

# July Messenger

## Book Club

If you would like to join the Book Club, it is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in Seibert Hall. The book for July is The Curious Incident of Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. Feel free to join us for our informal discussion on July 22nd! Call Carol or Marilou for more information.

**Prayer List:** Judy Brandon Tschanz, Mason Henshaw, Alan Green, Katie Speer O'Coin, Roger & Susie Brockmeyer, Avian Reed, Gordie Howard, Greta Popp Roach, Miranda Rousey, Bill Green, David & Donna Jacomet, Marilyn McWain, Ron & Barb Fox, Charlotte Genslinger, Nancy Kohr, Connie Abner, Jan Wallace, Sandy Deaton, Laurali Alspaugh, Linda Kinnunen, Annette & Fred Farler and all people who are struggling in life. Per request, please pray for the president and all leaders of one world. Also pray for the family of Greg Eldridge and Helen "Gerry" Smith. If anyone would like to be added or removed from the prayer list, please let us know.

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## 2026 Church Council Members

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| John Bond, President        | 513-594-4750 |
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## Worship

July - Mark Oswalt

Counters Kathy and Alyse Rettich

Flowers—Open



## Happy Anniversary

**Kenny & Marsha Glander 7/6**



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| <b>Anya Strayer</b>   | <b>7/1</b>  |
| <b>Matt Tegtmeyer</b> | <b>7/4</b>  |
| <b>Alan Green</b>     | <b>7/7</b>  |
| <b>Denise Minge</b>   | <b>7/9</b>  |
| <b>Kathy Rettich</b>  | <b>7/9</b>  |
| <b>Lois Eldridge</b>  | <b>7/17</b> |
| <b>Donald Riegel</b>  | <b>7/26</b> |

**A special Thank You** Cheryl Slusser who has been helping to clean and organize our church.

Also thank you to Jon Tschanz, who has been helping with maintenance jobs, Larry Barnhart (who does more than any of us knows) and John and Carol Bond (too many things to mention) We appreciate all of you!!!



## "God's work. Our hands."

This is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) annual day of service. In 2026, it takes place on [Sunday, September 13](#). Congregations nationwide gather to celebrate their faith by completing local volunteer and service projects, such as food drives, park cleanups, and assembling health kits. Stay tuned for our plans coming up in September.

### **Religious Trivia:**

#### **Monday, July 6, 2026 - Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

#### **Saturday, July 11, 2026 - Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

From [sundaysandseasons.com](https://sundaysandseasons.com).



**\*Emmanuel's will be having Communion on the first and third Sundays each month.**



This year we celebrate our Semiquincentennial or 250th anniversary of America. Come enjoy the parade on the church lawn. It starts at 10 am on Sat July 4th.





## Summer Picnic

The summer picnic will be on **July 26th**, following the service. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, corn and drinks. Please



bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope to see everyone! ☺

## Summer Splash

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Alexandria is sponsoring a “Summer Splash” for Women of the church and have invited the women of Emmanuel’s. It will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 6:30 pm. We have to RSVP by Thursday July 16th, so there will be a sign up sheet in the hallway or you can call or email our secretary to RSVP. Email: [office@elcgermantown.org](mailto:office@elcgermantown.org) or phone: (937) 855-2172.



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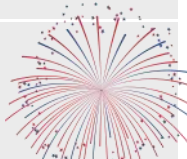
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**Our Sympathies are extended to the family of Greg Eldridge. Gregory R. Eldridge**, age 70, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2026. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to make you feel loved and welcomed, just by being around him.

# July 2026

| Sun                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                                                          | Tue                                                                                              | Wed                       | Thu                                                                                          | Fri                        | Sat                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>Germantown Parade July 4 at 10: 00 am. Watch it from the Church Yard!</b><br> |                                                              |                                                                                                  | 1                         | 2<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm                                                                | 3<br>Rotary<br>12:00 noon  | 4 <br><b>America's 250th Birthday!</b><br><i>Semiquincentennial</i> |
| <b>5 Bible Study 9 am</b><br><hr/> Coffee & Donuts 9:15 am<br><hr/> Worship 10:15<br><b>Communion</b>                                                             | 6<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm                                | 7<br><br>Boy Scouts<br>7:30pm                                                                    | 8                         | 9<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm                                                                | 10<br>Rotary<br>12:00 noon | 11                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>12 Bible Study 9 am</b><br><hr/> <b>Worship</b><br>10:15am<br><hr/> Fellowship Lunch                                                                           | 13<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm<br><hr/> Lions Club<br>6-8:30 | <b>14 Sewing Group 9-3 pm</b><br><hr/> Boy Scouts<br>7:30pm                                      | 15                        | 16<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm                                                               | 17<br>Rotary<br>12:00 noon | 18                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>19 Bible Study 9 am</b><br><hr/> <b>Worship</b><br>10:15 am<br><b>Communion</b><br>10:15am                                                                     | 20<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm                               | 21 <i>Boy Scouts 7:30pm</i><br><hr/> <i>Salem Summer Splash</i><br><i>Women's gathering 6:30</i> | 22<br>Book Club<br>6:30pm | 23<br>Exercise Group 5-6<br><b>5-6 pm</b>                                                    | 24<br>Rotary<br>12:00 noon | 25                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>26 Bible Study 9 am</b><br><hr/> <b>Worship</b><br>10:15am<br><b>Summer Picnic</b>                                                                             | 27 Exer-<br>cise Group<br>5-6 pm<br><hr/> Lions Club         | 28<br><br>Boy Scouts<br>7:30pm                                                                   | 29                        | 30 Rotary<br>12:00 noon<br>Exercise Group<br>5-6 pm<br><b>Hungry Hearts</b><br>Meal 5:30-7pm | 31<br>Rotary<br>12:00 Noon |                                                                                                                                                        |