

# CORNERSTONE CONNECTION

## August Newsletter

8-1-2023

Our mission: Called by God to love and serve our neighbors, Long Lake Lutheran Church will proclaim the joy of salvation by teaching, preaching, and providing sacraments to our congregation and to our neighbors.

*We are Christ Centered, Purpose Driven & Mission Focused!*



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# AUGUST

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| 1  | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>5:00 Dinner<br>5:30 VBS<br>7:00 AA<br>7:00 Softball  | 16 | 1:00 Grief Share<br>6:00 Worship   |
| 2  | 1:00 Grief Share<br>5:00 Dinner<br>5:30 VBS<br>6:00 Worship  | 17 | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>1:00 WELCA  |
| 3  | 5:00 Food Truck Fellowship<br>5:30 VBS   | 18 | 1:00 Friday Family fun Day   |
| 4  | 1:00 Friday Family fun Day   | 20 | 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 Congregational Life Meeting<br>10:15 Mission Team Meeting       |
| 5  | 3:00 Bradford Parade   | 21 | NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br>6:00 Western Heritage<br>(Cornerstone)<br>6:00 4-H Long Lake Leaders<br>Meeting |
| 6  | 9:00 Worship w/Holy Communion<br>10:15 Stewardship Meeting<br>10:15 Property Team Meeting<br>10:15 Youth & Education Meeting | 22 | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA  |
| 7  | 6:00 Western Heritage<br>(Cornerstone)   | 23 | 1:00 Grief Share<br>6:00 Worship   |
| 8  | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>1:00 Sunshine Circle<br>4:00 Finance<br>7:00 AA  | 24 | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>12:00 Senior Cards  |
| 9  | 1:00 Grief Share<br>6:00 Worship   | 27 | 9:00 Worship   |
| 10 | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>12:00 Senior Cards<br>1:00 Worship and Music Meeting  | 29 | 9:00 Mission Quilting<br>9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA   |
| 13 | 9:00 Worship   | 30 | 11:30 Lunch Ladies<br>1:00 Grief Share<br>6:00 Worship   |
| 15 | 9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 AA  | 31 | 9:00 Prayer Group  |



## *From the desk of Pastor Sue:*



GET EXCITED!!

I am writing this month's message from the beautiful Canadian shores of Rainy Lake. This is my second



trip "up north" this summer. I have enjoyed this lake for nearly 70 years and am still so enamored with God's amazing creation. Turtles, bald eagles, great blue herons, ruffed grouse, ancient rocks, and an interesting array of pines, birches, cedars, blueberry bushes, wildflowers, and lots and lots of grasshoppers and mosquitoes. I worship God, the creator, forgiving Him for creating mosquitoes and pine beetles. I love my calling to public ministry at Long Lake Lutheran, and I appreciate the salary you provide. I am ever grateful for your support in giving me Sabbath time to rest and rejuvenate. I do other things up here besides fish! I have time to study my Bible, read for pleasure, and ponder what God has in store for us.

I am excited for our fall ministries, even though I don't want to wish away summer. I've been looking at our new Thursday morning Bible study that will begin after Rally Sunday. "Unshakable Hope," with Max Lucado. "In a trembling, unsteady world, how do you gain stability, find peace, and learn to trust God?" The answer lies in God's promises. This study will look at the mighty and loving God who governs our world. We are people of the Promise and can weather the trembling of the world when we turn to God and

build our lives on our steadfast and loving Lord, rather than the unsteady and messed up world around us.

I am excited for our new fall schedule. We are going to try a schedule that will allow our Sunday School students and teachers to participate in full worship as families, either at 8:30 traditional or 10:30 Contemporary. Then, education and fellowship for all between services. We are still in the planning stages of our contemporary service, but it is a necessary addition to our worship opportunities. We are looking for additional musicians and contemporary music. The contemporary service will still include the essential elements that make us Lutheran, such as Confession, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Sacraments, and Prayers of the People. The sermon will be the same as the 8:30 service.

I am excited that we are in the process of calling an associate pastor for Youth and Family Faith Formation. By the time you read this, we will have received some names of pastors to consider. This is really happening! Please pray that God provides a person who is excited about ministry in a rural setting. i.e. corn-fields! Of course, they can always be taught!

I am excited that we value children so much. Our playground gets used every Sunday morning; our children's messages are fun; AND, our playground committee is ready to break ground and build a much needed playground. We had some super fun-filled Friday afternoons with our littles. We support Kari, our Youth and Family Director. And, we paid for 17 campers to experience camp this summer! We treasure our kids and are willing to support them generously. Don't forget them in your prayers.

