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July 2026 Newsletter

HARVEST CHURCH

Rooted in Christ. Growing Together.
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From Pastor Josh

Church Family,

One of the beautiful things about walking with Christ is that He never leaves us where we are. This month, the Lord has been reminding me of four simple truths: **keep growing, love people well, display grace freely, and don't rush through life.**

We live in a culture that celebrates busyness, but Jesus often moved at the pace of relationships. He stopped for people. He listened. He showed compassion. He made time for those the world overlooked. If we're going to become more like Christ, we need to slow down enough to notice the people God places in front of us each day.

As a church, I also believe God is calling us to look beyond ourselves. Imagine what would happen if every person at Harvest intentionally prayed for one person who doesn't know Jesus. Imagine if each of us sought one relationship where we could share the Gospel, encourage someone in their faith, or begin discipling them. God has placed us in this community for a purpose, and together we can be His hands and feet.

One of my greatest joys is watching God move within our church family. I see people serving quietly, encouraging one another, praying faithfully, and growing in their love for Christ. That kind of spiritual growth isn't manufactured—it is the work of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for allowing God to use you as we continue growing together.

Let's keep our eyes on Christ and our hearts open to those around us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Josh

Continued...

Rooted in the Word **Scripture of the Month**

Hebrews 10:23–25

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another..."

Why This Matters

Christianity was never meant to be lived alone. These verses remind us that ministry is deeply relational. We gather not simply because it's a habit, but because we need one another. We encourage one another, strengthen one another, pray for one another, and help each other remain faithful to Christ.

As Harvest Church, let's continue building relationships that point one another toward Jesus.

Memory Challenge: Memorize Hebrews 10:23–25 before next month's newsletter.

Around the Harvest

Children's Ministry

There is something special about hearing the laughter of children filling our church. This summer many of our kids attended Village Creek Bible Camp, and it has been exciting to watch them return with fresh enthusiasm for Jesus. Thank you to every volunteer, parent, and leader investing in the next generation.

Youth Ministry

Our students also experienced an incredible week at Village Creek Bible Camp. Even more encouraging is watching them continue living out their faith after camp by serving in Sunday School, encouraging one another, and building friendships centered on Christ.

Missions

While we currently do not have an active missions team, let's begin praying that God would raise up people with a heart for local and global missions. May Harvest become a church that not only sends missionaries but also lives missionally every day.

Prayer Ministry

Join us every **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** as we gather to pray together at Harvest Church. There is no greater work we can do than seek the Lord together.

Worship Ministry

We are thankful for everyone who faithfully serves through music each week. Their preparation and leadership help our church lift our voices together in worship as we glorify God.

Elder Ministry

Please continue praying for the elders as they shepherd and care for our church family. Pray for wisdom, humility, unity, and a deep love for God's people.

Volunteer Appreciation

A special thank you to **Harvest Cares** for the countless hours spent serving behind the scenes. Your planning, organization, generosity, and willingness to serve help make ministry happen every week. We appreciate each one of you!

Around the Family Table

Use these questions during dinner or before bedtime this week.

- What did you learn about Jesus this week?
 - How have you seen God answer prayer recently?
 - Who can we encourage this week?
 - Is there someone we can invite to church this month?
 - How can we pray for one another tonight?
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Stories of Grace

We'd Love to Hear Your Story!

Every believer has a story of God's grace.

Have you experienced God's faithfulness, answered prayer, or life-changing work?

We'd love to feature your testimony in next month's newsletter to encourage our church family.

If you're interested in sharing your story, please contact Pastor Josh.

Looking Ahead

Vacation Bible School

July 13–17

Join us for an exciting week as we welcome children from our community to learn about Jesus through Bible lessons, music, games, crafts, and fun.

Be praying for every child, every family, and every volunteer.

VBS Celebration Sunday

Join us the following Sunday as we celebrate everything God has done during Vacation Bible School!

Prayer Focus

Please pray with us this month for:

- Our community and neighbors who need Christ.
 - One person God places on your heart to witness to and disciple.
 - Our children and youth as they continue growing after camp.
 - Our elders as they shepherd the church.
 - Harvest Church to be known for love, grace, and faithful discipleship.
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This Month's Challenge

This July, choose to intentionally grow in your walk with Christ.

- Read one chapter of Psalms every day.
- Pray for five minutes each morning before beginning your day.
- Invite one neighbor or friend to church.
- Write one letter or note of encouragement.
- Serve one person anonymously this month.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." — Hebrews 10:24

For the Kingdom,
Pastor Josh

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ROME:

Paul and the underground church adventure



July 13 - 17th

Monday - Friday 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Ages: Pre-K through 5th Grade

VBS Celebration:

Sunday, July 19th after Church

**Location: Harvest Church
481 S Linn Ave, New Hampton**



July Greeter Team

July 5th - Linda and Emily

July 12th - Ashely and Rachel

July 19th - Shirlee and Christine

July 26th - Chuck and Jane

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!

Pat Harvey - July 1st

Ashely Schuchhardt - July 5th

Jakob Schwickerath - July 5th

Randy Jones - July 7th

Kimberly Walter - July 13th

Harper Schuchhardt - July 16th

Eve Mahlstedt - July 21st

Happy Anniversary!

Dale & Linda Tiemessen - July 9th

Ron & Amy Sabelka - July 26th



KID'S MINISTRY

NURSERY

JULY 5TH - LINDA

JULY 12TH - CHRISTINE

JULY 19TH - LEANNA

JULY 26TH - JORDAN

KID'S CHURCH

JULY 5TH - JENNIFER (LEADER)

JULY 12TH - ERICA (LEADER), KRAY (HELPER)

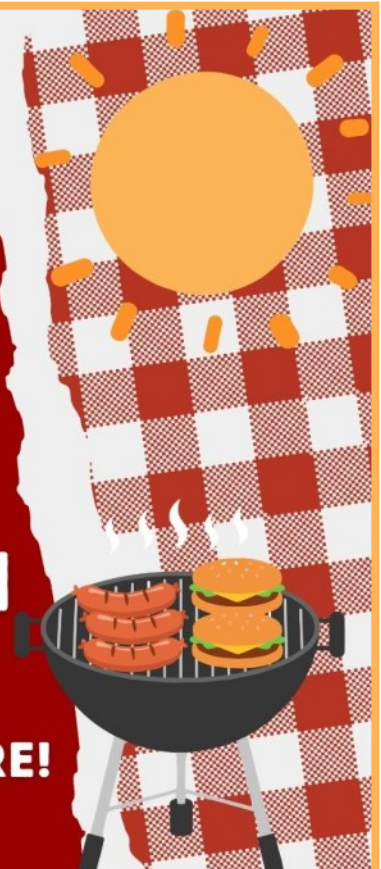
JULY 19TH - RACHEL (LEADER), TERESA (HELPER)

JULY 26TH - ASHELY (LEADER), SCOTT (HELPER)

2ND QUARTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & PICNIC

JULY 26TH AFTER CHURCH

**JOIN US FOR BURGERS AND HOTDOGS!
PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE!**



JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	6	7 5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	8 6:00 p.m. grace marriage	9 5:30 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting	10	11 10:00 a.m. Harvest Cares Meeting
12 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Decorate for VBS after church	13	14	15	16	17	18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:00 P.M.						
19 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church VBS CELEBRATION!	20	21 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	22	23	24	25
26 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service After Church 2nd Quarter Congregational Meeting & Picnic	27	28 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Poor Richard's	29	30	31	