
LIFE THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Gal. 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Summer Vacation

What are you doing this summer?

For many of us, summer is a time to slow down the regular routine of work, sports, school, and even church life. Instead, we have the opportunity to travel, to be with family, and to enjoy leisure activity. Our family is looking forward to gathering with extended family, hiking, camping, and spending time by the pool. After another full year of sports, school, and work, the summer is beginning to sound like an oasis in the midst of a full life.

I have sensed that God created us for these alternating rhythms of life. The Fourth Commandment teaches us not only the importance of rest, but also the mandate to work – “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,” God tells us. There is a time for us to be busy, to work, and to fight back against the thorns and thistles of a broken world as we cultivate beauty and goodness, sharing in the cultural mandate. But work and busyness can easily become an idol, and we can, if we aren’t careful, begin to define ourselves by our busyness, by what we do and accomplish. This isn’t God’s purpose for us.

Rest gives us the chance to receive a gift of rest. We can slow down, and enjoy God’s gracious gift of leisure, delight in creation, reconnect with our loved ones. These activities can feed our soul, so that when the time for work comes around again, we work out of our rest.

For many of us, summer will be restful. We try to slow many activities at Sunnyslope down over the summer months to allow for this (true, not everything stops!). Some of us may not be able to fully rest this summer – your “rest” time may come at a different time or season of the year. But whatever we do this summer, may we receive with gratitude God’s gift of a summer vacation.

-Pastor Rob

Sermon Plans:

June 7

James 3:1-12
Words that Make a Difference
Communion

Designated offering:
Building and grounds

June 14

John 20:19-23
From Fear to Mission
Pastor Josh VanTil leading; Pastor Rob at Synod

June 21

James 3:13-18
The Wisdom of God
Designated offering:
Jones

June 28

James 4:1-6
The Heart of Conflict

July 5

TBD
Pastor Gerson preaching (tentative)
Communion
Designated offering:
CSTA

Council Update

Council met on Tuesday, June 2, for the first meeting of the new session. Council...

...Elected Pastor Rob as President, Bart Bollen as Vice President, Ryan Haan as Clerk, Mike De Groot as Treasurer, Derek Greydanus as Deacon Chair, and Joel Henderson as Deacon Treasurer

...Decided not to create a new fellowship committee to oversee fellowship in the church, leaving this instead to the members of the church and to committees.

...ensured that Joel Henderson signed the Covenant for Officebearers

...Appointed Michael Van Corbach to serve as Building and Grounds liaison, Ryan Haan as Faith-Formation Team liaison, and Jerry VandeBurgt as Worship Supply liaison.

...Heard an update on our Bolivia Team partnership

Summer Events

Summer Hockey: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM! All levels of experience are welcome to come out and play -- all equipment is provided!

Church softball:

June 11, 6:10 PM at South Salem Friends Church.

June 18, 8:30 PM at South Salem Friends Church

June 25, 6:10 PM at Bethany Baptist Church

July 2, 7:20 PM at Bethany Baptist Church

Rainforest Falls VBS:

July 6-10 from 9 AM to 11:30 PM

Sermon Plans cont.:

July 12

James 4:6-10

The Heart of Repentance

July 19

James 4:11-12

Judging Well

Designated offering:

ReFrame Ministries

July 26

TBD

Pastor Rob on vacation

August 2

James 4:13-17

Planning for the Future

Communion

Designated offering:

CCF

August 9

James 5:1-6

Treating your Employees

Well

August 16

James 5:7-12

Practicing Patience

Designated offering:

Essenburgs

August 23

TBD

Pastor Rob on vacation

August 30

James 5:13-20

Praying Well

Designated offering:

Bollens

Summer birthdays and anniversaries

Are we missing out on celebrating you? Let the church office know!

Anneke Van Klaveren – June 2
Lydia De Groot, Sage Firestone – June 5
Matthias Lavalleur, Derek Greydanus – June 7
Jamison Johnson – June 10
Bert & Anna De Vries Ann – June 11
Jerry & Margie Vande Burgt Ann – June 12
Louie Plantenga – June 12
Joanna De Groot, Nellie Gietema – June 14
Noah De Vries – June 15
Dave & Ruth Landegent Ann – June 16
Chris Jorge, Emily Faber – June 18
Drew & Jennifer Johnson Ann – June 25
Nora Worst, Drea Rasmussen – June 26
Matthew & Renee Vande Burgt Ann – June 28
Renee Jorge – June 28
Michael Van Corbach – June 29
Benjamin Martins – June 30
Erik & Jaimee De Vries Ann – June 30
Geron Haan – July 1
Elaine White, Grace Faber – July 6
Khloe De Vries – July 7
Alice Firestone – July 8
Jason & Heather Lavalleur Ann – July 11
Renee Vande Burgt, Myles Greenwood – July 12
Terri Caldwell, Mitch Nauta, Jason Koning – July 13
Caroline Kenagy – July 14
Leni Van Egmond, Vivian Bromley-White – July 15
Agnes Hoiseth, Denise De Groot – July 16
Mike & Trisha Faber Ann – July 17
Luan Martins – July 17
Sarah Dykstra – July 18
Chris & Renee Jorge Ann – July 19
Cindy Hiemstra – July 19
Maddie Greydanus – July 22
Serena Perez – July 25
Caleb & Jeanelle Harris Ann – July 26
Jason & Jana Koning Ann – July 27
Micah Kenagy – July 28
Ron & Alyssa Worst Ann – July 31
Jennifer Bruce – Aug 2
Briar Skaer – Aug 3
Lucas Dykstra – Aug 4
Sarah Vander Stoel – Aug 6
Jeanelle Harris,
Isaac Bromley-White – Aug 7
Scott Faber – Aug 8
Bart & Char Bollen Ann – Aug 9
Nora Kenagy – Aug 9
Rick Carrasco – Aug 12
Derek & Emily Greydanus Ann – Aug 13
Zach Prys – Aug 13
Nancy Faber – Aug 15
Kathy Phipps, Molly Koning – Aug 16
Al & Anna Sprague Ann – Aug 18
Bill & Debbie Martin Ann – Aug 20
Drew Johnson – Aug 20
Robert & Anneke
Van Klaveren Ann – Aug 21
Alexis Alayon-Ramak – Aug 21
Rob Toornstra – Aug 23
Caleb Harris – Aug 26
Lee Granat – Aug 28
Gene & Cindy Hiemstra Ann – Aug 28
Mark Stanek – Aug 29