I am excited for VBS, Food Truck Fellowship, Rally Sunday, WELCA spaghetti dinner, Friends of Ruth bringing in The Looney Lutherans, Thanksgiving/Pie Social, Live Nativity! I am excited for our Stewardship program that will be based on God's never-ending love for us. Like the sun that rises every morning, God will be there for us; not once will he ever not be there. I am excited that our visioning team will continue to think Big and plan for the future of Long Lake ministries.

We know that each of us has different gifts to share with the church and that is a great thing. We are all one part of a "thing" much bigger than us. We each have our specialties, gifts, and things we love to do more than others. I appreciate how willing you are to share of your gifts and talents with LLC. We make ministry happen for God's glory in our little part of the world. I invite you to share in my excitement by joining in, participating, sharing your gifts. Pick something to do for the work of the church. The opportunities are plentiful. What excites you?

**Romans 12** " <sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

### July attendance:

July 2 – 84

July 9 – 129

July 16 – 114

July 23 - 100

# 2023 Fall Worship Schedule

*ELCA Lutherans are Creedal (we use a creed to express our faith); we are liturgical (centuries of tradition provide melodies and verses); we are confessional (we use a corporate or community method of confessing our sins). We worship God in response to His gifts to us: creation, salvation, forgiveness, love, everlasting life. We do not believe in works righteousness, or working our way to heaven. Jesus died and rose again so that we might have eternal life with/in Him. Jesus did not die so we could be comfortable; he died for our sins, so that we could be united with him in his salvific work. In other words, proclaiming Christ, bringing others to know Him, and baptizing in His name. May God bless our worship services and bless our ministries here at Long Lake Lutheran Church.*

**8:30-9:30** Traditional Worship Service—Liturgy from ELW, familiar and favorite hymns.

**9:15-10:15**—Students and teachers will be released from worship. Sunday School ages 3- Grade 5.

**9:30-10:30**—Adult Education in the conference room.

**10:30-11:30** Contemporary Worship Service—Liturgy from WOV, new contemporary songs.



We are ready to welcome some **real-life HEROES**! Vacation Bible School is this week, July 30-Aug. 3! We have 21 kids coming to learn more about Bible heroes, and how they can be a hero for Jesus! We also have 20 adults and youth who will be leading these young adventurers. Please pray for our week as we explore Jesus' love through the **Hero Hotline**!

We're growing! We fully anticipate that we will be moving to **two Sunday School classes** next fall, which means we will need twice as many teachers. What a great problem to have! We plan to create one class for readers and one for pre-readers. Would you like to be a part of the excitement? Say yes when you receive the invitation to teach (or better yet, volunteer before you're asked!)

Are you a Type A organizer? Do you like a challenge? Our **Sunday School storeroom** needs help! Want to chat? Bring a friend. Looking for some quiet time alone? This is a great way to get it. Do your littles need space to run around? Bring them along—they can play while you organize. If you're interested in bringing some sense to the madness, talk with Kari. This project can be done at any time, but it would be great to have completed before VBS starts in August.

Thank you so much, People of God, for supporting our wonderful young people, both financially and through prayer.

Kari Osmek

Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

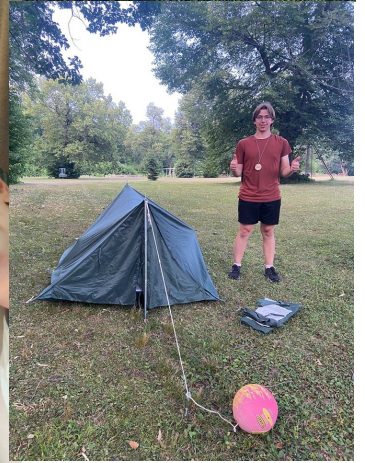
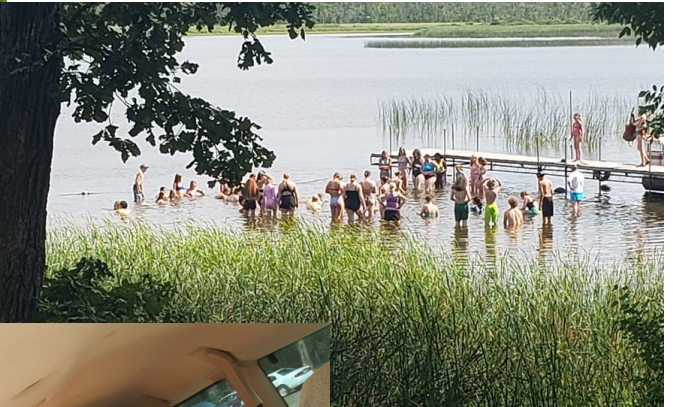
July 30-Aug. 3, 5:30-7:30pm  
@ LONG LAKE LUTHERAN

Dinner available 5:00-5:30 daily.  
Food trucks on Aug. 3

Scan the QR  
code to register!



