



**AUGUST 2024**

**From the Desk of The Rev. Joe Pierjok**

### 3 WAYS JESUS MODELED SELF-CARE

In a time when life has become a bit hectic, uncertain, and increasingly stressful I thought it would be a good idea to look at self-care. Self-care is a term that many may feel uncomfortable with, thinking that it is selfish. Beloved, practiced in moderation, like anything, self-care is one of the most important things that we can do for ourselves and for others. What better way to look at some practices of self-care, then to look to the life and ministry of Jesus.

#### 1. BUILDING COMMUNITY

Life is not meant to be lived on our own, but to be daily encouraged by one another. Jesus learned at a young age to find community—people who could help guide and encourage him in his life. When he was a boy, his parents left him behind when they traveled back to their hometown from Jerusalem. Upon returning, “they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.” (Luke 2:46) He sought out the wisdom of others. He also cultivated friendships and didn’t carry out his ministry on his own. They looked out for each other, encouraged, and provided for one another.

#### 2. PRACTICING GRATITUDE

Gratitude is a practice, not a character trait. Jesus made a practice of being thankful. It was part of his everyday behavior. “Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.” (John 6:11) He often spoke on gratitude as a remedy to worry in addition to being a source of encouragement for many.

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?” (Matthew 6:25-27)

#### 3. DAILY PRAYER

Most importantly, prayer was a staple of Jesus’ self-care practice. If Jesus prayed, how much more do we need to? “But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.” (Luke 5:16) “Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land.” (Mark 6:45-47)

**SPIRIT of GRACE**

GRACE CHURCH, 820 Howard St, PO Box 596,  
Carthage MO 64836

**COFFEE  
HOSTS**

AUG  
Ruth &  
Larry  
Hartman



**AUGUST  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Zelma Watts, Mark Jones, Elisa White, Carson Stremke
- 3 Margaret Wampler
- 4 Dennis Sawyer, Daniel Lynch
- 6 Joan Archer
- 7 Don Gass, Kevin Snow
- 8 Norman Rouse 10 Beckham Saiz
- 11 Lindsey Hettinger
- 12 Will Flanigan, Carter Castleberry
- 14 Martin Escobar
- 16 Flynn Mountjoy, Owen Taylor, Sylvia Sprenkle, Jason Hettinger
- 17 Connor Wilkowski
- 18 Erin Thompson
- 19 Bill Cannon, Samantha Rusk, Landon Parker, Dru Miles
- 20 Rhonda Ralston, Cindy Chilton
- 21 Kate Gilpin, Doris Sample, Stephanie Lynch, Luke Waggoner
- 22 Justin Baucom, Marcia McGuire, Katie Fry
- 23 Eric Adams
- 24 Gloria LaFerla, Roger Martin
- 27 Tom Flanigan, Olivia Pierce
- 28 Eva Tidball 30 Brenda Grigsby
- 31 Knox Dunaway

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Ted & Debbie Evans
- 6 Tad & Ann Herz
- 8 Brad & Elisa White
- 13 Chuck & Becky Edds
- 14 Justin & Kelsey Baucom
- 19 Scott & Denise Lambert
- 20 Harry & Judy Kester
- 21 Cris & Kathy Laytham
- 23 Bill & Cindy Putnam
- 26 Doug & Pam Crandall
- 28 Dennis & Kathy Martin
- 31 Norman & Karen Rouse

**VESTRY**

The Love Lunches Program has handed out 833 bags of food through 7/23/24. That is seven days worth of hand outs so far.. Our busiest day at the time of this article we handed out 183 bags. The number of food sacks that is handed out continues to grow each day. We can not thank the people of Grace that continue to support this ministry enough!

**Parking Lot Party!!**

Please join us on Friday, August 16th for the third annual Parking Lot Party!

The party will begin at 5pm!  
There will be yard games, 3 bounce houses, s'mores, food and drinks!

Sober as a Judge will be performing live music!!

Youth Lock In starts at 8pm!

**Kermes**

Come enjoy is some of the best food you can find! **August 31st** in Grace Church parking lot. All proceeds will go to the ministry at St. Nicholas in Noel!

**SIGN-UP SHEET**

Trip to Branson, MO

Sight & Sound

Queen Esther

Sat, Sept 14, 3:30 pm

\$60

There will be more information, once it is known how many are interested in going.

