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Dear Beloved in Christ:

Don't let summer make your soul dry up. God made summer as a foretaste of heaven, not a substitute. If the mailman brings you a love letter from your fiancé, don't fall in love with the mailman. That's what summer is: God's messenger with a sun-soaked, tree-green, flower-blooming, water fowl flying, lake-glistening, fish jumping letter of love to show us what He is planning for us in the age to come—"things which the eye has not seen nor ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Don't fall in love with the video preview and find yourself unable to love the coming reality. Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer and of all things. He is pre-eminent in all things (Colossians 1:18), including vacations and picnics and softball and long walks and cookouts. He invites us this summer: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). This is serious summer refreshment. Do we want it? That is the question. Christ gives Himself to us in proportion to how much we want His refreshment. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 21:13).

One of the reasons for having Bible on the Deck or Brown Bag Bible Study is to say to the Lord corporately: we want all Your refreshment. We really want it. What sort of summer mindset is this? It is the mindset of (Colossians 3:1-2) "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, in the heavenly realms. So you see: the summer sun is a mere pointer to the Son that will be. The glory of God.

Summer is for seeing and showing that. Will we have eyes to see? Do you want to have eyes to see? Lord, let us see the light beyond the light. Seek that this summer and you will find peace.

God's Blessings Always,  
*Rev. Donn Woolweber*

## LWML EVENTS

L.W.M.L. next meeting will be held on JUNE 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel. This will also be a dinner, Missionaries, Mr and Mrs. Rehder, will be in town and give a presentation that evening.

AND

L.W.M.L. will host a Game Night at Bethel on FRIDAY, JUNE 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those attending can choose to play Monopoly, Pictionary, Charades, Chess, Cards, Dominos or your favorite game from home. Root beer floats and chips will be provided. The more the merrier. There will be a free-will offering that will go towards LWML's mission projects. Sorrow no prized,, just a night of fun. Sign up in the narthex.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SPARKS STUDIOS —Created! Designed! Empowered!" and features Ephesians 2:10 as its theme verse, which refers to Christians as God's workmanship, created for good works. Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios VBS. Kids will learn they are Created In Christ and Designed For God's Purposes! God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. There will be drama, music, crafts and games.

VBS will be held at Bethel this summer on the evenings of the week of

**JULY 17- 21, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**

Register by calling the office at 412-486-5777

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS



Bethel hosted their bi-annual dinner for the blind ministry at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland in April. Thanks to all who participated.



## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

### BETHEL

01—Ben Swanson  
- Isaac Swanson  
05—David Archer  
19—Ashley Todd



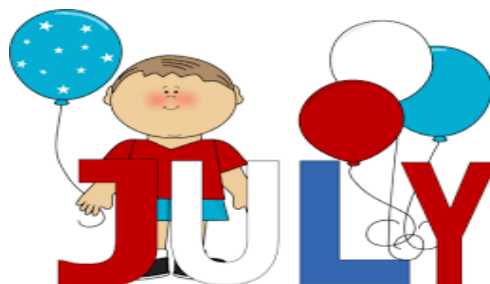
### ZION

04—Ryan Tucker  
06—Christine Beatty  
11—Susan Dryburgh  
13—Zoe Weismantle  
18—Patty Nickel  
29—Sheila Adams

## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

### BETHEL

03—Patty Meier  
04—Bob Carlisle  
06—Johnathan Meier  
25—Eddie Stabile  
31—Kaylee Ebert



### ZION

11—Olivia Ford  
23—Cameron Kelly  
- Colleen Kelly  
26—Betty Rall  
28—Brandi Dickerhoff

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

### BETHEL

08—David Archer  
20—Nathan Swanson  
25—James Betts  
29—Caleb Swanson  
31—Heidi Swanson



### ZION

03—Rich Owens  
04—Carl Celender  
17—Melanie Tucker  
19—Drew Greygor  
- Fred Sieg Jr.  
22—Luke Weismantle  
- Len Greygor  
23—Linda Celender

**Summer is ready to be filled with good memories..  
Wish you a happy and healthy summer !**

## HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

### Bethel

02—Ben and Katelyn Swanson

### Zion

22—Naomi and Darrel Ryssel

## HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES

### Bethel

04-Fred and Donna Heintz

08 - Mark and Paola Hammer

### Zion

07—Alex and Megan Freyer

10– Ruth and Terry Miller

## HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

### Bethel

06—Amy and Al Todd

### Zion

15 - Pam and Bill Rosko

19—Rich and Sandy Owens

22—Mandy and Justin Rutkowski

26—Leonard and Gretchen Greygor



## OUR DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet a,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it...