# CAMPERS







## SAVE THE DATES

### **Food Truck Fellowship**

August 3, 2023

5:00-8:00 pm



### **Trunk or Treat**

October 28, 2023

3:00-5:00pm



### **Live Nativity**

December 2, 2023

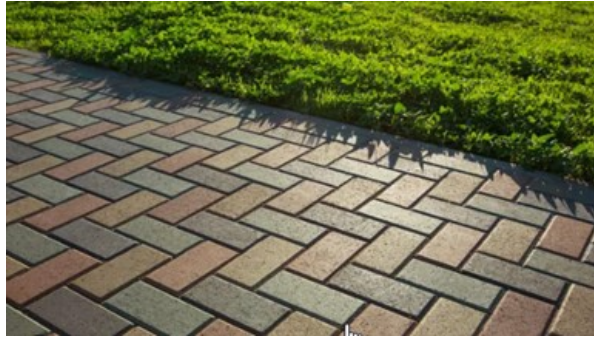
3:00-6:30 pm

December 3, 2023





## Playground Team Update



### Playground Project Update – Brick Fundraiser Has Begun

We are well under way with our fundraising for the playground project and are currently at 45% of our goal. We have kicked off our Brick Fundraiser and need your help in getting the word out!

Each brick purchased will be engraved with your wording and design. They will then be installed in our playground space to be on display for children and grandchildren to look at for years and years to come!

Customized engraved bricks can be purchased either using our paper brochure ordering form, found on the fundraising table in the Narthex (please place your order form and cash or check in the basket on the fundraising table) or by going online at [polarengraving.com/longlakeluth](http://polarengraving.com/longlakeluth) and placing your order.

There is a sample brick on the fundraising table along with brochures with more information – please pick one up today or call the office if you have any questions.

Please help us spread the word! Ask your friends, neighbors, family members, or coworkers if they would be interested in purchasing a brick. Share our posts on Facebook to draw attention to our project for your friends to see. If you know a local business owner, ask them if they'd like to purchase one for advertising.

Also, please save the dates and look for more information in the upcoming weeks on our planned fundraising events:



## SAVE THE DATES

WELCA Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, October 6

3-7



Looney Lutherans

Saturday, October 7

7:00 pm



Faithful Friends is a program developed while Shawna was still here. It is our hope that Faithful Friends will supplement the Pastoral Care Ministry of Long Lake Lutheran Church with Lay Ministers who are trained and equipped to provide home, hospital and care center visits, communion and spiritual friendship to people of our congregation. If you are in need of this service or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Sue, Brenda, Pat Weiss-Meyer or Marcy Stoeckel (651-338-8986).

"A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

**Faithful**  
 **Friends**

### **Breakfast Club: Attention All High School Students**

Please come and join us every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9:00am in the Cornerstone. We will have waffles, juice, and great conversation! Sometimes we'll have donuts and play games— you never know! Bring a friend, too— All are welcome! Please contact Marcy if you have questions.



