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Some things are hard to hear because they are not loud enough. BUT... some things are hard to hear because they confront us with words, thoughts, or ideas that make us uncomfortable.

The Bible doesn't say so, but I don't believe Jesus ever had any trouble being heard because of the lack of volume. Even when he was outdoors, it seems that people could hear him just fine (at least in terms of volume).

There was something special about Jesus and the way he reached out to people with stories, signs, wonders, miracles, illustrations, and parables. Whenever he taught the crowds, his words always made an impact – even if his words were hard for the people to accept.

But, those were some of his most valuable and important words he ever spoke. I'm fascinated by some of the things he said that got up the dander of the Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees. For them, his words were Hard to Hear.

That is the name of our next series where we will look at some of Jesus' difficult sayings. May God bless us as we take a closer look.

*Encouraging you In Christ,*

*Pastor Dan*

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## Changes Coming to Grace

The Bishop and the Cabinet have determined that a change will occur during 2025. Grace's new pastor will be Pastor Excelsis (Cel) Biteng. Little information on the timing of the change is known. Information will be distributed as it becomes available.

**For questions please contact George Farley.**



Pastor Dan Seibert  
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Sunday School:  
Adult Classes 8:00am  
Ladies Bible Study  
10:00am

Worship Sunday at 9:00am  
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)  
Sunday at 9:00am

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## Prayer Requests

Anonymous Requests	Brenna Betcher
Chuck Boardman	Bouwen Family
Kim Brake	Larry Carson
Joseph Titus Countryman	John Davis
Ruth Ann Eaker	Family Member
Tony Franklin	Cathy Gaudet
Lyn Gradert	Nikki Haars
Hannika	Margaret Hitzhusen
Marlys	Bob James
Jim Larson	Jeff Lee
Norma Lodge	Andrew Lord
Jane Massey	Clarice Massingill
Patty (cousin of Shelly Emerick)	Bev Radue
Ellen Rubino	Sue Schaefer
Jan Seibert	Barb Sigwalt
Traci & Jann Sigwalt	Ginny & Tony Simon
Nancy Stoneberger	Taylor
Todd	Jim Weisser
<b>Steve &amp; Charlotte Powell's Brother</b>	

### Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Joyce Criddle	Mary Lou Deane	Allen Ernst
John Riggs	Connie Ryner	Sarah Stees
Carolyn Stenzel	Rita Webb	

Please contact Julie Dahlquist  
with prayer updates.

2025 Offering Needed to  
meet Monthly Budget

**\$31,800.00**

Received June 1-22

**\$16,198.28**

General Fund



### Food needs:

flour, sugar, spaghetti sauce, sugar, cereal, coffee,  
baked beans

### Non-food needs:

toilet paper, paper towels, body wash, shampoo,  
conditioner, deodorant

### Clothing Room needs:

all sizes children's summer clothing, all sizes men's  
clothing, bath towels, sheet sets, children's shoes,  
socks & underwear in all sizes, swimwear (good  
condition)



Happy **100<sup>th</sup>**  
Birthday

100th Birthday Open House for  
Norma Lodge  
Sunday, July 20  
2:00 - 4:00pm  
in the Grace Church basement

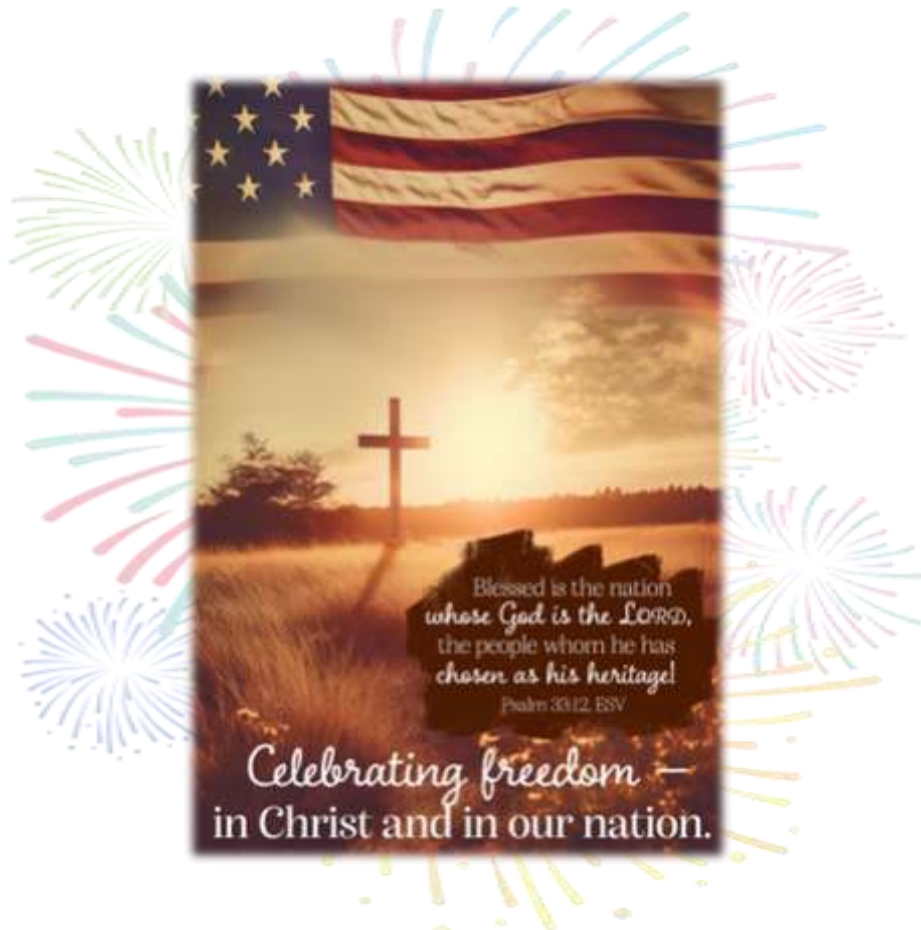
Please come & wish her a happy birthday.  
No gifts, please, your  
presence is enough.

