



## *Sharing Faith's Journey*



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
JUNE 7, 2026**

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June 7, 2026

10:30 AM

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

**Opening Voluntary**

NETTLETON  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Lau

**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Robu

**Introit**

*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*

Mark Miller

*Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one, Christ has broken down the wall.  
We're accepted as we are, we're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled, we're accepted as we are.*

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Summoned by the Gods Who Made Us*

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**\*Responsive Reading**

Bob Blackburn

One: Power Who Affirms Life—

the ways of cruelty, coercion, and small-mindedness are not yours.

**All: You long for us to live unfurling, ample, spacious lives.**

One: Power Who Affirms Life—

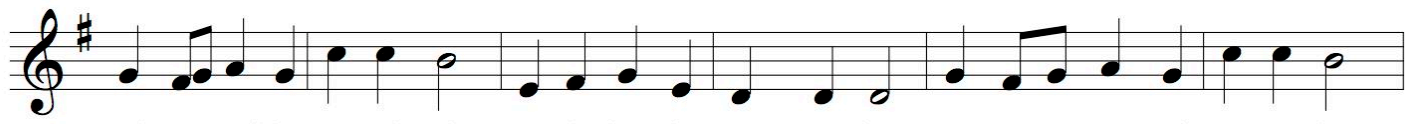
You rage like the sea when people pursue power-over others for personal gain.

**All: You dream of collaboration and care. You dream of wide open fields of consent.**

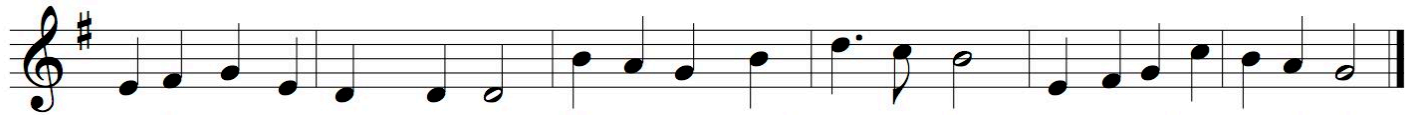
One: Power Who Affirms Life—

We long to live in your legacy of freedom and joy.

**All: We long for the ways of violence to end.**



Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

**\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Protect those who are persecuted by evil laws—trans people, women and gender diverse people, unhoused people, immigrants, and our animal kin.**

**We toss and turn with fear. We weep and shake our fists. We gather in protest in the halls of power. We grieve because it doesn't have to be like this. We do what we can to get through the day. We find beauty and make community amidst chaos and sorrow. Be with us now, Oh God. Accompany us boldly as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught...**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 15:1-9

Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands before they eat." He answered them, "And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that whoever tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is given to God,' then that person need not honor the father. So, for the sake of your tradition, you nullify the word of God. You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said:

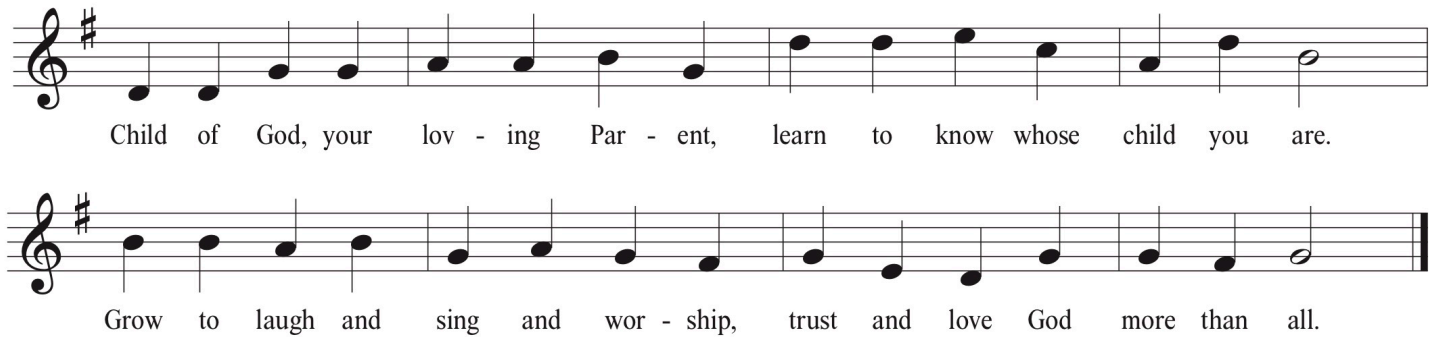
'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

