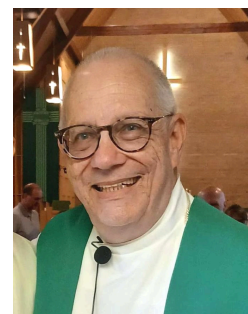




July 2026

Pastor's Corner

In Matthew 9, Jesus says that the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few – and as a result, Jesus sends his Disciples out in teams of two, to minister to many more. Jesus put imperfect human faces out into the world, to teach, to proclaim, and to cure. These were not the smartest, not the wisest, and not the holiest people, but they were people called by God – and that was enough.



Were they scared? Most likely! Were they afraid of making mistakes? Sure. Were they alone? Absolutely not! They traveled with a partner. They traveled with God by their side. They were well taken care of.

Let's fast forward into 2026... (Do you feel 2000 years flying by?) We have the same conditions now, as we had back during the time of Jesus. The harvest remains plentiful. In fact, more than plentiful. The workers appear to be fewer now than back then. But, we have so many more advantages than our first century friends had. We have mass media. We have the World Wide Web. We have so much more technology and transportation means, than ever imagined. And yet... we (like many other faith traditions), are struggling to

train pastors and teachers. We are struggling to simply get the word out about God's grace-filled love of each and every person. The thought of this blows my mind. How can this be in 2026?

I do understand that we live in a world of competing priorities of time, energy, and money. We live in a time where our dollar does not buy as much as it used to. Maybe we even question our own abilities to adequately care for our own family. I feel your pain. I see your anguish. I hear your stories. And more importantly, I'm confident that the Holy sees all of this too.

So maybe the question is not, "Are we enough?" Maybe the better question is, "Are we willing?" Willing to pray. Willing to listen. Willing to encourage. Willing to show up. God has always done holy work through imperfect people, and God is not finished doing that work through us. The harvest is plentiful, and that is not just a challenge, it is a sign of possibility. There is still love to share, hope to speak, grace to proclaim, and room for each of us to join in.

Friends, the need is real—but so is the hope. The workers may feel few, but the Spirit is not scarce. The world may feel weary, but God's grace has not run dry. Jesus is still sending disciples out, still pairing us with companions, still placing courage in fearful hearts, and still reminding us that we are never alone. So let us go forward, not because we are perfect, but because we are called; not because we are fearless, but because God is faithful.



Sing-A-Long With Elaine



Don't forget about the sing-a-long with Elaine at Lakehouse in New Holstein on Thursday, July 16th. For the Women's Guild, this will be in place of their regular meeting at 7 Angels. Everyone is welcome! Breakfast will be at 9 a.m. and singing starting at approximately 10 a.m.--all in the cafeteria. Let Ruth know if you plan on participating by Friday, July 10. You can call her at 920-849-9427, email her at draebischer@outlook.com, or let her know when you

see her in church. For more details, check out the June issue of the "Eagle". It should be a lot of fun and a chance to enjoy some singing and having Elaine play for us again.

Ebenezer Women's Guild



Barb ~ Colleen ~
Da' Monique ~ Diana ~
Dino ~ Don ~ Elizabeth ~
Gail ~ Herb ~ Joan ~
Kathryn ~ Katy ~ Pam ~
Rachel ~ Raelynn ~ Rod
~ Sandra ~ Stevie ~ Tony



JULY

Birthdays



2 Caleb Wiegert
7 Jordan Kress
9 Bea Pingel
10 Tyler See
16 Terra Head
17 Owen Brown
18 Vern Gasch
18 Don Pagel
23 Chris Stenz
26 Colt Porsche
27 Emily Wagner
27 Judy Mattes

Happy Graduation!

from your Ebenezer Church Family

Congratulations to the 2026 Ebenezer high school graduates. We wish you a bright and successful future, whether continuing your education, going into the military or joining the job market.

