

# Gazebo Concert Series

The Gazebo Concert Series will be held again this summer from June 19 - August 28 (Sunday Nights at 7pm for about an hour) in the community Church of Christ's gazebo in Walker, Mn. Because risk of Covid-19 spreading is low in outdoor activities, we believe that with safety measures in place, risk of disease spread would be very low. To do this safely we ask that you help minimize health risks by following the guidelines for Covid-19. Realize we cannot guarantee that there will be no spread of COVID-19.

Come out, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy an evening of great music under the pines. Concerts will be in the church (following the Covid protocol at the time of the concert) if weather is bad.

There will be a free will offering for the musicians.

## THIS SUMMER'S LINE UP!



### June 19 - Ryan Pels

Ryan has been delighting audiences for years with his voice and guitar. He has been part of many events including the Woodtick Theater, Taste of Broadway, Country Jam and many more. You will enjoy your evening while Ryan entertains you with music and stories.



### June 26 - Lance Benson

Lance Benson is a musician confident of his ability to capture audiences through the power of his written, sung and played words. A seasoned and honed singer songwriter with a refreshing outlook on life lived and dreams acted on. A sound stemmed from life experiences along with roots, rhythm and blues. Dancing multiple capos across the neck of his guitar and blending honest, soulful lyrics. He is a Minnesota folkie singer songwriter that is as good as they come.



### July 3 - Figuring It Out (the Abello Family)

Figuring It Out is composed of: Andy (fiddle), Abram (banjo), Elijah (5-string fiddle), Adelynn (mandolin), Greta (ukulele), Georgiana (fiddle), Louisa (guitar, piano) and Olivia (upright bass, cello). They are a family band from Northern Minnesota, featuring 7 siblings and their dad. They love music because it inspires and motivates and is a language all its own. From Traditional Folk to contemporary, Irish to Bluegrass, (maybe even a bit of swing) as long as it's Acoustic, they'll do their best to "figure it out"! You will not want to miss this performance! Check out their website and you will know why!  
<https://www.figuringitoutbluegrass.com/>



### July 10 - Acoustofiddle (Jeff Menten and Paul Nye)

Acoustofiddle (Jeff Menten and Paul Nye), will perform their "greatest hits" of Funky Polka, Grassy Blues, Cool Classical, Caffeinated Celtic, and Gypsy Jazz, along with their new, ubiquitously unique, freshly-minted musical genre, Pretentious Pop, a style which must be experienced in an outdoor live setting to be thoroughly understood,

barely appreciated or even believed. Acoustofiddle guarantee either a fun time for all, or at the least a comfortable setting among the pines of the church's gazebo listening to the birds either singing along or competing with stringed instruments. BYOLC (Bring Your Own Lawn Chair)



### July 17 - After 5 (Linda and Ken Barber, Kim and Tom Kusler)

The After 5 Band / The Hooley-gans have been playing country, Irish and 50s music together for many years mainly playing in the Bemidji area. You will enjoy the evening listening to their tight 3 part harmonies. Feel free to two-step or lindy!



### July 24 - Bob McKeown and sons

Bob McKeown, a retired elementary teacher from Bemidji, MN, is joined this year by two of his three sons. Dr. James, recently relocated from Miami to his hometown of Bemidji, lives with his wife and three young children and works as a data scientist. His son Jack is vacationing in Bemidji from his work towards a Phd. in computer science at the University of Miami. They will entertain you with some of Bob's original songs, and some covers they've worked up while jamming in the garage.



### July 31 - The Kaisers

Bill and Julie have been performing together for over 20 years. Their creative blend of bluegrass, folk and original songs, accompanied by acoustic guitar, has come to be known as Folkgrass. The Kaisers and their unique sound will both be new to the Gazebo Concert series. Should be a fun, toe tapping evening.



### August 7 - Larry Kimball and Carole Robinson

Larry Kimball is performing this year with Carole Robinson of rural LaPorte. Larry will play acoustic guitar and sing folk songs, as usual. Carole will play acoustic guitar and sing much better, but there is nothing usual about her performance! Her breakout hit "Grandma" has garnered over 300,000 hits on social media! This after picking up the guitar less than 2 years ago! Carole wowed the crowds on her Texas Snowbird Tour this past winter and will bring that same magic to the Gazebo!



### August 14 - Murray and Julie Bright with Heather Cruse

Murray and Julie Bright, known locally as "On the Brightside", continue to perform in Walker and surrounding communities, focusing on music from a by-gone era (Ellington, Sinatra, and the like). Murray, native to Walker, is a retired attorney and has a bachelor's degree in vocal music. Julie, a native of Denver, holds a masters degree in music education and recently retired from 38 years as a music educator. Heather, also a native to Walker, is a very highly regarded vocalist in the Walker and surrounding area. Heather and the Brights are commonly part of the music offerings at Hope Lutheran Church and will be performing at various venues this summer.



### August 21 - Doyle Turner and Sarah Morris

Doyle Turner is a Northern MN singer/songwriter who mixes elements of folk, rock, and americana. Growing up in Naytahwaush, MN, he is a proud Anishinaabe person and a member of the White Earth Nation. Firmly rooted in Cash and Kristofferson, Doyle's songs feature lyrics that find you where you are with a warm voice that guides you back home. He has produced or performed on over nine recordings and collaborates with artists state-wide. His latest single "Star Gazing" was released in March. He is working on a new album for release Sept. 17th, 2022. Check out [www.doyleturner.com](http://www.doyleturner.com). Sarah Morris - 2018 Kerrville New Folk winner: twice-named Midwest Country Music Organization's Songwriter of the year, Sarah Morris' endearingly honest, expertly penned songs deliberately miss the forest for the trees. Armed with a rainy-day ache in her sunlit voice, she weaves a winding path of masterful storytelling and timeless Americana melody that invites audiences to join her in. Sarah has shared stages with greats like JD Souther, earned international airplay, and reached notable positions on the Americana Music Association and Euro Americana charts. Sarah released her fifth album, All Mine, in late February, 2020.



### August 28 - Caleigh (Lenore, Dee and April)

Caleigh (Kay-lee) is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. The three female musicians present a fusion of world folk, Celtic, Bluegrass, old-time and original compositions. Caleigh has shared their 26-year musical journey with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the Internet.