651-338-8986



## August Worship Helpers

### August 6

Greeter: Lisa Gustafson

Ushers: Angie Spartz

Lector: Julie Nielson

Kitchen: Jenny Boniarczyk

### August 13

Greeters: Rick & Jessica Larsen

Usher: Denise Sutherland

Lector: Margaret McBride

Kitchen: Judy Carolan

### August 20

Greeters: Chris & Kara Hepp

Ushers: Margaret Bauer

Lector: Wayne Olson

Kitchen: Rose & John Hass

### August 27

Greeters: Colleen Evenson

Ushers: David & Allie Rock

Lector: Marcia Johnson

Kitchen: Lisa Gustafson





# August Birthdays

3 Lucus Anderson

3 Nancy Sandahl

3 Don Ziemann

4 Manda Hanson

4 Conrad Hüge

4 Harley Lillemoen

4 Bailey Snidarich

5 Ken Schleif

5 Bryan Sorenson

6 Dennis Wanless

7 Jean Nelson

8 Betty Nechanicky

9 Ben Pip

9 Daniel Robertson

10 Jeffrey Engler

10 Gregory Hawks

10 Althea Hechsel

11 Heidi Vandenheuvel

15 Colette McGovern

16 Cristel Rouen

16 Jack Splettstoesser

17 Lucas Jensen

17 Monica Petersen

18 Sharee Anderson

19 Josh Myers

19 Julia Myers

21 Eli Hylan

22 Sarah Anderson

23 Chesney Bell

23 John Hanson

23 Taylor Overby

24 Jennifer Sonterre

25 Morgan Hemsworth

25 Cierra Larsen

25 Torin Nash

25 Jeff Plath

26 Erik Riebe

27 David Ringstad

29 Larry Anderson

29 Marvel Dahl

29 Char Jacobson

29 Emily Koester

29 Julie Splettstoesser

29 Gavin Yurich

30 Chad Fournier

31 Julia Hierlmaier



# August Anniversaries

1 Jeff & Ruth Plath

5 Aaron & Sharee Anderson

6 Jason & Mo Spike

8 Kent & Joanne Eittreim

10 David & Allison Rock

12 Alvin & Deb Arens

14 Dale & Rhonda Hechsel

16 Nicholas & Rachel Hemsworth

23 Larry & Donna Larsen

23 Shawn & Jill Overby

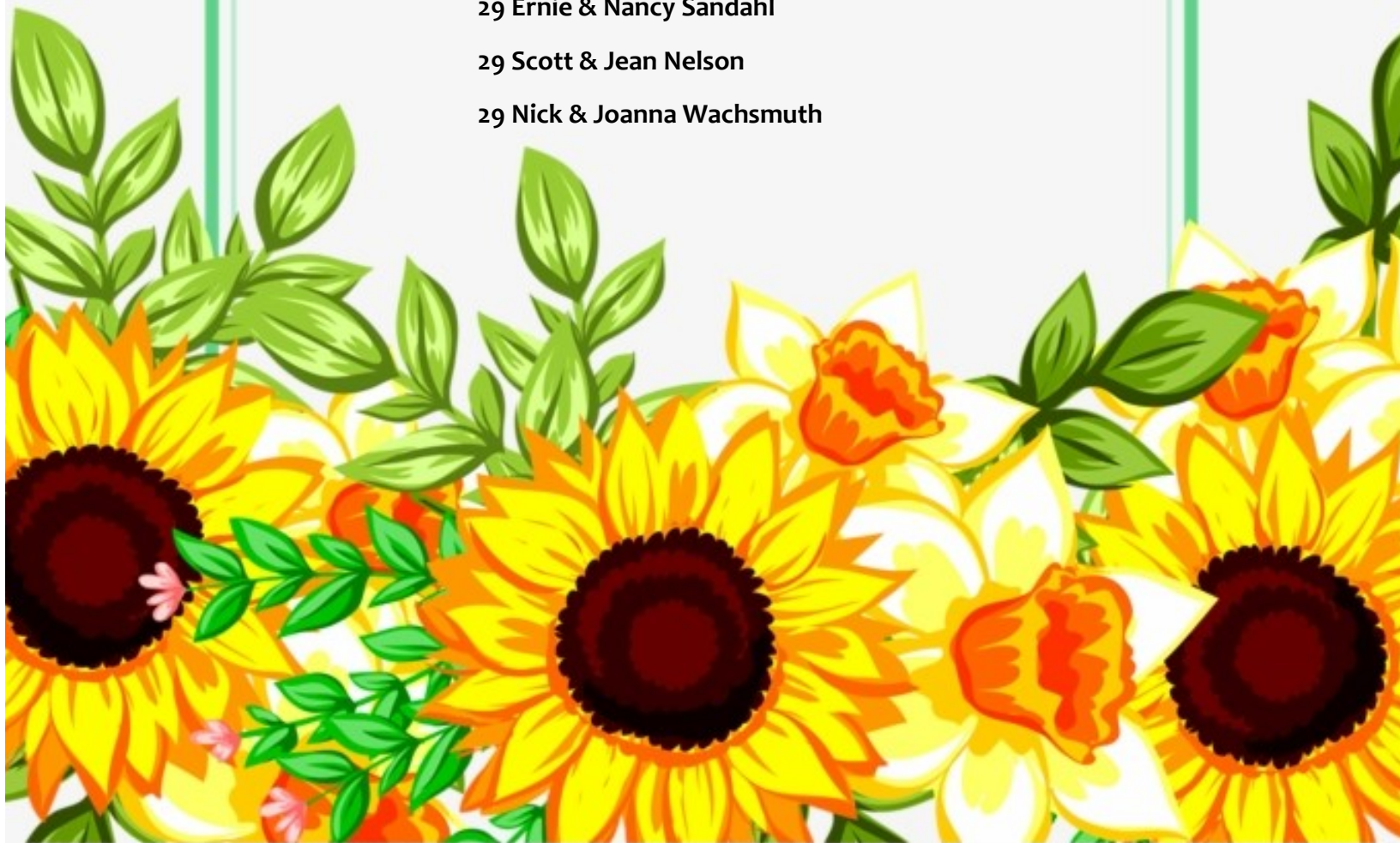
27 Maynard & gloria Folstrom

28 David & LeAnn Snidarich

29 Ernie & Nancy Sandahl

29 Scott & Jean Nelson

29 Nick & Joanna Wachsmuth



### Looking for:

1. A person skilled in or willing to learn video production including audio and video switching, camera control and production software. This is for the worship service broadcast using multiple cameras.
2. People who are talented musically to plan and play for a contemporary worship service.
3. Congregation & Youth Historian

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up today for your free lawn mower ride before it's too late, you don't want to miss out on this great opportunity!

When you use the lawn mower, please check the oil, anti-freeze and gas. If there are any problems, please let John know right away.



Thank you for volunteering to mow, your help is greatly appreciated!

### Tuesdays: Softball Fan Club

Meeting at 5:30 to haul out the grill, cook hamburgers and hotdogs.

Come join us to support our LLLC softball



### FRIENDS OF RUTH

With garage sale season here, Friends of Ruth asks you keep us in mind. We need additional supplies for our baby care kits. EACH BABY CARE KIT includes: TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies) TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap TWO pairs of socks ONE hand towel, dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars TWO diaper pins or large safety pins.