## Welcoming Song

## Child of Blessing

STUTTGART



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

## A Moment With Our Children

Lindsay Miller

## Solo

## We Are A Rainbow Mitch Waggoner, soloist

David Kai

*We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,  
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,  
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.*

*CHORUS: We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,  
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,  
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,  
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.*

*We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads,  
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,  
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,  
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. CHORUS*

*We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,  
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,  
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,  
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. CHORUS*

*When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,  
For our God will be with us on the way,  
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,  
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. CHORUS*

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## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

*Spiritual*

Ysaÿe M. Barnwell

*Cain't no one know at sunrise how this day is going to end.  
Cain't no one know at sunset if the next day will begin, well I'm tellin' you.*

*In this world of trouble and woe,  
A person had better be ready to go.  
We look for things to stay the same,  
But in the twinkling of an eye everything can be changed.  
Well I'm tellin' you.*

*Well the troubles of the world fill our hearts with rage  
From Soweto to Stonewall, Birmingham and L.A.  
You know we're searching for hope that lies within ourselves  
As we fight against misogyny, race, hatred and AIDS.  
Well I'm tellin' you.*

## Sermon

“Breaking the Commandment of God”

Dr.. Robu

## Closing Hymn

*A Hymn for Self-Acceptance*

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*At the Name of Jesus*

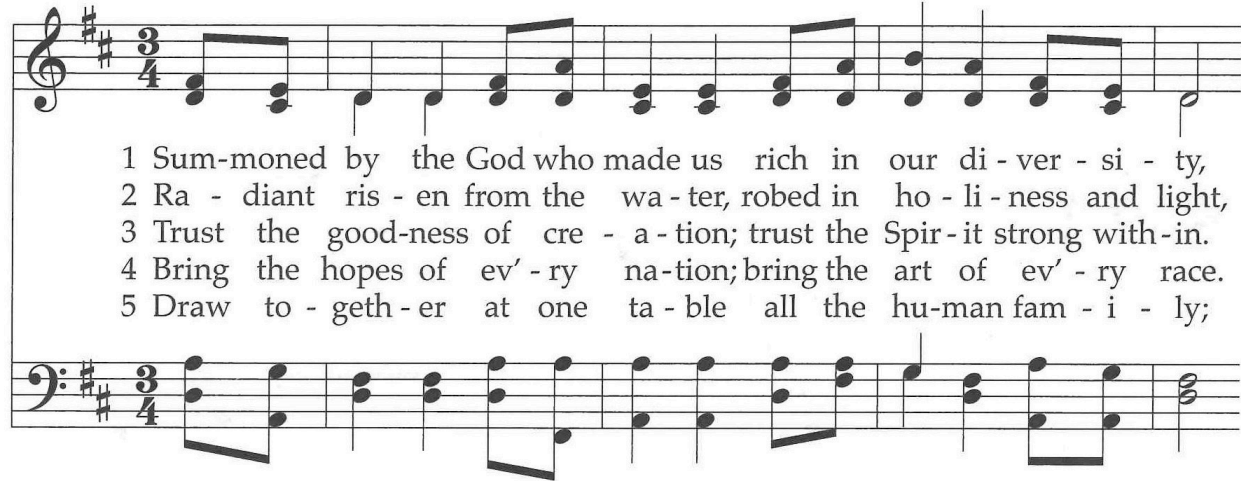
arr. Craig Phillips

\* Let all who are able please stand.

