Birthdays:
- Eve Atencio, John D'Auria, Cookie Paul, Charlie Winter

Anniversaries:
- Jeff & Katie Norris

Friday's Calendar:
- 7:00 a.m.: Hour of Power AA
- 9:30 a.m.: Life Group
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m.: A Way Out
- 8:00 p.m.: AA Friday Nite Young People

Today's Ministry:
- Sacred Ground

Saturday, July 22

Psalm 30 Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (v.5b)

Some of us are all too familiar with weeping. It was through weeping over the death of both my father and a dear friend that I knew the complete life in Jesus.

My friend was a believer who suffered from a painful crippling disease. Although in constant pain, she was always giving glory and praise to God and loved the Lord more deeply than I had ever seen. She always seemed to be joyful even when she could not walk or even hold a fork to feed herself.

While weeping her death, the Lord gave me a beautiful picture of her running up a grassy hill into Jesus’ outstretched arms and him swinging her round and round as a beloved child. I was so encouraged by this that joy instantly flooded over me.

No matter what we are going through, Jesus is waiting on that hill with his arms outstretched to each one of us. Joy does truly come in the morning.

1 Samuel 22:1-23; Psalm 32; Acts 13:26-43; Mark 3:19b-35

Birthdays:
- Sarah Grosz, Dillon Marsh

Anniversaries:
- Rick & Brenda Bright

Sunday, July 16

1 Samuel 17:50—18:4 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him; there was no sword in the hand of David. (v.50 RSV)

What “stones” are we using to prevail? The Lord led David to use the weapons he was most familiar with. Not swords and armor but stones and a sling.

If we look at the “giants” in our lives and not at the stones, we will be defeated. God in His graciousness has given us stones in His word. We should approach the word of God each day with anticipation as to what the Lord will give us to fight the battles of this world. We are faced with the giant of hardened hearts, but we have the stones of the gospel to conquer one heart at a time.

David did not look at the whole Philistine army and back off because the task was too big. He looked at the one obstacle standing in front of him and used what God had given him for a great victory. What tools is He giving you this day?

Psalms 148, 149, 150; Romans 10:4-17; Matthew 23:29-39

Birthdays:
- Janet Seidler, Michelle West

Anniversaries:
- Charlie & Jeanne Simon

Saturday’s Calendar:
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study ONLINE
- 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 8:30 p.m.: Not Alone Group

Today’s Ministry:
- Shepherd Group

“Growing into Jesus - Reaching out with Love”

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Sunday's Calendar:
- 7:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m.: Contemporary Family Worship
- 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Today's Ministry:
- Online Curators

Birthdays:
- Sarah Grosz, Dillon Marsh

Anniversaries:
- Rick & Brenda Bright
Monday, July 17
Mark 1:29-45 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. (v.35)

Very early, before sunrise while the earth was still and quiet, our Lord woke up and dressed, not staying in the comfort of a warm bed or warm house. He left the tiny village, probably climbing through dew covered grasses up to the hills that surrounded the lake. He went off to a place with no interruptions and prayed. He brought the day before his Father to be renewed, refreshed, instructed, energized—all those things that enabled him to press on.

Jesus rose while it was still dark, before distractions could creep in and take their places in his mind. Before the birds started singing, before the lights of the village came on, before the fog rolled in across the lake, before the men readied their nets and started their work.

Is God calling us to get up, find that lonely solitary place apart from distractions, and recharge in His word? The only way we can know the will of the Father is to hear directly from Him. As our psalm says, “Make me to know thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths” (v.4); we, too, should ask before we start each day.

1 Samuel 18:5-16, 27b-30; Psalm 25; Acts 11:19-30

Birthdays: Dick Paul, Bob Schneider, Gianna Shahood, Joshua Stone
Anniversaries: Amy & John Kane
Monday’s Calendar:
7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
10:00 a.m. Praying Hands (1st & 3rd Mondays)
3:00 p.m. Daughters of the King (2nd Mondays)
5:45 p.m. ACOA
Today’s Ministry: Outreach Committee

Tuesday, July 18
Mark 2:1-12 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” (v.5)

In today’s story Jesus acted in direct response to the faith of the paralytic’s friends. Their faith and love for their friend who couldn’t do anything by himself brought forgiveness and wholeness to the one they loved.

Because of the determination of the four friends to get this man in to see Jesus, we know he was desperate. Jesus has compassion, he forgives and frees the paralytic of the bondage of sin. Then he heals and forgives and frees the paralytic of the bondage of sin. Then he heals and forgives.