## STAFF — CONTACT PEOPLE at BETHEL and ZION

### BETHEL

Minister.....Rev. Don Woolweber  
Organists .....David Forsyth  
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Sewing Group .....Donna Heintz  
Front sign manager.....Gary Swanson  
Children’s sermons.....Gary Swanson  
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Java Jam Director.....Rev. Woolweber  
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.....Eddie Stabile

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### ZION

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Stewardship Chair.....Pam Rosko  
Evangelism Chair.....Debbie Woolweber

## SPECIAL FATHER’S DAY

Missionaries, Dan and Carolyn Rehder will be participating in the worship service on JUNE 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Bethel



## BIBLE STUDIES IN THE SUMMER

The Brown Bag Bible Study: Summer 2023! Pull up a chair, take out your lunch and listen to the inspired words of God. At 12:00 Noon every Wednesday on Bethel’s website and You Tube.. We invite you to be part of our community and bring The Lord into your everyday life. We will look into His word for Him to fill that longing in your heart and connect your life with THE ONE that matters. Come join us! Call 747-232-4911 for more info.

Bible On The Deck: Summer is hot and inside churches are hotter sooooo problem solved....Come join us in an evening of Koinonia with your church family. Bring your Bible, a friend, bring family and enjoy some food, some talk and best of all, His word! Starting Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> at Pastor Woolweber’s home at: 3672 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA, 15238 Call 747-232-4911 for more info.

## Rehder Family Updates

March 2023



### Greetings, loved ones



This update is a little more focused on our family, although work continues as usual throughout the Americas! Thank you for your prayers for the translation teams and for the continued progress and publication of scripture in their respective sign languages!

Prior to Lily's birth we had asked you to pray for the timing of her birth and for the children to be cared for when it was time to go into the hospital. The Lord graciously answered your prayers. We had prayerfully made the decision to schedule flights for Carolyn's parents two weeks prior to the due date. Our reasoning for that decision was that the older three had been born two weeks early due to high blood pressure at the end of the pregnancy. But there was no indication that this would happen a fourth time. It felt very risky that they might come and leave even before she was born, as they were scheduled to leave before her due date. But the Lord knew! And they arrived the night before an appointment, at which the doctor discovered high blood pressure and we were admitted immediately. We could not have planned it any better. Both of Carolyn's parents were able to be with the kids while we were in the hospital. Immediately after we got home all three older kids got sick. Having the extra set of hands while Carolyn was still feeling extra sore and tired was incredibly helpful. So, once again, THANK YOU for your prayers. The Lord knew exactly what we needed at the time.

God blessed the processes of acquiring Lily's Colombian birth certificate and passport, and her American report of birth abroad and passport. She had a tongue and lip tie, and it took some time to finally convince the doctor she needed to have the surgery done. Most days and nights have been filled with making sure Lily is getting enough to eat, as she wasn't gaining enough weight prior to her surgery, and now she's finally improving! Carolyn had a reaction to some medication, and that affected her walking, resulting in a calf muscle tear. A friend came to visit to provide some therapy and things are slowly improving.

We are also figuring out our next visas, as our first visa has already expired, but we remain here on a 30 day grace period. We need to leave the country and will return on a tourist visa which will give us time to apply for our next long-term visa. Recently there's a lot of people struggling to get their visas renewed, so we expect that it will be a bit challenging. We would appreciate prayers as we navigate this process.

We will be coming to Pennsylvania from May 27th-July 11th. While there, we're hoping to visit any churches, Bible studies, and individuals who would like to see us in person. We'd love to share with you about two new translation projects and new training workshops that we've facilitated in the past few months. If you would like to get together with us, host an in-home missions night, or have us visit your church, please let us know! Please also pray that Carolyn's walking would improve as we travel.

When we return to Colombia in July, we will have a few new team members join us in Bogota! Carolyn completed her term in the position of Communications Coordinator, and has been praying about a different position on our team. Carolyn was asked to take on the role of team lead for a new staff training program beginning in Bogota. She has felt confirmation from the Lord to take on this position for a period of time. We appreciate prayer for the new staffs' transition and for us in how to guide them.

We hope we can get an opportunity to visit with you when we return for a few weeks. We greatly appreciate your prayers and continued partnership. We are amazed at the work God is doing and are so grateful for his faithfulness.

With love, Dan, Carolyn,  
Felix, Carmen, Oswald & Lilyana Rehder

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