# Summoned by the God Who Made Us

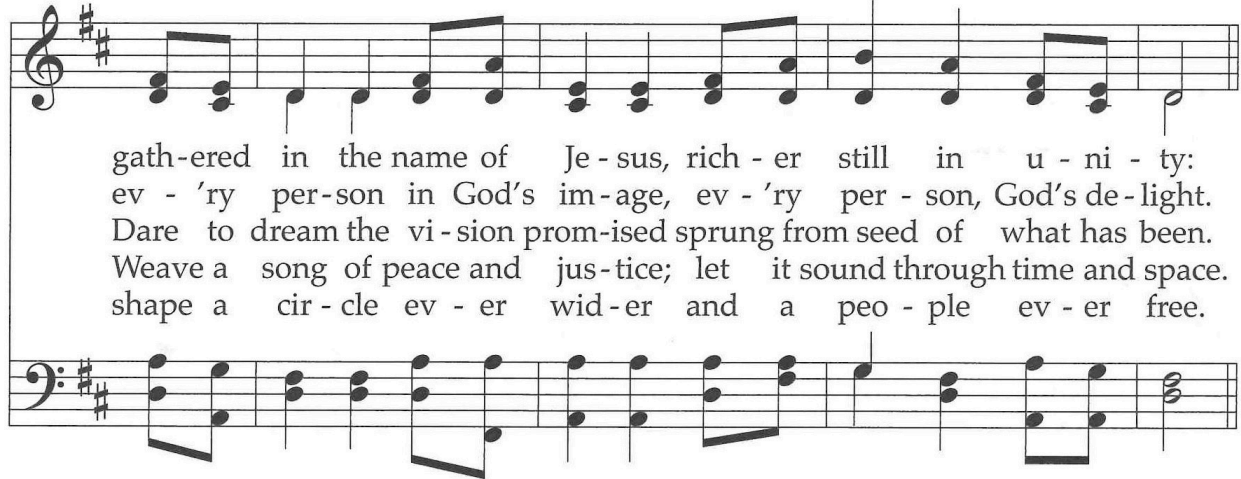
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D

A7 D A D G A7 D



1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,  
2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, robed in ho-li-ness and light,  
3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.  
4 Bring the hopes of ev'-ry na-tion; bring the art of ev'-ry race.  
5 Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

A7 D A D G A7 D



gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty:  
ev-'ry per-son in God's im-age, ev-'ry per-son, God's de-light.  
Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.  
Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.  
shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain A7 D G D A7 D G D



Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

A7 D A D G A7 D

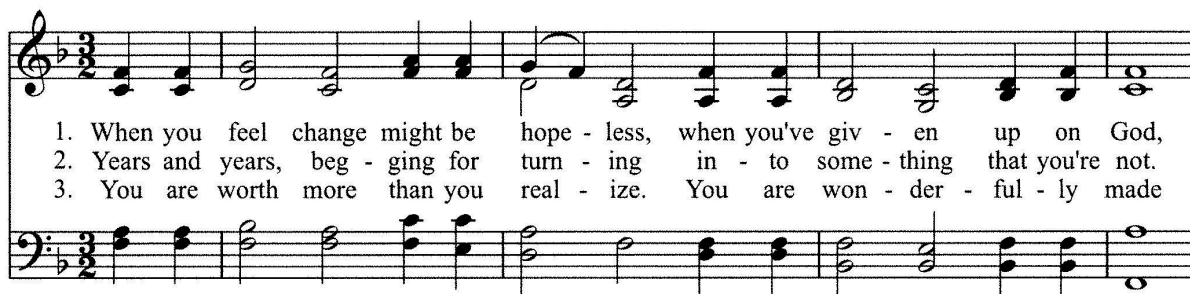


sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

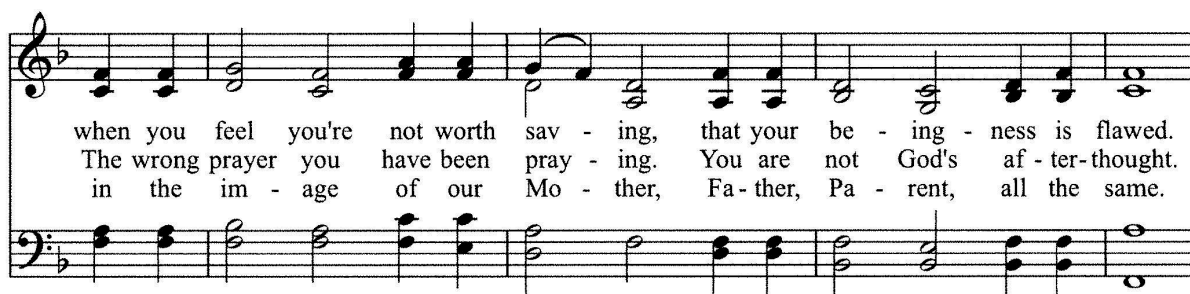
# A Hymn for Self-Acceptance

Wesley King

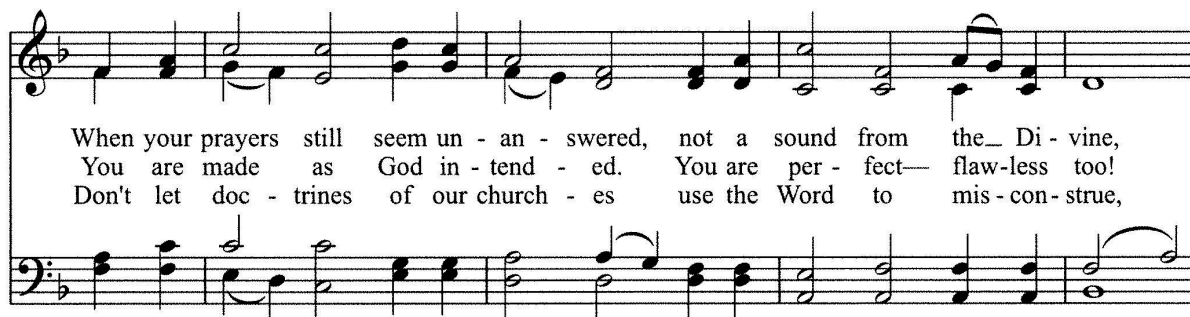
BEACH SPRING  
B.F. White, harm. Ronald A. Nelson



1. When you feel change might be hope - less, when you've giv - en up on God,  
2. Years and years, beg - ging for turn - ing in - to some - thing that you're not.  
3. You are worth more than you real - ize. You are won - der - ful - ly made



when you feel you're not worth sav - ing, that your be - ing - ness is flawed.  
The wrong prayer you have been pray - ing. You are not God's af - ter-thought.  
in the im - age of our Mo - ther, Fa - ther, Pa - rent, all the same.



When your prayers still seem un - an - swered, not a sound from the\_ Di - vine,  
You are made as God in - tend - ed. You are per - fect— flaw-less too!  
Don't let doc - trines of our church - es use the Word to mis - con - stue,



may - be you have been mis - ta - ken. God is send - ing you a sign.  
May each one of you re - mem - ber, no - thing sev - ers God from you.  
for it's writ - ten in the scrip - tures, sure - ly God de - lights in you!

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**Sing with us this  
Summer!  
Summer Choir Season  
has arrived.**

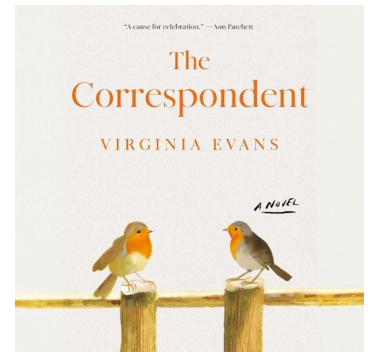
**Join us on Sundays at  
10:00 AM starting this  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Just come as you are!**



Summer Reads – choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 of these books to read over the summer and we will discuss them all when we meet in August

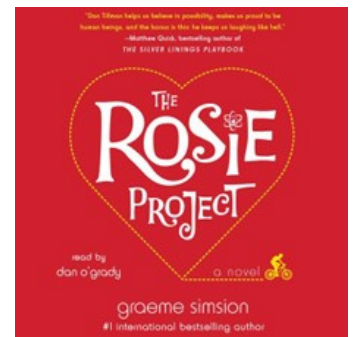
### **The Correspondent by Virginia Evans**

In development as a major motion picture starring Jane Fonda Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.



