



First Christian Church

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So shall my word be that goes out
from my mouth; it shall not return to
me empty, but it shall accomplish that
which I purpose, and shall succeed in
the thing for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11

My Word Shall Not Return Empty

July 12, 2026

10:00 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor Jeff Seger

Welcome

*Opening Hymn - #601 - Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

**Passing of the Peace*

Call To Worship:(from Psalm 119)

Leader: Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word.

People: **Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.**

Leader: I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.

People: **My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.**

ALL: **Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. I will praise you with an upright heart.**

Opening Prayer:

Our Creator God, we thank you for making us in your own image and likeness and calling us to follow you. Guide your Church in this place by your Holy Spirit that we will follow your will and your way. Be with all those who need your healing touch this day. Help us to live and love more like you. In the powerful name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer Hymn - #400 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Prayers of the People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever.
AMEN*

Scripture Text: Isaiah 55: 10 - 13 (NRSV)

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, *11* so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *12* For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. *13* Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Please continue to remember in prayer...			
- Our Church Family	- Cole Dunlap	- Barbara McVicker	- Kate DeWees
- George Cover	- Nancy Dunlap Sr.	- Jim Lefler	- Kayln Hall
- Bethel Ford	- Meg Smith	- Marsha Gastineau	- Luke Smith
- Larrinda Wolf	- Pat Machmeier	- Jan Merritt	- Mia Berarducci
- Patti Coons	- Vianne Lewis	- Audrey Parmele	- Rick Williams
- Phil Lewis	- Tonya Todd-Barker	- Betty Malone-Lintner	- Sandra Schauer
- Shirley Maxwell	- Dan Wood	- Paul Parmele	- Bob Hilton
- Dawson Ploss	- Pastor Jeff Seger	- Joanie Witherington	

Scripture Readings - Isaiah 55: 10 - 13 (NRSV)

Sermon - “*My Word Shall Not Return Empty*” — Pastor Jeff Seger

Invitation to Generosity and Presentation of the Gift

*Doxology - #382 - Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer for the Gifts

Intro to Communion - #614 - For All The Saints

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Bread and the Cup - Distribution of both Bread and Cup

OFFERTORY & COMMUNION
The bread and the cup are distributed together.
Please hold until you are invited to partake together.

*Hymn of Invitation - #468 - Be Thou My Vision

*Benediction

Leader: Our service is ended. Go into the world, you are the body of Christ.
And may the blessings of Almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and even forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God.

Todays Meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Sunday Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Weekly Meetings:

Sunday, July 19th

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Pastor Jeff Seger

Beginning Balance As Of 7-6-26	4155.45
Expenses - Payroll x2	2230.92
Weekly Offering	4050.00
Difference	+ 1819.08
Ending Balance	5974.53

Announcements

Week of July 5th - Attendance: 33; Live Stream Views: YouTube Live: 12;
Approx. Views: 18 - 51 total views.

Beef & Noodle: We are looking for a volunteer to be Chairman of the Beef &
Noodle dinner. If you interested or have any questions please contact Rick
Williams at 219-869-4969. Thank you!

Our deepest sympathy: and prayers of love, comfort, and support go out to the
family of Kate DeWees, who passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
Visitation will be Wednesday, July 15, 2026 - 9am - 12 pm. Burial will be at
Memory Gardens followed by a luncheon at FCC.



July Birthdays

3 - Charity Hilton
5 - Paul Parmele
9 - Frank Shirer
10 - Samantha Joslyn
12 - Kim Grow
19 - Nancy Dunlap (Sr.)
20 - Anastasia Joslyn
21 - Meredith Grow
24 - Patti Coons
28 - Marsha Gastineau

July Anniversaries

17 - Dave & Mindy Pettet - 1982
21 - Paul & Abbie Parmele - 1984
24 - Dale & Suzanne Smith - 1993
25 - Mike & Cindy Hooker - 1971
26 - Wayne & Kendra Cover - 2003
30 - Dick & Karen Wiseman - 2016

August Birthdays

3 - Landon Sayler
7 - Judy Smith, Dave Sutton
16 - Pamela Turner
20 - Patrick Dowds
21 - Christy Jordan
25 - Mark Slade
26 - Jordan Evers
27 - Mindy Pettet
31 - Hanna McNeal

August Anniversaries

1 - Cory & Jenny Craig - 1998
8 - David & Alison Hickman - 1992
12 - Bob & Heidi Phillips - 1978
16 - Stan & Kris Bailey - 1975
17 - Steve & Donna Bailey - 1974
17 - Christopher & Jennifer Porter - 1991