There is a basket under the welcome desk labeled Friends of Ruth where you can deposit these items. Thanks so much!



### Call Committee Update

The Call Committee will be meeting with Synod on Monday, July 31st. They will be receiving the first list of Pastoral Candidates. The Call Committee is also working on interview questions and logistics. Thank you for your support.

More updates to come.

### PRAYER CONCERNS (Let us know how we can pray for you.)

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Pray for healing for: Kate Allison (Hospice), Sharon Johnson Hospice), Wanda Strike's cousin Marie and friend Gene, Marcy Stoeckel's niece Erin, Karen Baker's mom Floy and niece Angie, Kent and Joanne Eittreim's friends Katie and Natalie, Sharon Stanius' sister-in-law Jackie and her grandson Hayden, Lisa Gustafson's brother Eric and her friend Brenda, Aaron's dad Harlan, John (Rose) Hass' nephew Kevin, Lisa and Martin Lynn's daughter Kelsey, Linda Rouen's aunt Evelyn, Matt (Angie) Hysten's dad Mike, Jessica Larsen's cousin Mike, Paul & Jackie Gruber's grandson Payton, Les & Chris Rowe's sister-in-law Nicole, Josh (Tessa) Budnick's dad Joe, Jan Tusler's brother Roger, Pastor Sue's cousin Mick (open heart surgery Aug. 2nd ).







# FOOD TRUCK FELLOWSHIP

**August 3, 2023**

5:00-8:00 pm

## **Vendors**

Bradford Roadhouse

Thunder Brothers Beer

Burro Loco

King Wilkie's Dream Band

Center City Swine Circus

(Bluegrass, Gospel, Country)

Custom Catering Food Truck

The Rum River Rods

SaiGon Delicious



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*Camp Onomia's 25th Annual*

# Quilt Auction

**Saturday, September 16, 2023**

It will be another awesome day at Camp Onomia for our annual live quilt auction, bake sale, and silent auction! Be sure to invite your friends & family for this fun event. All proceeds support the year-round ministries of Camp Onomia.

- ◆ Live Quilt Auction
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Raffle Quilt

#### **SCHEDULE:**

**11:00 AM:** Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin in Friendship Hall

**Noon:** Lunch with free-will offering

**1:00 PM:** Live Quilt Auction begins

**2:30 PM:** Silent Auction ends

**3:00 PM:** Raffle Quilt drawing



**Raffle Quilt:** 86"x101" Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt in a Ribbon Blocks pattern are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction. Backing is white with small dots.

*You do not need to be present to win.*

**Come and Stay!** We welcome guests overnight on both Friday and Saturday, September 15th and 16th. \$40 per person per night. Come early, stay late, make some new friends, and experience this amazing setting in God's creation! Friday night includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday; Saturday night includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

*Call camp for reservations*

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