana, who keeps our church clean and healthy for us. Dana has a mailbox in the library, and a Thank You note to her would show how much we appreciate her hard work!

***Thank you to the Bell Choir for the beautiful music you add to our worship service!***



## **GREETERS**

### **JULY**

7...Pat Andrae  
14...Jack and Sharon Blanton  
21...Kathryn McGill  
28...Charlie and Valeta Betz

### **AUGUST**

4...Tim & Nettie Peterson  
11...Royce Scott  
18...Steve & Kathy Gallop  
25...Walka Family

**Liturgist for July - Dan McWhorter**  
**Elder on Call for July - Valeta Betz**



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### **Meet Our Staff**

**Pastor: Kathi Kraus**  
**Clerk of Session/Treasurer: Valeta Betz**  
**Office Assistant - Pat Andrae**

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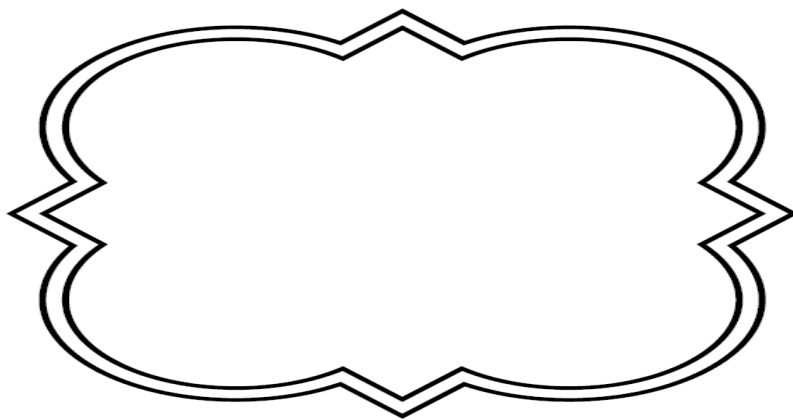
### **Live Streaming our Worship**

You are welcome to join us each Sunday morning from wherever you are through live stream. Please follow us on FaceBook or go to our website to join us in worship.  
Join us in the pew every chance you get!

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**Join us for worship service every  
Sunday at 10:30am**

Fellowship immediately follows with  
cookies, juice and coffee.



**Life Team Members are as follows:**

**Team A** - Patti & Greg Myers  
Pete & Kathi Kraus

**Team B** - Michelle Walka & Dave Law  
Tim & Nettie Peterson

### **C o o k i e s**



### **July**

7....Terri Sappington  
14...Zenas and Sally Jo Blevins  
21...Tim and Nettie Peterson  
28...Pat Andrae

### **August**

4...Steve & Kathy Gallop  
11...Charlie & Valeta Betz  
18...Connie Delour & Tonette Barnes  
25...Carol Kroenung