Mason Pagel
Caleb Wiegert
Spencer Wagner
Carson Pierquet
Aiden Tanner

UCC Organization Receives Chilton Area Grant



United Church Men & Women, a UCC organization based in Kohler, recently received a \$10,000 grant from Empowering Rural Communities within the Chilton Area Community Foundation. The **United Church Men & Women** is a non-profit group dedicated to supporting men and women who have chosen a vocation of ministry. Their scholarships support those in training for parish and congregational ministry; hospital, nursing home, and prison chaplaincy; and other leadership roles in the church, as well as continuing education for those already active in ministry. Many area UCC clergy (and churches) have benefitted from their generosity, as the United Church Men & Women help to grow and nurture local ministry.

Thank you to the Chilton Area Community Foundation for their generous support of United Church Men & Women and rural communities!

Local Community Events

The Summer in the Park



Band series takes place on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hobart Park Band Shell. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are the sponsors of the food stand which opens at 5:30 p.m. The remaining dates for the 2026 season are:

July 2 - The Fiddler's Farm Band

July 9 - Schneider Family Brass Ensemble

July 16 - Chilton City Band (Christmas in July)

July 23 - Del Ray's

July 30 - Remington's Ride

August 6 - Chilton City Band

August 13 - Birschbach Reboot Band

New Holstein Firefighter's Picnic



Live music Friday, July 10. Live music & large fireworks display Saturday night. Parade at 11:00 AM Sunday,

July 12, followed by live music, bingo, & hot sandwiches. All weekend carnival rides, food, & beverages.

Stockbridge Fireman's Picnic & Parade



Picnic on July 18 & 19, featuring live music, food, and raffle. Parade is Sunday, July 19th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Hilbert 4th of July Parade & Picnic



Our annual 4th of July parade and picnic will kick off with the firemans' parade at 11am. Join us at Hilbert Civic Park (hwy. 57/32) after the parade for food, refreshments, entertainment, and bounce houses.

Calumet County Night Out



Monday, July 27. Meet first responders and police/fire departments from around Calumet County; 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM at the Calumet County Courthouse.

STAMPIN' IN THE WOODS WITH JULIE IS HOSTING

STAMPIN' UP KIT CLASSES

JUNE - NOVEMBER

Ebenezer Church

2ND MONDAY
6:00PM - 8:00PM
44 WASHINGTON ST
CHILTON, WI

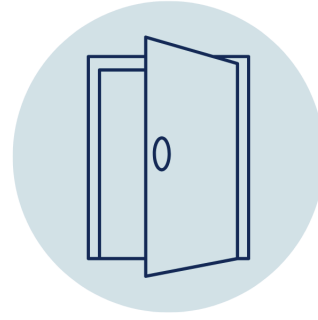


The next "Stampin' It" card class will be at Ebenezer on Monday, July 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Beginners to experienced card makers are welcome – no supplies needed. Everything needed for the class is included in a \$25 kit which Julie will have available; \$5 from each kit sold will be donated back to the church. RSVP to Julie at 920-849-2931.



Readers

July 5 - **Ann**
July 12 - **Kristi**
July 19 - **Stephanie**
July 26 - **Karen**



Ushers

July 5 - **Council**
July 12 - **Ralph, Mike**
July 19 - **Eric, Jamie**
July 26 - **Steve, Mark**



*Happy
Fourth
of July!*

Meeting Minutes

Council Minutes are pending; please look for them in the next newsletter.

July Calendar of Events

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	2	3	4 
5 Family Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. w/ Communion • Bible Study	6	7	8 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	9 Men's Breakfast Group Meeting at 7 Angels 8:30 a.m.	10	11
12 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study	13 Stampin' It Class 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	14	15 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	16 Sing-A-Long w/ Elaine @ Lakeshore Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. Sing-a-Long: 10:00 a.m.	17	18
19 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study Council Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.	20	21	22 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	23 Eagle Articles Due	24	25
26 Worship Service @ 8:45 a.m. • Bible Study (Pastor on Vacation from 7/23-7-28)	27	28	29 6:00 Service @SJUCC Supper at 5:00 pm	30	31	

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Lexi Pagel



50 Years Ago...

Take a look at what Ebenezer was up to in July of the bicentennial year!