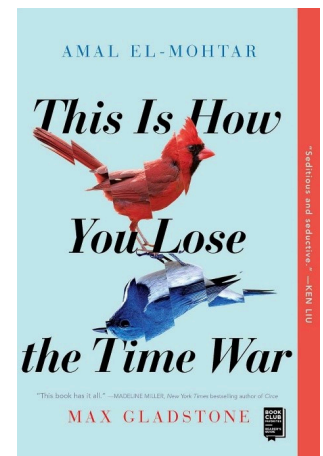
### **The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion**

The international bestselling romantic comedy “bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and...humor,” (Entertainment Weekly) featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love.



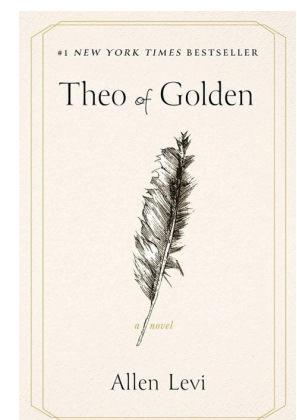
### **This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone** (won the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards)

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future



### **Theo of Golden by Alan Levi**

Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their “rightful owners.” With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.





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# We are delighted to share a sneak preview of this year's Fine Arts Series Events!



The Plymouth Fine Arts Series seeks to elevate the appreciation of the arts in our community and offer experiences for performer and audience that inspire creativity and lift the spirit.



FRI/SAT / OCT 9-10, 2026 7 PM

## BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

by *anna ouyang moench*  
a play in two acts  
starring *tim & francie robu*  
\$20/pp



SAT / NOV 14, 2026 7PM FREE  
**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
SCHANTZ**

## PIPE ORGAN

with *Jan Kraybill*  
grammy nominated, concert organist,  
pianist, harpsichordist, educator

FRI/APR 2, 2027 5:30 PM FREE

## VISUALIZING PALESTINE

first friday art display

Visualizing Palestine uses data and research to visually communicate Palestinian experiences to provoke narrative change.



# JUNE Birthdays

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|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Jane Gilchrist | June 2  | Roger Douthett | June 22 |
| Donna Depew    | June 4  | Billie Palmer  | June 23 |
| Bill Loyd      | June 6  | Francie Robu   | June 24 |
| Kevin Nichols  | June 6  | Mark Clevenger | June 25 |
| Liz Carroll    | June 15 | Doug Stark     | June 25 |
| Elaine Neel    | June 17 | Matthew Jones  | June 30 |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>1</b> AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING *** 7:30 ORGAN CONCERT ***	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM CABINET	<b>3</b> AEROBICS	<b>4</b> WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	<b>5</b> FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL 5:30 - 8 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>8</b> AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AEROBICS	<b>11</b> WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	<b>12</b> AEROBICS	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>15</b> AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	<b>16</b> INVESTMENT CLUB	<b>17</b> AEROBICS	<b>18</b> WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	<b>19</b> AEROBICS	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 MISSIONS BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP	<b>22</b> AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	<b>23</b> 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	<b>24</b> AEROBICS	<b>25</b> WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	<b>26</b> AEROBICS	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30 AM WORSHIP	<b>29</b> AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b> AEROBICS	<b>2</b> WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	<b>3</b> AEROBICS	<b>4</b> HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT DISPLAY - MON/FRI DAILY - 10 AM TO 2 PM

VBS at ST. JAMES - WEEKDAY EVENINGS 5:30 TO 8 PM

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEER WEEK