## The PARISH PRAYER LIST

*St Luke's:* Louise Barton, Ann Carter, Tom Huntley

*Oak Pointe:* Richard Goolsby, Lida McCulloch

*Wildwood:* Helen Moss

*Moberly:* Eric Adams      *OKC:* Kay Graham

*Lockwood:* Edith Walters

*College View:* Roger & Sherrie Stinnett

*Parishioners:* Marilyn Kelley, Frank Lane, Connie Moss, Karen Rouse, Steve Wampler, Maribeth Ward, Vincent Wilkowski, Bill Wilson, Hans Ytell

*Current:* Lisa Bannerman, Micky Boyer, Jim Bracht, Rilann Burnett, Stacie (Barkley) Cox, Jennifer Jeffries, Robert Johnson, Dennis Lane, Angie Miller, Jane Mitchell, Ginia Oehlschlager, Mannie & Connie Orr, Greg Pierjok, J D Sample, Jeff Sawyer, Greg Turner, Lori Wackwitz, Dixie Wolf, Bonnie, Shelby

Seminarian, Jory Mertens

### PARKING LOT PARTY

#### YOUTH LOCK IN

Friday, August 16

The 3rd Annual Grace Church Parking Lot Party is from 5pm-9pm. There are plenty of activities for all ages, as well as live music, and food. Due to the Parking Lot Party going until 9pm, we will be starting the lock-in later in the evening at 8pm. Dinner will be at the Party, but we will have snacks. We have another "nailed-it"/"Without a recipe" game for you to enjoy this time! We will have games and activities as well as Compline with Music before bed. We will have breakfast the next morning with pick-up at 11am. There is a google form, please fill it out, as it will help us in getting food and supplies. If you are an adult who wishes to help with breakfast only, please contact Madi Kyger.

Lock-in Google Form: [https://forms.gle/<sup>3</sup>McjNNSqXuAFGBC5k6](https://forms.gle/McjNNSqXuAFGBC5k6)

## SUMMER WINDING DOWN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

### AUGUST

Bishop Visit (**changed to Dec 8**)

**16** 3rd Annual Parking Lot Party 5-9 pm

**18** Backpack Blessing 8am & 10:30 Mass

**31** Kermes 10-2 pm

### SAVE the DATE TEA & THEE LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Every Wed, 10 am

BIBLE STUDY  
Every Thurs, 11 am  
In-person or via Zoom

QUILTERS  
Every Thurs, noon

### FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP

Every Thurs, 3 pm

Pull up a chair and make new friends!

### MEN of GRACE FELLOWSHIP

1st & 3rd Sat, 9 am

Men of the parish are invited to join in the fellowship and activities.

KNITTERS  
Second Tues, Aug 13, 6 pm

CAREGIVERS  
Third Tues, Aug 20, 2 pm

VESTRY  
Third Tues, Aug 20, 5:30 pm

OFFICES CLOSED

SEPT 3

## La Mision Cristiana.

Las misiones y los misioneros siempre han sido importantes en el cristianismo. Más aún, son la vanguardia y el referente primero de la evangelización. Al mismo tiempo, **todos los cristianos tenemos una misión. Esto significa nuestro nombre, “cristiano”, que deriva de Cristo, el “ungido” por Dios para la salvación del mundo.**

En nuestro tiempo se siguen manifestando los límites del hombre, a pesar de los enormes avances de la ciencia y de la tecnología en el mundo de la globalización. No es solo la muerte (el límite más claro y común), sino la persistencia del hambre y las enfermedades, de la ignorancia, de las injusticias, la imposibilidad de hacer todo lo que querríamos, por muy bueno que nos parezca. **Nuestra mente, nuestro corazón, nuestra capacidad de trabajo y nuestro tiempo tienen sus límites. No somos Dios.** Pero además no **funcionamos como sería quizá de esperar.** Decía Sófocles que el hombre esta, abierto a todas las cosas, pero a la vez cerrado. En perspectiva cristiana observaba San Pablo: “No hago el bien que quiero, sino el mal que no quiero” (Rm 7, 19). **Estamos “heridos” en nuestra inteligencia, en nuestra voluntad y en nuestros deseos y actitudes. Y a esto habría que añadir la confusión y manipulación de que somos objeto continuamente.** Todo ello nos hace lentos para percibir la verdad, el bien y la belleza.

