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August 2026 Newsletter

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HARVEST CHURCH

ROOTED IN CHRIST. GROWING TOGETHER.

FROM PASTOR JOSH

PREPARING THE GROUND

Church Family,

August is a season of transition. Summer begins winding down, families settle into new routines, teachers prepare their classrooms, and students get ready to return to school. With school beginning on August 24, we want to cover the students, teachers, administrators, support staff, and families of the New Hampton area in prayer.

New seasons often bring excitement, but they can also bring uncertainty. Students may be entering a new building or classroom. Parents may be adjusting schedules. Teachers may be carrying burdens we never see. As a church, we have an opportunity to remind our community that they are seen, valued, and prayed for.

This month, let's prepare more than backpacks and school supplies. Let's prepare our hearts to notice the people around us. Let's ask God how we can encourage a teacher, support a family, serve a child, or meet a practical need.

There is much ahead for Harvest Church—new opportunities for children, future Life Groups, leadership training, Operation Christmas Child, Trunk or Treat, and even a new sermon series that is currently Under Construction.

God is still building. He is building His Church, shaping His people, and preparing us for what comes next. Let's remain rooted in Christ and ready to grow together.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Josh Jacobs

Rooted in the Word

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
— Psalm 127:1

Plans, programs, and events can provide opportunities, but only God can produce lasting spiritual growth. As we prepare for another ministry season, our first responsibility is not simply to fill a calendar. It is to seek the Lord. We want every children's event, Life Group, training opportunity, outreach, and worship gathering to be built upon Jesus Christ. Please pray that God will guide our planning, prepare leaders, open doors, and use Harvest Church to share His grace throughout our community.

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AROUND THE HARVEST

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are looking forward to future events and opportunities for the children of Harvest Church. Please pray for wisdom, creativity, volunteers, and meaningful opportunities to help children know and follow Jesus.

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups provide a place to grow through Scripture, prayer, friendship, and shared life. Be watching for information about future groups and opportunities to participate.

LEADER TRAINING

Healthy ministries need equipped and encouraged leaders. Additional leader-training opportunities are being planned. Whether you currently lead or believe God may be calling you to serve, we would love to help you take your next step.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Special Speaker — September 12

Harvest Church will welcome a special Operation Christmas Child speaker on September 12.

Come learn how a simple shoebox can become a practical expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Gospel with children around the world. More information will be announced as the date approaches.

LOOKING AHEAD

Trunk or Treat Is Around the Corner!

October will be here before we know it, and preparations for Trunk or Treat will soon begin.

This event is an opportunity to welcome families, serve our neighbors, provide a safe and joyful evening for children, and build relationships throughout our community.

Be thinking about how you might participate:

Decorate a trunk

Donate candy

Help with setup or cleanup

Welcome and serve families

Pray for meaningful connections

Watch for additional details and opportunities to volunteer.

HARVEST CARES

DO YOU NEED FREEZER MEALS?

Life sometimes brings illness, surgery, grief, a new baby, or a season when preparing meals becomes difficult. If you or someone in our church family could benefit from freezer meals, please let us know.

You do not have to carry every burden alone. Harvest Church wants to care for people in practical, meaningful ways.

PRAYER FOCUS

THIS MONTH, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

New Hampton area schools
Students, parents, teachers, and school staff
The school-supply drive
Opportunities to encourage teachers
Future children's events
The development of Life Groups
Current and future ministry leaders
The September 12 Operation Christmas Child event
Trunk or Treat planning
Families who need meals or practical assistance
The upcoming Under Construction sermon series
Unity, spiritual growth, and Gospel impact at Harvest Church

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE

PRAY • PREPARE • PROVIDE

During August:
Pray for one student and one teacher by name.

Prepare your heart to encourage someone beginning a new season.

Provide school supplies or treats for local teachers.

Invite someone to attend church with you.

Ask God where He wants you to serve this fall.

God often uses ordinary acts of faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary things. Let's enter this new season prayerfully, expectantly, and together.

Harvest Church

Rooted in Christ. Growing Together.

