



# COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WALKER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”*



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**CCOWUCC Update and News**  
**By Michael Small**  
**For The Week of: July 29, 2024**

**WORD FOR THE DAY**  
**- FROM GRATEFUL.ORG**

*“It is not what you gather in life, but what you scatter in life, that tells the kind of life you have lived.” — Helen Walton*

### **DAILY QUESTION**

*When is the last time I gave myself permission to truly rest?*

You may subscribe to the daily “Word for the Day” by going to <https://grateful.org>.



**August 4<sup>th</sup> Gazebo Concert –**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Features Larry Kimball and**  
**Friends**

**Larry Kimball and Friends** will entertain with music and conversation on Sunday night. The Gazebo Concerts affords us the

opportunity to connect with one another through the many gifts of music. Concerts will be outdoors weather permitting. If weather is inclement the concerts will be in the Good News Coffee area in the Fellowship Hall. Are all welcome. Free will offerings are taken for the performers.

### ❖ **Gazebo Concerts**

- August 4, 2024 Larry Kimball and Friends
- August 11, 2024 Steve Reiter
- August 18, 2024 Abello
- August 25, 2024 Ryan Pels and Friends



**Charlie Wagner July 28, 2024**  
**Watch by clicking QR Code**





❖ **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – July 28<sup>th</sup>** – We hear again the story of Jesus feeding the 15,000 and the disciples seeking rest and refuge, but the crowds follow because of the healings they have heard and the things they have been taught. From scarcity to abundance, hatred to love, greed to sharing, anger to hope. Hear the Grant Raddatz and Leslie James sing.

The service may be viewed on the church website [www.walkerucc.com](http://www.walkerucc.com) or by clicking on the QR code.



❖ **Prayers from United Church of Christ:** – “Holy One, help us to lift and protect the most fragile among us. Lead us with cords of human kindness as you teach us to be your blessing to all who make their home on Earth. Amen.” – Yael Lachman. *Singing Creek Church of the Wild*, CADaily Devotional, July 23, 2024 Daily Devotional Link: <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/big-night/>. Read other prayers by going to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

❖ **“15<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Your Heart Summer Challenge Grant” from the Walker Area Food Shelf!**

- This Challenge Grant presents a matching fund opportunity for the Walker Area Food Shelf, allowing the Food Shelf to maximize their local fundraising efforts in July. This is a great opportunity to show support of our community and at the same time assist those in need. Contributions may be made to Walker Area Food Shelf by going to their website [www.walkerareafoodshelf.com](http://www.walkerareafoodshelf.com) or by making out a check to CCOWUCC and designating the donation to the Walker Area Food Shelf.



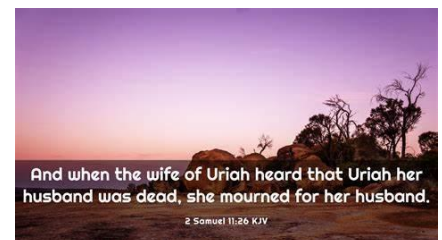
❖ **August 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 Worship Information – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- **Theme: For Mercy**
- **All readings for this Sunday:**
  - 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a and Psalm 51:1-12 • Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:23-29 • Ephesians 4:1-16 • John 6:24-35
- **Focus Prayer:** Holy One, may we receive and extend mercy and pursue healing and repair. Amen.
- **Focus Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a, Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>26</sup> When Bathsheba heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup> After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to the palace, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But David’s actions displeased YHWH.

<sup>12:1</sup> YHWH sent Nathan to David. Nathan went to David, and said, “Let me present you with a case for your judgment: There were two people in a







certain town; one was rich and the other was poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich person had very large herds of cattle and sheep, <sup>3</sup> but the poor person had only one recently-purchased little ewe lamb. The poor person raised it, and it grew with the family, adults and children alike. They shared their food with it; it drank from its own cup, and even slept with family. It was like another child to the family.

<sup>4</sup> “Now a traveler came to the rich person, who went about giving hospitality to the traveler. But rather than taking one of his own livestock to prepare a meal for the traveler, the rich person took the little ewe lamb from the poor family to serve to the traveler.”

<sup>5</sup> When David heard the story, he became livid, and burst out, “As YHWH lives, the rich person who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> The rich person must pay for the lamb four times over! To do such a thing is evil!”

<sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, “You are that corrupt person! This is what YHWH of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you ruler over Israel. And I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave you your palace, along with your many wives in your arms. I gave you the tribes of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have added other favors as well. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of YHWH by doing what you did, which is evil in YHWH’s eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife as your own. You murdered Uriah with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword will never be far from your house; for you showed contempt of me and took Bathsheba to be your own.’

<sup>11</sup> “This is what YHWH says, ‘I will stir up evil for you out of your own house. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor; and your neighbor will lie with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> You did it secretly, but I will do it in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

<sup>13</sup> Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against YHWH.”

**Psalm 51:1-11** (*Psalm of David written when the prophet Nathan came to him after David had relations with Bathsheba.*)

<sup>1</sup> O God, have mercy on me!

Because of your love and your great compassion, wipe away my faults;

<sup>2</sup> wash me clean of my guilt; purify me of my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I am aware of my faults, and have my sin constantly in mind.

