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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Northminster Family,

In the Northminster calendar, summer is our time to relax into community. While we have plenty of options planned, there are many ways to enter into summer relaxation within our city. Be sure to spend some time resting and reflecting this summer. Find ways to rejuvenate, and gain the strength that we will all need in the coming year.

Summer also leads us into different paths along our preaching journey as well. We align our texts closely with the liturgical calendar through Lent and Eastertide. In the summer, we give ourselves permission to stretch out throughout the canon of Scripture. This summer we will begin a series on The Ten Commandments, and Other Lessons from the Wilderness. This will be a chance to revisit the importance of the law of Moses. We will be asking ourselves, how and why did these “words” become central in the life and order of Israel? Interestingly, in the Book of Exodus and Deuteronomy, the Ten Commandments are listed as “words.” They take on great importance because lest we think they are “just words,” they are actually words that come from the very speech of God. From that point, they take on great weight within the books of Scripture. The Psalms, the Prophets, and Jesus himself point back to this tradition of the Mosaic Law to remind the people of how they are to live.

As we move into this series, old movie versions of the Ten Commandments might come to mind. You might also be thinking about how the commandments have interacted with culture. Maybe some of you remember learning the commandments in the public school system. All of these memories and thoughts can be brought to bear in this series. Alongside all of this, we will be wondering how the commandments can function for us today? Are they a lamp to our feet and light for our path? Are they better than life? (Both of these questions come from the way the commandments are spoken about in the Psalms). How can we talk about them today in a way that holds meaning and purpose?

We will have many voices in the pulpit this summer. I believe this is a great opportunity to celebrate the gifted minds and preachers that we have in our community. We'll have the privilege of hearing about peace making in South Africa from Kathryn Smith Derksen herself!

As many of us take various journeys throughout the summer, let us look forward our return to community here at Northminster!

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Youth Activities

Check out what is happening this month with our children and youth!

July 9th Breakfast club- children and youth gather at 8am in the fellowship hall to prepare breakfast for our adult education class. This is one of our favorite Northminster traditions. Don't miss out!

July 16th Zoo day- Join us for a trip to the Woodland Park Zoo, Sunday, July 16th from 3-5. Children under the age of 7 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contact Ally for tickets!

July 30th Movie and Game Night- Youth are invited to a fun summer evening of games and movies from 7-9:30pm. All are welcome!

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Creative Camp, August 28-September 1!

Ally Pexa

WHAT'S DAVID, OUR PASTORAL INTERN UP, TO?

Men's Ministry:

As Pastoral Intern, I want to find ways to enhance our community's walk of faith with one another. One initiative I am going to pursue this summer is jump starting a men's ministry. We have already had one event which was a good introduction into a wonderful ministry for this church. We have more notes for the future and creative ideas that have sprung from the event.

Our next scheduled event is July 11th and we will have a Baseball watch party for the All-Star game. (Which we are currently looking for a place that can host for us)

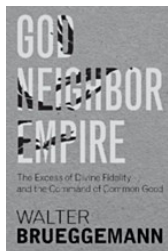
If you want to be more involved with this ministry feel free to email me: da-vid.sutherland@northminster.org

Bible Study:

This summer our Bible study group has been studying the idea of transformation and encounters with God. In our lives, we have experienced events that changed our lives and did not leave us the same. Whether those events are times of joy or tragedy. Our group is looking to see what the Bible is saying about these topics and how people like Paul, Moses, John, and many others have been changed by encountering our God. If you would like to join us in exploring the Bible and our own lives; we meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am in the reception room. **Please note that we will not be meeting on July 5th**



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Pastor's Summer Book Group

This summer Dani's leading a group reading Walter Brueggemann's new book God Neighbor Empire. The book has four chapters and we'll meet 4 times with a comfortable 2 weeks in between to give everyone time to read! You'll need to get the book on your own, but Stacy's happy to order it for you if you prefer!

The next meeting is July 13th and we'll meet at Jim & Lisa Lady's house, 826 NW 67th St.

CONCERT AT THE LOCKS!

Sunday, July 2nd at 2 pm we're going to the Ballard Locks to see the 85th St Big Band! Stacy will get there by 1:30 to claim a space. Feel free to bring late lunch or a snack. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket—goose poop! Don't worry if you can't make this concert. We're doing it again August 19th!

Stacy Kern



Garden Corner

The flowers for the sanctuary during the month of June were provided by Nancy Ingle, Nicola Forbess and Sheila Striegl. Thank you all for beautifying our Sanctuary. Thanks also to Sheila, and her helper Fred Kern, for keeping our garden looking so beautiful.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Matthew 10:40-42	Matthew 11:16-19	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Exodus 19:7-9	Exodus 20:1-7	Exodus 20:8-12	Exodus 20:13-15	Exodus 20:16-17

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JULY SCHEDULE:

7/2 2 PM CONCERT AT THE LOCKS

7/3 & 4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

7/9 KATHERINE & DAN & FAMILY AT CHURCH,
ADULT ED AT 9 AM, PREACHING AT 10:30 & POTLUCK AFTERWARDS

7/11 MENS NIGHT: ALL STAR GAME EDITION

7/13 7 PM BOOK GROUP AT THE LADY'S HOUSE

7/14 TO 7/27 PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE FOR VACA

7/16 9:45 AM PICK UP CHOIR—ALL WELCOME

3 PM KIDS GO TO THE ZOO WITH ALLY & DAVID

7/19 8 PM PUB NIGHT

7/26 6 PM GEORGIA KURTZ BBQ & POTLUCK

