

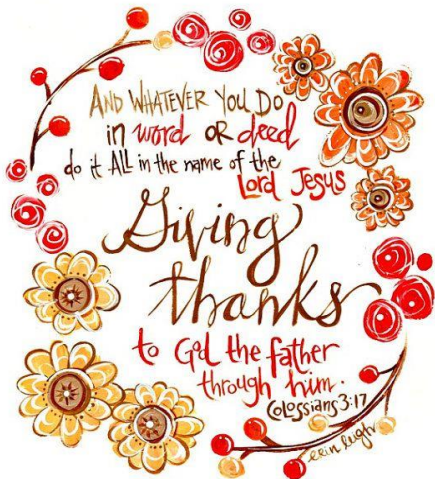
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*There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'*

Acts 4:12

The last time I was home, my mom, dad, and I were sitting around the kitchen table doing a little reminiscing about our family, and I happened to share a memory about my youngest brother Joel that brought a good belly laugh to all of us. I shared a memory of my youngest brother, Joel, who when he was about 5 years old and a huge basketball fan, came out of his bedroom with a self-made basketball uniform on. A uniform that included a T-shirt with an electrical tape #35 on it, a pair of shorts, and head and wrist bands. With his basketball gear on, Joel said in a very serious tone, *"I want to change my name. From now on I want to be called Sidney.* I remember our response - *"Sidney?" (Sidney Wicks was a basketball player for UCLA and was Joel's favorite player).* Well, for the next few weeks, we all called Joel – Sidney and that memory got a pretty good laugh from my mom and dad, and I got a chuckle from it as well.

But that remembrance got me thinking about other names that I and others picked up along our life journey. For in a small town like the one I grew up in, it wasn't uncommon to be given a nick-name that often stuck – at least with those from the town. My mom was given her nick-name when she was just a baby. Her dad called her Tudi, and that's the name that most of her family and friends still call her today. In fact, very few people know that her given name is Ruth. My dad, Alex, is often called Axel by many of the home towners and my older brother, David, was honored with the nickname Duck while playing football at the University of Minnesota, and when he gets together with his football buddies, he's still Duck. My nickname throughout high school was donned on me by my high school football coach. He called me Cully, and I never found out why or its meaning, but in my hometown I'm still called Cully. Other names of some of my hometown friends included, Big O, Digger, Gus, Crush, and Stinky. *(Stinky was a hog farmer, and seriously, that's what everyone called him and still calls him.)* All of these nick names were given possibly because of something that someone did or didn't do, or maybe they were supposed to be funny or possibly mean - and they stuck.

In today's verse, Peter, who is filled with the Holy Spirit, is talking about the name that is above all names. The name that makes everything else possible. The name of the one, the only, Jesus Christ! He is the one who can bring life, love, and salvation to all. It is through the name of Jesus Christ, and through Jesus Christ alone, that we can be saved.

In the fourth chapter of Acts, while Peter was being questioned by the rulers and elders about how he was able to heal and show kindness to a man who was lame, he responds with the powerful testimony found in verse 12. Peter said that no one else can claim to give this salvation, and no one can take this salvation away from you either. It is a gift given to all of us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And, as is inferred in verse 12, that is a name worthy of our praise!

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Carl (Cully)

# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:00 am Worship Svc  10:00 am Fellowship  Gary Oberton	2	3	4  6:00 pm Bible Study	5	6	7
8  9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Set Up for VBS  Pastor Carl	VBS 4:30-7:30 pm	VBS 4:30-7:30 pm	VBS 4:30-7:30 pm	12  VBS 4:30-7:30 pm  7:30 pm Root Beer Floats	13	14
15  9:00 am Worship Svc w/Holy Communion  10:00 am Fellowship  Bob Mueller	16	17  6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	18  6:00 pm Bible Study	19	20	21
22  9:00 am Worship Svc  10:00 am Fellowship  Pastor Carl	23	24	25  6:00 pm Bible Study	26	27	28  6:00 pm Outdoor Svc  Pastor Carl  Food Shelf Saturday
29  No Sunday Worship Svc	30	31				

## August 2021

Team Bramstedt: Amanda & Glen Bramstedt, Joel & Jeanine Pantzke, Brad & Mary Hansen, Mark & Mary Schlangen, Andy & Kourtney Frank, Florence Jones, Mary Tanner, Lois Breden

## September 2021

Team Ford: Bruce Ford, Norb & Jan Bueckers, Leone Johnson, Diana Vaverek, Kim Schultz, Gary & Susan Oberton, Tom & Sandy Bjorge, Glen & Theresa Welters, Norma Pantzke



August 23rd Norb & Jan Bueckers

Aug 4th	Jan Bueckers
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Lundgren
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Waylon Hendrickson
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	David Christensen
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup>	Arnie Akkerman

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**Outdoor Service:** The next outdoor service of the summer will be Saturday August 28 at 6:00 pm. Just the service, no barbeque before the service. Please bring a lawn chair. There will **not** be a service Sunday the 29th.

**2021 Quilt Raffle:** Raffle tickets are now available to purchase. Tickets are \$1.00. The drawing will be on September 19. The queen size quilt is on display in the fellowship hall.

**Vacation Bible School** will be Monday - Thursday, August 9-12, from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. We welcome kids ages 4 through 6th grade, as well as youth helpers. Our theme this year is "Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God". Everyone is invited to the finale on Thursday at 7:00 pm to see what the kids did during the week. Stay and enjoy a root beer float!

#### **Malaria Nets -**

As part of our VBS this year, our church will take part in an Operation Kid-to-Kid mission project that gives kids the opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world. During VBS, kids and adults can donate any amount of money to help purchase bed nets to keep at-risk children safe from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Each net costs \$10. All donations will be sent directly to World Vision, who will purchase and then distribute the mosquito nets throughout key African nations and other countries impacted by malaria. If you would like to contribute to this exciting program and participate in our net match outreach, please contact Mary Schlangen with your donation or send it into church. Please make sure that if you send it into church, put mosquito nets in the memo. Thank you for your consideration and prayers for the children these mosquito nets will impact.

**Mortgage Burning:** We will have a special Mortgage Burning Service at 10:00 am Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal (free-will offering) and fellowship after the service. Bishop Amy Odgren will be joining us, along with some previous pastors and members. We are asking our current members to bring a dessert item.