For the Kingdom,

Pastor Josh

THE NEXT SERMON SERIES:

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SOMETHING NEW IS BEING BUILT

Our next sermon series is currently Under Construction. Be on the lookout for more information as we discover what God's Word teaches us about the work He is doing in us, among us, and through us. "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
— Philippians 1:6

Around the Family Table

Use these questions to create a faith-engaging conversation at home:
What are you most excited about as the new school year begins?

Is there anything about this season that makes you nervous?

Who is one student, teacher, or school employee we can pray for?

What is one practical way our family could encourage someone this month?

Where do you believe God may be asking you to serve?





BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER FOCUS

School Begins August 24

Throughout August, we will be praying over the New Hampton area schools. Please join us in praying for:

Students beginning a new school year

Teachers preparing their classrooms

Administrators and school-board members

Coaches, counselors, bus drivers, custodians, and support staff

Homeschooling families

Parents adjusting to new schedules

Students who feel nervous, lonely, or overwhelmed

Opportunities for Christians to demonstrate the love of Jesus

Let's ask God to protect our schools, strengthen our teachers, encourage our families, and help students grow in wisdom and character.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

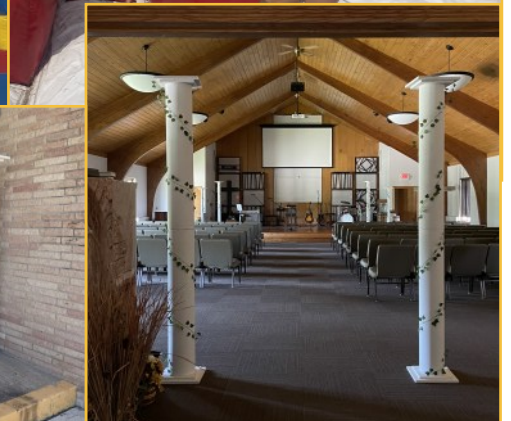
PLEASE BRING TO
CHURCH BY
AUGUST 16TH

Our school-supply drive is underway! Please consider donating supplies to help students and families in our community.
Possible donations include:

Notebooks and folders
Pencils, pens, and erasers
Crayons, markers, and colored pencils
Glue sticks and scissors
Backpacks and pencil cases
Tissues and disinfecting wipes

Even simple gifts can remind families that their church community cares about them.

VBS 2026







August Greeter Team

August 2nd - Tom & Barb

August 9th - Rachel & Bonnie

August 16th - Linda & Christine

August 23rd - Trever & Caitlyn

August 30th - Emily and Christine

If you are unable to greet, please find someone else to take your place, talk to Christine Knoll

Remember: if you're in Sunday School to leave 10 minutes early to be at the entry on time.

Happy Birthday!

Lisa Reicks - August 1st

Cassandra Tiemessen - August 3rd

Lori Carey - August 5th

Josh Schuchhardt - August 18th

Eli Eichenberger - August 20th

Scott Carey - August 25th

Dean Knoll - August 25th

Happy Anniversary!

Arnold and Ann Knoll - August 2nd



KID'S MINISTRY

NURSERY

AUGUST 2ND - LEANNA

AUGUST 9TH - LINDA

AUGUST 16TH - RACHEL

AUGUST 23RD - JORDAN

KID'S CHURCH

AUGUST 2ND - JENNIFER (LEADER), VANESSA (HELPER)

AUGUST 9TH - TERESA (LEADER), SHIRLEE (HELPER)

AUGUST 16TH - ERICA (LEADER), KRAY (HELPER)

AUGUST 23RD - ANDREA (LEADER), BARB (HELPER)

AUGUST 30TH - FAMILY SUNDAY



grace marriage®

August 12th
6:00 p.m.



AUGUST 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 a.m. Harvest Cares Meeting
2 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church Trunk or Treat Meeting	3	4 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's 5:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	10	11 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	12 6:00 p.m. grace marriage	13 5:30 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting	14	15
16 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service School Supplies Due	17	18 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	19	20	21	22
23 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church Pray for Schools	24	25 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group (@ Harvest) 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	26	27	28	29
30 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Family Sunday!	31					