



Weekly News

Aug 3rd

Being Disciples of Jesus Christ
Growing in Faith, Love, Service, and Numbers

MEGA SPORTS AND ARTS CAMP STARTS TOMORROW!

CAMP IS FULL! and we are ready to welcome campers for their first day tomorrow!



VOLUNTEERS:

We will see you at 8:30 TOMORROW! come with energy and joy to kick things off on a high note!

Helping Hands earlier would be helpful for last minute set up

Please be finding ways to partner together as a whole flock in prayer about this week. Many on our community will have an “experience” here this week. How many positive interactions can we have? The more hands the better for lots of little things... *like holding doors and greeting parents, parking lot safety, helping pick up at the end of the day...* please pray each day about the memories and relationships from this week and the Good News of our Savior being shared

Our Savior's Softball Team: Our team WON a close back and forth game this past Monday, which brings us to the semi-finals against Hamilton Congregational this coming Monday, August 4 at 6:30. **The game will be played at John George Park in Danvers if you'd like to come and support the crew.** There are two fields at this park...our game is on the field near the water. You can use 2 McDowell Ave, Danvers, MA as an address.

Music Corner - Wendy

Many thank you to our two young musicians - Lydia Betts, organist and Sophie Gustafson, vocalist- who led the liturgical portions and hymns of our lay-led service last Sunday.



Lydia just returned from a month in Valparaíso, Indiana, where she immersed herself in intensive studies with professional instructors in piano, organ, handbells, and choir.

Sophie heads off to William and Mary for college studies in late August. God bless all our young people who share their music gifts in our worship services. May we all encourage them to continue in their endeavors! They truly help build up the church!

Our opening hymn “All people that on earth do dwell” is often called “The Old Hundredth,” based on Psalm 100. It is perhaps the oldest hymn of praise in the English language.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry Fair: We are planning a “Ministry Fair” for the end of the Summer “season”. We’ll be giving you the chance to sign up for “serving roles”, possibly switching your role and trying a new fit. Dates TBA!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe-Boxes: Need school supplies; crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, kids scissors, markers, stickers, marbles, and toothbrushes (see Diana Campbell)

Scheduling There are now 3 ushers scheduled for Sundays. For safety reasons when 2 ushers are busy with offering or communion a 3rd person is still “on duty” as host and able to watch the lobby and front.

SoulFest 2025 Greenfield MA Aug 14-17 We have a group of Youth and adults going to SoulFest again this year. Keep the adventure in prayer.

Take note pastor is adding some catechism “Moments” in the guide over the Summer months

The Direction of Lutheran Worship is different

The actual and real differences in Christian denominations gets played out not only in approaches to the Sacraments but quite significantly in worship.

The direction of worship in Lutheran theology is different. In other Christian circles you might hear of worship as “giving glory to God”, “bringing our best to praise Him”, or coming to be quiet, separated away, and adore Him. **Consider our Lutheran theology as characterized by the “direction” of worship. The emphasis in Lutheran worship is that God serves us. The focus is on what God brings to feed us.**

Our “Worship” is fundamentally about God's actions. The rhythm is described as “Our Lord speaks, and we listen”. The liturgy is initiated with God's Word coming towards His people. Throughout worship He serves us with His Word and Sacrament. The practices of worship are careful not to shift towards a human focus. Differences in the theology of denominations (*how our relationship with Christ works*) come out in differences in worship practices such as the wording of prayers, use and purpose of music, goal of the sermon, and notably in communion practices.

If you encounter another denominations materials, or practices, take note of some differences. Our goal is not to create other worldly experiences, not to elevate ourselves to encounter the Spirit, not to make a decision for Christ... it is to let Him feed us. We retell His story, we speak back to Him words He has given us, and we let our hearts get refreshed and renewed through His Word and Sacrament. This is all done in a group setting with others. Worship involves connecting our faith walk into the lives we live. Others are an important part of that walk as disciples. It is where love, forgiveness, support, patience, and encouragement get played out and experienced.

Worship is healthy... and appreciation of our worship experience involves an understanding of the direction of worship and also a strong consideration of the others God has plunked us together with to be His Church.

Love, Pastor Joe

2025 Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series

Wednesday nights for 10 weeks - June 25 thru August 27

FREE ADMISSION ALL SHOWS 6:45-9 P.M.

Arrive early and enjoy a great family atmosphere, including food stands, restaurants, arcades stores, walk the Oceanfront Boardwalk, ride **the Salisbury Beach Carousel**, and much more

FREE PARKING FOR
CHURCH VANS/BUSES
\$5 PARKING AT
BROADWAY PARKING
Please bring beach lounge
chairs to enjoy the concert as
seating is limited.



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There is a Wednesday
night concert series at
Salisbury Beach till the
end of August

6:30-9 P.M in August

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Aug 2nd** Shepherd and Servant Leaders meeting at 9am
- **Aug. 4th-** Mega Arts and Spors Camp August 4th to 7th- 9 -2:30 p.m
- **Aug 7th-** 6:00p.m Celebration gathering for volunteers, campers and their families
- **Aug 14, 15, 16** SoulFest Outing
- **Aug 21st** Caring Team Ministries Supper Elders, Card and Prayer Ministry
Care and Connections

Serving	Aug 3rd	Aug 10th
Announcements	Kerry Trunfio	Diane Herth
Coffee Set Up	Barbara Machain	Cliff Petersohn
Coffee Clean Up	Ann Nollet	John Herth
Altar Care Set Up	Kathy Kishbaugh	N/A
Altar Care Clean Up	Janice Leblanc	N/A
Communion Servers	Frank Sienkiewicz Ryan Machain	N/A
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Chris Imming Bob Uhlig	Jessie Anderson Ellie Sienkiewicz
Reader	Rebecca Imming Helena Imming	Diane Herth
Ushers	Gary Terhune Glenn Miller	Adam Bonnette Sean Lovett Ryan Machain
<i>Kids Connection Worship:</i> Teacher Assistant Teacher	Kerry Trunfio Kathy Kishbaugh	Kerry Trunfio Audi Souza

Serving - Thank You for the Teamwork!