En el momento actual cabe subrayar tres aspectos: **la misión nos corresponde efectivamente a todos los cristianos, según nuestras condiciones y circunstancias en la Iglesia y en el mundo; la misión cristiana es un aspecto esencial de la educación en la fe; esta misión requiere hoy antes que nada del testimonio y de la misericordia.** Los cristianos hemos recibido la buena noticia (el Evangelio) de que Dios nos ama y el encargo o la misión de anunciarla al mundo. Cristiano significa ungido, como Cristo y en Cristo, para esa misión. Se trata de “un don que no se puede conservar para uno mismo, sino que debe ser compartido. Si queremos guardarlo sólo para nosotros mismos, nos convertiremos en cristianos aislados, estériles y enfermos. Con esa buena noticia y la misión de anunciarla a todos, también tenemos los cristianos el impulso y la energía para hacerlo, saliendo de nosotros mismos, yendo a las “periferias”, especialmente a aquellas que no han tenido la oportunidad de conocer a Cristo. “La fuerza de nuestra fe, a nivel personal y comunitario, también se mide por la capacidad de comunicarla a los demás, de difundirla, de vivirla en la caridad, de dar testimonio a las personas que encontramos y que comparten con nosotros en el diario caminar.

As we enter into August the pulse of Parish Life around Grace Church begins to speed up again. This month we have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parking Lot Party and Lock-In for Youth and our Backpack Blessing to kick off the school year. With the start of the new school year we also begin to look towards the beginning of our programming year here at Grace Church. Look for more information to come about what to expect this fall at Grace Church in subsequent newsletters and I encourage to take a look at the website where we do our best to keep current and accurate information available all the time. You can also find an electronic copy of the Newsletter on the website should you need it. Below is a calendar of important upcoming dates with pertinent information.

**Parking Lot Party Lock-In** – Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-9pm (Ages entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

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**Backpack Blessing**, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Service

All students, teachers, faculty, and those otherwise associated with the school system are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at our 10:30am Mass to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year. Students bring their backpacks, teachers your dry erase markers and briefcases, and coaches your whistles! Or just bring yourselves, and that would be great too.

### **Friendly Reminder**

We are **always** happy to share personal news and invitations in the newsletter, weekly email, on the TV in the Gathering room and during announcements when the clergy ask for “any other announcements”. The Sunday bulletin is for Parish announcements and business ONLY. They are a worship aid, not an advertisement spot.

## MINISTERS of WORSHIP: AUGUST

### Fri, Aug 2: 10 am

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

*Server:* Mark Jones

### Sat, Aug 3: 9 am

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

### 5 pm

*Reader:* Leigh Salyer

*Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

### XI PENTECOST

### Sun, Aug 4: 8 am

*Reader/Chalice/Server:* Chuck Edds

*Prayers:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

### XI PENTECOST 10:30 am

*OT:* Barbara Mountjoy

*NT/Chalice:* Elaine Wurst

*Prayers/Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Mentor:* Tracy Wilkowski

*Server:* Connor Wilkowski

*Cross:* Sam Hess

*Torches:* Allie Rhymer & Owen Hess

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

*AV:* Jennifer Rhymer

*Ushers:* Jimmy Grimes &

Richard Ralston

*Flower Delivery:* Gloria Gubser &

Peggy Ralston

### Wed, Aug 7: 6 pm

*Reader:* AJ Rhymer

*Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Connie Leek

### Fri, Aug 9: 10 am

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

*Server:* Mark Jones

### Sat, Aug 10: 9 am

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

### 5 pm

*Reader/Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

### XII PENTECOST

### Sun, Aug 11: 8 am

*Reader:* Shirley Gollhofer

*Prayers/Chalice/Server:* Chuck Edds

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

### XII PENTECOST

### Aug 11: 10:30 am

*OT:* Michelle Theerman

*NT:* AJ Rhymer

*Chalice:* Jennifer Rhymer

*Prayers/Chalice:* Austin Rhymer

*Mentor:*

*Cross:* Allie Rhymer

*Server:* Brooklyn Rhymer

*Torches:* Peyton Lynch &

Carson Stremke

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

*AV:* Elisa White

*Ushers:* Max Hill &

Steve Erwin

*Flower Delivery:* Zelma Watts &

Julie Anderson

### Wed, Aug 14: 6 pm

*Reader:* Ashley Rouse

*Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

### Fri, Aug 16: 10 am

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

*Server:* Mark Jones



**Sat, Aug 17: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**5 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:*

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**XIII PENTECOST**

**Sun, Aug 18: 8 am**

*Reader/Chalice/Server:* Bill Putnam

*Prayers:* Mark Sponaugle

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**XIII PENTECOST**

**Aug 18: 10:30 am**

*OT/Chalice:* Ruth Hartman

*NT:* Regina Newport

*Prayers/Chalice:* Larry Hartman

*Mentor:* Elisa White

*Servers:* Alana Harris

*Cross:* Sam Hess

*Torches:* Barrett & Lincoln Cook

*Ushers:* Chris Orr & Zach Hess

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

*AV:* Jim Wakefield & Allie Rhymer

*Flower Delivery:* Diann Ferguson &

Cathy Thompson

**Wed, Aug 21: 6 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Jon Haffner

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**Fri, Aug 23: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

