



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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New Beginnings

In the final chapter of the Bible, the Lord God speaks from his throne to declare, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5). At the close of history and the beginning of the new heaven and earth, the Lord God will renew his creation and accomplish his redemption of all of his people. But even before then, God is making us new, in eternal life, hope, and a new beginning. As God's children, we all have this blessed hope that God is always giving us a new beginning, an opportunity to start all over again, whatever our circumstances, mistakes, and misadventures of our past.

This summer seemed to simply fly by, and already we're facing the beginning of the fall season, which is a beautiful time in Wisconsin. By the time you receive this, children will be preparing to return to school (to many parents' relief!), and some of our Dale Heights people will be returning from vacations and resuming responsibilities with work and with our ministries and worship at Dale Heights.

We can look forward to the resumption of the good worship music ministry of our choir (and also our bell choir, which we've enjoyed recently). We'll also look forward to the return of some of our people who have been traveling this summer, and also will welcome new visitors who've moved to our community and are searching for a new church home.

I hope many of our people will join me for a new beginning in a Wednesday book study, which I hope to begin in late September or early October. As I shared in the August Focus, the book we'll study is James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*. I have already received some expression of interest and hope that more people will indicate interest so we can begin to make plans such as ordering books. Likely it will be a "bring your own sack lunch," and we can eat while we do the study.

I've used this book in a previous church, and my fellow students and I have gained a lot of encouragement and practical help for our spiritual growth. One of the things I appreciate about Smith's books is the simplicity of his writing and the non-threatening suggestions he gives for adding spiritual disciplines in our lives.

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So please let me know if you're interested in at least asking me questions, looking at the book, and hopefully, attending the first session. And who knows, it could be for you a new beginning in spiritual growth and a deeper life of faith in "the good and beautiful God."

Welcome back to Dale Heights, where we'll begin a new "school year" of worship, fellowship, ministry, and study together.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



September 4	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Edi Chan	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
September 11	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Gerry Klump	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
September 18	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: June Zeeh	Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar
September 25	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Janice Krall	Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

September New Beginnings

The September New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, September 20 at 11:30 at Prairie Café, 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd in Middleton.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Sound System Update

Jack Rose has been hard at work building the enclosure at the back of the sanctuary for the new audio system! Installation of the system will be taking place in early September.

September Birthdays

September 4	Bill Sebert
September 18	Jack Rose
September 20	Sandy Weigt
September 23	Harold Meyer
September 24	Jane Koning
September 25	Roy Lembcke
September 30	Ellie Metzloff

September Anniversary

September 10	Lucille & Ray Miller
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Home Communion

Communion is served in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month. Those who are homebound and wish to have Communion brought to them either Communion Sunday afternoon or the Wednesday following Communion Sunday should call the church office by the Thursday before.

Church Women United

On Friday, September 9th, a Church Women United Forum will be held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 11 North 7th St (East Johnson at North 7th). We are honored that Joe and Olivia Ishikawa will be speaking about the Waldensian Church in Italy and their experiences living in Verona, Italy. Coffee and treats will be served at 9am, followed by a brief meeting and the presentation. All Dale Heights women and men are cordially invited.



—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Property & Finance Highlights

August 9, 2016

- Lawn and Gardens: Work for Saturdays from now into the fall will include bark mulch spreading, white stone border along the northeast wall of the sanctuary and installation of a memorial sign. The large limb fallen from the ornamental pear tree has been cut up and disposed of. The riding lawnmower has one wheel toeing out. An estimate for repair will be obtained.
- Sound system: Reviewed plans for the enclosure which will be built as part of the Sah-lang congregation's planned donation of a new sound system.
- New equipment: Referred to session for further discussion the offer of a defibrillator for the church.
- Financial status reports: Reviewed financial status reports as of 7/31/2016.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.



Session Highlights

August 22, 2016

- Committee reports are in other areas of the newsletter.
- The Session minutes will be reviewed on October 11.
- A Sunday School class will be available for three-year-olds on Sunday mornings during worship.
- A Wednesday noon class using the book *The Good and Beautiful God* is set to begin in October and run through November
- The next Session meeting will be September 19, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Outreach & Mission

September *Outreach* News

Looking back on August...

- Outreach members and others joined together for The Road Home shelter serving food and enjoying fellowship together at St. Luke's in Middleton on July 29th. Thanks to all who helped!

Upcoming and Continuing Service...

- We will begin our Season of Peace in September by listening to our first Minute for Mission on September 4th. The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Please look for a Peace Offering Calendar on the table in the concourse and take one home with you. (Website info: <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/peace-global.html>)
- We will be having a PeaceMeal cookout and potluck on Sunday, October 2nd as a celebration of the Season of Peace. Please join us in the Dale Heights Peace Pole garden for food and fellowship. More information to come in the bulletin!
- Please continue to add your pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House to the container in the concourse. Thanks to Gerry Klump for spearheading this collection for a worthy cause!
- Look for upcoming potlucks and presentations in September! We will hear from a representative about the Presbyterian General Assembly meeting and learn more information about how General Assembly works, as well as peace and justice issues. Time and date TBD.
- More information to come on how to sponsor a child through Outreach for World Hope should you feel called to do so. Please send Jamie Klump an email (jlk5376@gmail.com) if you would like to connect with OWH founder Kim Tews, who came and spoke at a June potluck. Brochures will be coming to the Concourse!
- Next Outreach meeting: Sunday, October 16th, 11:30am.

Thank you for all you do!

—Pastor Roger Roberts (*ex officio*), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (*chairperson*), Jamie Klump, Melanie Klump, Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, and Wendy Weber



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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Adult Christian Education

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

Dale Heights

Mission Statement:

Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace. We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.

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