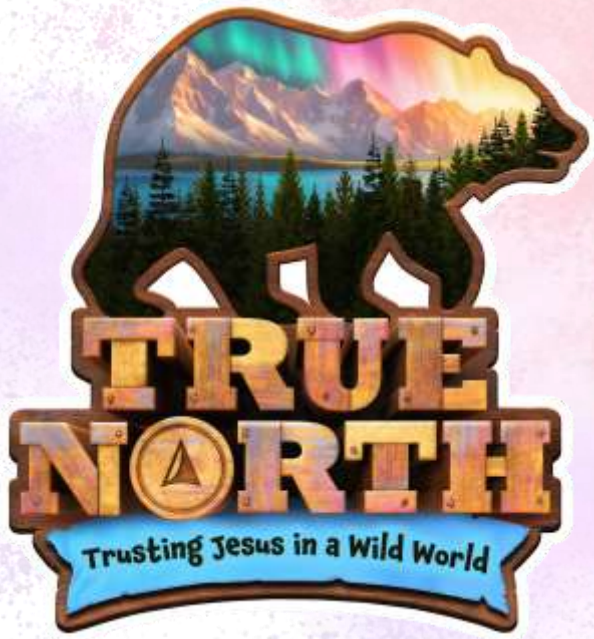


- 01 - Steve Schulte, Paizley Stewart
- 02 - Jackie Mickley
- 03 - Ryan Coleman, Steve TeStrake
- 06 - Connor Morrison, Betsy Ruberg
- 07 - Annalise Morris, Cora Sheffler
- 10 - Terry Anderson, Tammy Dunker,  
Jimmy Hill
- 11 - Crystal Yost
- 12 - Jann Sigwalt
- 14 - Billie Hulting
- 16 - Pastor Dan Seibert
- 18 - Brian Humphries
- 19 - Connor Coleman, Steve Wildemuth,  
Jason Yost
- 20 - Ron Clary, Roger Hulting,  
Norma Lodge (100)
- 21 - Steve Coleman, Olivia Yost
- 22 - Chrissy Weir
- 24 - Avery Dunker
- 26 - Gloria Shoemaker, Vivian Verbeck
- 27 - Seth Daniels, Steve Doy,  
Ross Dwyer, Tom Wise
- 28 - Ruth Ann Eaker, Maci Gorman  
Alan Yager
- 29 - Karen Merten



- 04 - Tom & Becky Daniels (38)
- 05 - Steve & Lynette Wildemuth (53)
- 17 - Brad & Tami Monier (14)
- 21 - Gary & Julie Dahlquist (63)
- 23 - John & Kathy Tank (48)





Best  
WEEK  
Ever!



VBS Director,  
Molly Hamer

Decorating their areas & getting  
organized for the week!



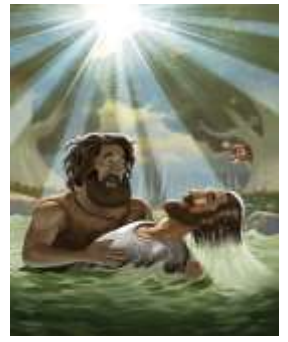
DAY 1

Kody



John prepares the way and baptizes Jesus.

(Matthew 3: 1-6)



When we wonder, we can trust Jesus!

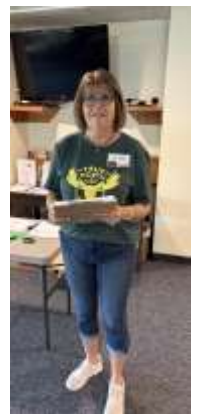
DAY 2

Clawdia



Jesus teaches about God's love for us.

(Matthew 4:35-35; 8:12-14)



When we feel alone, we can trust Jesus!

DAY 3

Earnest



A Roman officer trusts Jesus.

(Matthew 8:5-13)



When we feel powerless,  
we can trust Jesus!



DAY 4

Ponder



Jesus dies and comes back to life.

(Matthew 26:67-28:3)



When we need hope, we can trust Jesus!

DAY 5

Bruce



Jesus gives the Great Commission, and the Holy Spirit comes.

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:1-137



When we need help, we can trust Jesus!

# July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am - <b>Women's</b> Bible Study</p>		1	2	3	<p>4</p>  <p>OFFICE &amp; BUILDING CLOSED</p>	5
<p>6</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Evangelism Committee Meeting, Chapel</p>	8	9	10	11	12
<p>13</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p> <p>6:00pm - Church Council Meeting, Chapel</p>	15	16	17	18	19
<p>20</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House for Norma Lodge 2:00-4:00pm Otterbein</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	22	23	24	25	26
<p>27</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Library</p>	29	30	31		