*Server:* Mark Jones

**Sat, Aug 24: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**5 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:*

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**XIV PENTECOST**

**Sun, Aug 25: 8 am**

*Reader/Chalice/Server:* Bill Putnam

*Prayers:* Mark Sponaugle

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

**XIV PENTECOST**

**Sun, Aug 25: 10:30am**

*OT/NT:* Leigh Salyer

*Chalice:*

*Prayers/Chalice:* Andy Lynch

*Mentor:* Elaine Wurst

*Server:* Tristan Lynch

*Cross:* Walker Lasley

*Torches:* Peyton Lynch &

Carson Stremke

*Ushers:* Jim Wakefield &

Allie Rhymer

*Sacristan:* Becky Edds

*AV:* Mike Robertson &

Brooklyn Rhymer

*Flower Delivery:*

**Wed, Aug 28: 6 pm**

*Reader/Chalice:* Jory Mertens

*Sacristan:* Elisa White

**Fri, Aug 30: 10 am**

*Sacristan:* Sue Neely

*Server:* Mark Jones

**Sat, Aug 31: 9 am**

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

**5 pm**

*Reader:* Leigh Salyer

*Chalice:* Bill Putnam

*Sacristan:* Beth McDaniel

## DAILY READINGS in AUGUST 2024

Thurs, Aug 1: *Judges 4:4-23, Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 27:55-66*

Fri, Aug 2: *Judges 5:1-18, Acts 2:1-21, Matthew 28:1-10*

Sat, Aug 3: *Judges 5:19-31, Acts 2:22-36, Matthew 28:11-20*

**XI PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 4:** *II Samuel 11:26—12:13a, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35*

Mon, Aug 5: *Judges 6:25-40, Acts 2:37-47, John 1:1-18*

Tues, Aug 6: *Exodus 34:29-35, II Peter 1:13-21, Luke 9:28-36*

Wed, Aug 7: *Judges 7:19—8:12, Acts 3:12-26, John 1:29-42*

Thurs, Aug 8: *Judges 8:22-35, Acts 4:1-12, John 1:43-51*

Fri, Aug 9: *Judges 9:1-16, 19-21, Acts 4:13-31, John 2:1-12*

Sat, Aug 10: *Judges 9:22-25, 50-57, Acts 4:32—5:11, John 2:13-25*

**XII PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 11:** *II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6:35, 41-51*

Mon, Aug 12: *Judges 12:1-7, Acts 5:12-26, John 3:1-21*

Tues, Aug 13: *Judges 13:1-15, Acts 5:27-42, John 3:22-36*

Wed, Aug 14: *Judges 13:15-24, Acts 6:1-15, John 4:1-26*

Thurs, Aug 15: *Isaiah 61:10-11, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 1:46-55*

Fri, Aug 16: *Judges 14:20—15:20, Acts 7:17-29, John 4:43-54*

Sat, Aug 17: *Judges 16:1-14, Acts 7:30-43, John 5:1-18*

**XIII PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 18:** *I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58*

Mon, Aug 19: *Judges 17:1-13, Acts 7:44—8:1a, John 5:19-29*

Tues, Aug 20: *Judges 18:1-15, Acts 8:1-13, John 5:30-47*

Wed, Aug 21: *Judges 18:16-31, Acts 8:14-25, John 6:1-15*

Thurs, Aug 22: *Job 1:1-22, Acts 8:26-40, John 6:16-27*

Fri, Aug 23: *Job 2:1-13, Acts 9:1-9, John 6:27-40*

Sat, Aug 24: *Deuteronomy 18:15-18, I Corinthians 4:9-15, Luke 22:24-30*

**XIV PENTECOST, Sun, Aug 25:** *I Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69*

Mon, Aug 26: *Job 4:1; 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27, Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:52-59*

Tues, Aug 27: *Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21, Acts 9:32-43, John 6:60-71*

Wed, Aug 28: *Job 6:1; 7:1-21, Acts 10:1-16, John 7:1-13*

Thurs, Aug 29: *Job 8:1-10, 20-22, Acts 10:17-33, John 7:14-36*

Fri, Aug 30: *Job 9:1-15, 32-35, Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52*

Sat, Aug 31: *Job 9:1; 10:1-9, 16-22, Acts 11:1-18, John 8:12-20*