Ebenezer Eagle



EBENEZER "Stone of Help"
Q. Moeschberger - Pastor
Worship 8:00 and 10:15

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KISSER OF FROGS

A country psychologist had a sign on his desk, "Gianitelli: Kisser of Frogs." It would bring to mind the story of the frog who would turn into a handsome prince if some maiden would kiss it.

Sometimes we are ugly and we need a kiss to bring out the prince within us. A person who feels that life has given him an empty bag of resources - needs a kiss. A person who is a pair of brown shoes when everyone is wearing tuxedos - needs a kiss. A person who brags a lot to cover up his feelings - needs a kiss.

We need a lot of people who will make themselves available to bring

the best out of others by getting involved with them. Can you confront some ugliness and see the hidden beauty? Can you bear "good news" to the frogs.

It is always easy to love at a distance. Kissing implies close contact. You can't "blow" a kiss, that's a teaser; but just as touching a person may offer reassurance, so a kisser of frogs is one who gets reassuringly close.

Jesus was like that - a kisser of frogs. The thing to do was to avoid all of the tax collectors because they were ugly. If you treated women as though they were a bit above animals - like something sort of ugly - it was normal. Little children were nothings and so they were expected to stay in swamps "rribbett, rribbett, rribbett" until they grew up. The poor, were dirty, dumb, ugly and the quicker you got past them the better. The sick were even worse - covered with a green wart like skin of evil and corruption. BUT Jesus touched them and a prince emerged that none other had noticed before.

Jesus does that to all frogs - frogs like you and me.

Next Sunday - we celebrate summer communion at 8 and 9:30 to acknowledge the gift of Jesus kiss.



PRAYERS FOR RAIN

Praying people in the community have joined persons throughout the drought stricken world to pray for rain. A special service was conducted which turned into a teaching opportunity on prayer. We are grateful to God for the rain that has fallen - we realize that it rains according to God's will and not our own. Sunday is another opportunity for you to express gratitude to God through the service of Holy Communion.

We wish to express gratitude to the congregation for their faithful financial support thus far. It is our trust that all of us will be honest and fair with the church.



After the first experience with a bus load of persons attending the Melody Top we have heard the pleas for a bus to attend a Milwaukee Brewers Ball game. We have reserved a 43 passenger Oriol Bus for the Brewers-Oakland Baseball game on Wednesday, August 18th. We shall depart at 5:00 P.M. The cost for the bus is \$3.00 per person and tickets will be purchased upon arrival. There is ample seating and the prices are: Box seats \$4.75; Lower Grandstand - \$3.75; Upper Grandstand - \$2.75 and Bleacher - \$1.75. The game begins at 7:30 P.M. For reservations contact Mr. Gene Redig 849-4354.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, August 2nd at 8:00 P.M.

SUMMER COMMUNION on August 1st, 1976 at 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. Persons desiring private communion are asked to contact the pastor.

HURRY-UP for Over 50 - Rev. E.L. Hennig, director of the Moon Beach Over-50 Camp indicated that registrations are ahead of last year but there is still room. The dates are September 10 to 13th. Registration blanks are in the Narthex.

ANNUAL MISSION EDUCATION CONFERENCE - Lakeland College is hosting the Mission Education Conference this year. The date is Tuesday, August 17th from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY EVENING CAMPING SERVICES ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT Calumet County Park, each Saturday at 8:00. These are lead by the pastor.

At Calumet Memorial Hospital

Mrs. Verna Pohland
Mrs. Lorena Sohrweide
Mrs. Connie Elliott



Summer Book Opportunities

We all could use some "smarts" try reading Proverbs this summer.

It appears that the foibles of man are not visited on a particular generation. There are generous youths as well as adults - there are the young who don't care to work and there are older people who aren't overly ambitious either. So let's not pick... let's all work together.



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