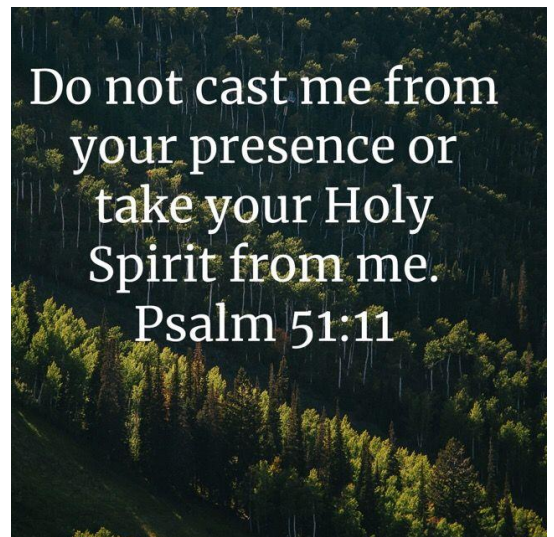
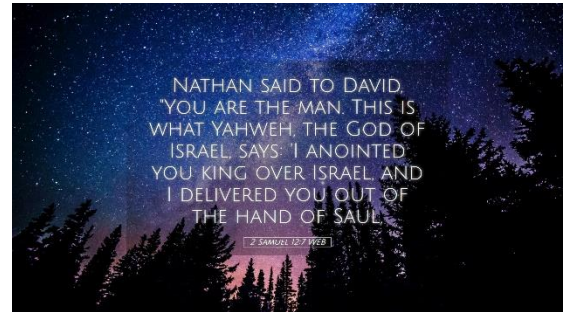
<sup>4</sup> I sinned against you alone, and did what is evil in your sight.

You are just when you pass sentence on me, blameless when you give judgment.

<sup>5</sup> I was born in sin, conceived in sin—

<sup>6</sup> yet you want truth to live in my innermost being. Teach me your wisdom!

<sup>7</sup> Purify me with hyssop until I am clean; wash me until I am purer than new-fallen snow.



- 8 Instill some joy and gladness into me;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice again.
- 9 Turn your face from my sins,  
and wipe out all my guilt.
- 10 O God, create a clean heart in me,  
put into me a new and steadfast spirit;
- 11 do not banish me from your presence,  
do not deprive me of your holy Spirit!

- **Focus Questions:**

- What are remnants?
- Do you enjoy leftovers? Why or why not?
- What remnants do you recognize within your faith community that may serve you now or in the future?
- How do you gather remnants to preserve their value or capacity for future use?
- What has been lost that your faith community may reclaim?

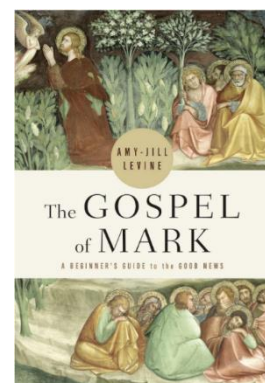
- **Special Music: Hand Bells**

- **Liturgist: Joanna Aamodt, Greeter:**

❖ **Book – Video Conversation on Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>**

***The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the  
Good News***  
By Amy-Jill Levine  
**Discover the Good News in the Bible's earliest Gospel**

***Light meal at 6:00 p.m. – Conversation at 6:30 p.m.***



<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Fig Trees and Tenants	Mark 11 – 12	7/31/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
The Little Apocalypse	Mark 13	8/7/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Judas Iscariot and the Naked Man	Mark 14 – 15	8/14/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



***Bell Practice  
Wednesday  
July 31<sup>st</sup>  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.***

❖ **Two Opportunities for Learning After Worship**

- ***Ann Nolan – Memory Issues – August 11<sup>th</sup>***
- ***George Strawn – Moving into the future using technology – August 18<sup>th</sup>***

❖ **Birthdays**

- 7/26 Ryan Pels
- 7/29 Meryle O'Connor
- 8/1 Doris Johnson
- 8/2 JoAnn Rand
- 8/4 Steve Bilben
- 8/5 Ken Barber
- 8/6 Casey Fisher
- 8/8 Aurora Diehl



❖ **Anniversaries**

- 8/1 Greg and Juliane Proper
- 8/4 Larry and Melanie Wolfe
- 8/6 Ken and Linda Barber
- 8/7 Merlin and Lois Taylor
- 8/9 Esther Covert and Bonnie Bailey
- 8/23 Earl and Ruth Niedermann

❖ **Information for bulletin** needs to be at the church by Tuesday morning  
[commchurchucc@arvig.net](mailto:commchurchucc@arvig.net).

❖ **A Reminder!!!** – current bulletins, Churchly Happenings, and **Good News, Good News** - our monthly newsletter, and the **Weekly Update** may be found on the church website –  
[www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com)

❖ **St. Mark's WELS meets at CCOWUCC** serving as a "Worship Station". They will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

❖ Addresses – You are invited to be in touch.

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❖ ***Democracy works best if we speak with one another. Whatever your opinion, I encourage each of you to be in contact with your representatives. Communicating is an on-going and two-way process of sharing gratitude and wisdom.***

***Below is listed state and national elected leadership for the Walker Area.***

***If you do not reside in the Walker area, go to <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/> to***

***obtain information on the elected state leadership for your location.***

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***Prayers and Blessings – Pastor Michael***