



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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### E-News

Email cindy@good.org to receive the weekly e-news.

### Prayer Chain

Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

Find us on:



### Thank you...

**Usher:** Jane Heimerl  
**AV Tech:** Brad Carlin, Beth Hutson  
**Visual Design/AV Coordination:** Christian Nielsen  
**Guest Accompanist:** Celina Kobetitsch  
**Liturgist:** Vicki Dunn  
**Special Music:** Deborah Clapp, flute; Jenny Harris, clarinet  
**Nursery:** Shelley Scharping, Kayden Scharping  
**Fellowship Host:** Leigh Hammersten

**WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM**

August 31, 2025

### Our Vision

Inspiring  
 Joyful Faith

Building a  
 Loving  
 Community

Serving  
 Neighbors  
 Near and Far

Today's  
 Scripture

Acts 9:1-9



Who we are. What we do.



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## WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries!  
Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

\*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE II. Adagio cantabile LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN  
from Piano Sonata No. 8 ("Pathétique")

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome! Welcome with all the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, the denials we firmly grasp, and the worries we hold.

**All! Come! Let us worship!**

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

**Come! Let us worship!**

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**Come! Let us worship!**

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are, to be molded by grace, refocused toward love, opened to new possibilities, and woven together as community in Christ.

**Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*OPENING SONG "He Who Began a Good Work in You" FWS 2163

### WORDS OF WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC "Air on the G String" J.S. BACH  
from *Orchestral Suite No. 3*

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell  
*After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.*

### \*SHARING GOD'S SPIRIT

A time when I was forced to make a change I wasn't anticipating...

\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Change My Heart, O God" FWS 2152

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE OF THE DAY Rev. Jim Beard  
"Compelled to Believe Differently"

MUSICAL REFLECTION "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again" sung by Danny Gokey

### PRAYER OF THE DAY / THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried

The third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVING OUR FAITH

\*CLOSING SONG "Grace Alone" FWS 2162

### \*FINAL WORDS OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE Pavane in F-sharp minor GABRIEL FAURÉ

**Call to Worship:** adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources>

**Music Video:** "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again" sung by Danny Gokey. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F77v41jbOYs>

**Prayer of the Day:** adapted from Kwasi I. Kena, *The Africana Worship Book*, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 136. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/ninth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-liturgical-resources> and lyrics to "This Is a Day of New Beginnings," #383 United Methodist Hymnal, Brian Wren, ©1987 Hope Publishing Co.

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## Scripture Reference - Acts 9:1-9 NIV

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.



## Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

### Peace Garden Conversations Continue Today

There are only a few more opportunities left to join the conversations out in our wonderful Peace Garden. Intriguing discussions have been taking place which nurture our souls. Grab a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall following worship today, then hike on down to join in or just listen. September dates are the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.



### Survey to Grow Your Faith

Your spiritual growth is something to be tended to regularly; therefore, Pastor Jim is again wondering what Spiritual Growth opportunities would be of most interest and value to you. Throughout the weeks ahead, an online survey will be collecting your responses and availability. Those options that receive the highest interest will likely be what is offered this upcoming year. Paper copies are available in the Narthex. To complete the survey online, go to [tinyurl.com/GSSpiritualGrowthSurvey](https://tinyurl.com/GSSpiritualGrowthSurvey) (correction from newsletter) to share your preferences, or contact Pastor Jim at [jim@good.org](mailto:jim@good.org) to suggest additional choices.



## Handbell and Choir Rehearsals Resume Wednesday



Both the Chancel Chimes and Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals **this Wednesday, September 3**. Bells meet from 6:00-7:15 p.m. and Choir from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Kate at [kate@good.org](mailto:kate@good.org) for Bells and Carey at [carey@good.org](mailto:carey@good.org) for Choir for more information.



## Hearts & Hammers Program Day This Saturday

The Good Samaritan Hearts & Hammers Program Day is **this Saturday, September 6**, with prep work this week. Check out the Hearts & Hammers website for more information about the organization - [heartsandhammers.org](http://heartsandhammers.org).



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To sign up, please contact Brian Boysen at 612-220-3795 or [bteambackup@earthlink.net](mailto:bteambackup@earthlink.net). Let him know your work preference – repair work, program day prep & painting, landscaping, or lunch service.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study Begins

All are invited! Please join us for fellowship and learning as we begin our fall season of Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We meet every **Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, in the **Fireside Room**. Coffee and treats are provided by participants. Our Fall Tuesdays are **September 9 - December 2 (except November 25.)**



You're invited to our Welcome Gathering on September 9 and then to an 8-week study of Second Corinthians starting September 16. We'll be using a book, *More Than Enough: God's Strength in Our Weakness in 2 Corinthians* by Christine Hoover. (Available on Amazon) as the guide for this study. Purchasing the book can be an option. It's laid out with 5 days of personal study each week with reflection questions for those who wish to go into more depth. On Tuesdays, we'll discuss Bible passages with questions, as well as view a half-hour video. If you don't purchase a book, you may read specific chapters in 2 Corinthians. Details will be forthcoming.

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