Here Jesus is teaching. Some of those present are scholars, well versed in the Law, but they missed the whole point of faith and forgiveness. The miracle in this story isn’t just the fact that now this man could walk, but in the forgiveness and what is going on all around Jesus. Here Jesus is teaching. Some of those present are scholars, well versed in the law, but they missed the whole point of faith and forgiveness. The result of this story is that they were amazed and gave glory to God. Let us praise God for the forgiveness and healing He has given us.

1 Samuel 19:1-18; Psalms 26, 28; Acts 12:1-17

Birthdays: Carol Allen, Alex Chapman, Kristin Fecko, Dave Pennington
Anniversaries: Freeman & Pam Smith
Tuesday’s Calendar:
7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Life Group ONLINE
12:10 p.m. Healing Service
Today’s Ministry: Praise Band

Wednesday, July 19
Acts 12:18-25 Immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he did not give God the glory; and he was eaten by worms and died. (v.23)

Yesterday we saw how great faith brought healing and forgiveness; today we see how disobedience brings destruction. Here in Acts we find Herod in his glorious city of Caesarea. The engineering marvel of the harbor alone would have brought Herod into a great place in history, but there was never enough for Herod. In his insecurity he was always striving for bigger and better to make a name for himself.

Can you see him now? Dressed in gold and silver robes standing against the sunbathed gleaming limestone, surely he seemed to be glowing “like a god.”

Herod’s fatal mistake was that he believed his own lie. He didn’t give credit where credit was due and was struck down. No time to change, no time for action. God acted in direct response to Herod’s self-centered sin.

Where great faith brought a direct response of healing and forgiveness to the paralytic, great sin brought death. This is a wakeup call to a sinful world to turn to the one who forgives and seek salvation and forgiveness that comes only through Jesus Christ. Thank God that you have answered that call.

1 Samuel 20:1-23; Psalm 38; Mark 2:13-22

Birthdays: Shelly Parker
Anniversaries: Michael & Sally Hastings
Wednesday’s Calendar:
6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 a.m. Life Group
4:30 p.m. Mary’s Kitchen
6:00 p.m. NAMI
Today’s Ministry: Prayer Walks

Thursday, July 20
Mark 2:23—3:6 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart. (v.5)

Jesus’ anger at the Pharisees is not because they were the defenders of the Law but that in their endeavoring to defend the Law, they had lost sight of its real purpose. They could see the letter of the Law but were blinded to the spirit of it. The Pharisees were not the “bad guys” we tend to think of them as. There was a need for the Law to be preserved, and for the people to be reminded of its importance in their lives. But, in their quest to keep God’s Law, the Pharisees forgot the reasons for it. God gave the Law so that people could see their sinfulness and their need for forgiveness by, and reconciliation with, God. The Pharisees forgot that the hearts of the people needed to be turned to God, not turned off. They became convinced that they could really keep the Law just by trying harder. They were so oriented to the Law itself, that they failed to see the provision God made through which forgiveness and reconciliation could happen: the Messiah.

As believers we strive to bring the truth of the gospels to a lost and dying world. Let us not get hung up or sidetracked on details but remember that all have sinned and need the salvation that only believing in Jesus the Messiah can bring.

1 Samuel 20:24-42; Psalm 37:1-18; Acts 13:1-12

Birthdays: Ryan Chapman, Clare Faulkner, Daina Karol, John Peterson, Lynn Ryan-Hopkins, Paula Scheid
Thursday’s Calendar:
7:00 a.m. Hour of Power AA
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group
4:30 p.m. Life Group, Smith Hall
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Stepping Stones

Today’s Ministry: Praying Hands

Friday, July 21
Psalms 31 My times are in thy hand. (v.15a)

We live in a period of history where time is everything. We live by the alarm clock, watches, schedules, day planners, reminders, etc. How do we react when Jesus calls us aside when he says, “This is my time”? Do we react like David, who, when surrounded by his enemy, said, “My times are in your hand.” David knew who was in control, although outwardly the situation required David’s time and attention. He knew the promises of God and he knew the hand that controlled them. Or do we say, “Don’t talk to me now Lord, I’m busy praying”?

Let us strive this week, as the pressures of time press around us, to remind ourselves that our times are in God’s hand. When He calls us out, let us remember that the time is His in the first place.