

The Church of the Palms

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

10 a.m.

Wisdom is a force that is creative and evolving.

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Jim
Prelude	<i>Revelation Song</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Martin Meadows
*Hymn 596	<i>Wellspring of Wisdom</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>Jesus; Yurong Luanna Jiang; Simone Knego</i>	Martin Meadows
Chorus	<i>Humble Yourselves In the Sight of the Lord</i>	Congregation
Scripture Reading	<i>Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31</i>	Pastor Jim
Message	<i>Humbly Wise</i>	Pastor Jim
*Hymn 258	<i>Holy Wisdom</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Jim
Offertory Music	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Hymn 464 vs. 4	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	Congregation

*Please stand as you are able.

**Communion is available after Worship. Please come forward as you are able; if you are not, please remain seated as we will come to you. The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.

Our services are video recorded thanks to a gift in memory of Ramona Schenk. They are posted on social media and our website.

THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS: AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Our Open and Affirming Statement

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people into the full life and ministry of our church, regardless of age, race, or gender; personal, mental or physical ability; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; ethnic, cultural or religious background; marital, social, or economic status; or life history. We believe that God loves all People and offers us gifts by our diversity. We affirm families and relationships built on love, respect, responsibility, and trust.

Solidarity for Our Indigenous Siblings

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, acknowledges the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land of this valley we call home. The particular land on which this building stands was honored and managed with stewardship by Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed and the Pima-Maricopa as well as the diverse vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 15

10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 16

Tuesday, 17

9:00a Men's Fellowship @ George's Café OS

Wednesday, 18

9:00a Needles & Pins Gals BR

Thursday, 19—Office Closed—Juneteenth

9:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer
@ Santa Teresita OS
3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC/HY

Friday, 20—Office Closed

2:00p Feet N More Shower Trailer
@ St. John's Lutheran OS

Saturday, 21

9:00a-12:00p F-H Beehive Game Day KH
10:00a Memorial service for Linda Rouches

Sunday, 22

10:00a Juneteenth Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid;
KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom; OS=Offsite; NA=Narthex;
CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room;



*The Flowers today are given by
Ellen Merchant
in memory of her Grandmother
Barbara Gragnano*

Please pray for our fellow church families:

Clay Lyon, Dalton Parr, Brent & Tracy (Judy Pinter’s family members), Marlys Davenport
Allan Gott, Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck, Jim Schulz, Herbert & Anneslia Turner (Lynette Turner’s
parents), Linette Stenberg, Donna Stenberg, Jackie (a friend of TCOTP), Bob Parks
Vanessa Stiller, Addie Bovier’s friend Lauren, Chris D. Goshorn, Linda Place
Linda Allwelt, Richard Campbell, LiHua Kehl, (Ron Kehl’s sister-in-law), Nancy Tsuchiya
Emily & Remington Jankowski (Meadows Family), Jan Eckstein, Margaret Carpenter
Jennifer Charyk, (Ken Barberi’s Friend), Sylvia (Judy Jondahl’s friend), Andy Jordan
Anita Paulson, Betty Byers (Susan Hershberger’s sister),
Harvey Carr (friend of Anthony Park), Leah Huse, Amelia Tsuchiya (Nancy’s daughter)

Pray for churches working with
migrants and asylum seekers.

Pray for our homeless. **Pray** for our
pastors and their families. **Pray** for
the leaders and staff of the
Southwest Conference and National
Setting of the United Church of
Christ. **Pray** for the Tent of Nations.



This week, let’s pray for the
members & ministries of:

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
(Wisconsin Synod)
(9925 N 103rd Ave)**

Social Justice Prayer

We pray in solidarity for everyone living with HIV/AIDS and those seeking affirmative medical and psychological healthcare services. We pray for our legislatures and elected officials that they may enact just laws that protect and promote healthcare services that best service our LGBTQ+ community. We pray in gratitude to God for the medical progress made for the treatments of all disease and for those medical personnel trained in the practice of caring for and servicing all with dignity. We honor those individuals who seek medical care, and we affirm them on their journey of self-actualization. Amen.

The Lifelong Learning Team has suggested the following guidelines for submitting your contribution to our congregational Advent Devotional booklet. The four weeks of Advent should follow the following themes: Week one, “Hope,” Week two, “Peace,” Week three, “Joy,” Week four “Love.” Articles should open with a scripture passage followed by the devotional ending with a prayer. All of this should be 272 words or less. Submissions should be submitted to committee member Judd Rinsema at juddrinsema@yahoo.com. Submissions should be made by November first, in order to allow enough time for compilation and distribution (To date we have eight members who have indicated their willingness to contribute, so we need 18 more. Please consider making a contribution to our efforts).

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS HEAT WAVE!

HEAT RELIEF BAGS to assist the homeless this summer:

We discovered that individually we can do this at little cost. Most items can be found in your pantry or at Dollar Tree. Keep two to three small-filled bags in your car and pass them through the window...it can bring some life saving and comfort items to the homeless this summer.

ONE HEAT RELIEF BAG

(Use plastic grocery bags...tie it shut)

*PRIORITY ITEMS (If you can't do them all)

- 1 16oz bottle water
- 1 Nutrition or power bar
- 1 Packet handwipes (Wet Ones or something similar)
- 1 Small tube sunscreen (Size purchased at Dollar Tree)
- 1 Tube lip balm

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- 1 First aid kit...or package of Band-Aids
- 1 Small tube body lotion hotel/travel size is just right
- 1 Hat (Not required)
- 1 Pair sunglasses
- 1 Cooling towel (If you can find them, or a red or blue bandana handkerchief they can wet to cool down).



DYSART Community Center

The Blessings Board is asking for donations of bottles of water at Dysart Community Center (not reusable water bottles because they are not currently equipped with a water fountain to refill bottles). Their seven-week camp enrolls 125 children which began May 27th, so the need is great. Since packets of water can be heavy, checks and cash are certainly welcome. If you choose a monetary donation, please indicate DCC Water on your check and place your donation in a church envelope.

Needles and Pins Craft Group Donations Needed!



The Needles and Pins Craft Group is running low on our supply of sewing notions for the **Twiddle Muffs** we create for individuals living with dementia. These comforting muffs provide sensory stimulation and help soothe anxious hands—and they rely on a variety of textured, tactile items. We're asking for donations of any miscellaneous sewing notions you may have tucked away at home.

Helpful items include:

ric rac, small bells, large beads, small zippers, faux fur, and any other textured materials that can be securely attached.



Donations can be dropped off during our **Wednesday meetings from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Board Room**, or you can bring them to church and give them to Margaret, Bonnie, Carol, or Bobbie. Thank you for helping us continue this meaningful ministry!



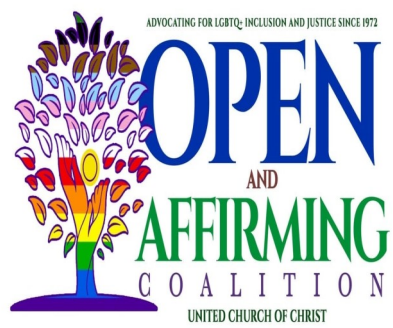


Juneteenth Service

Join us on Sunday, June 22, for our 10:00 am worship service commemorating Juneteenth. **The Rev. Lynette Turner** will be brining the morning message. Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas on June 19, 1965, marking the end of slavery in the United States. It's a day of reflection on the historical struggle for freedom and equality, and a time for communities to come together and celebrate their resilience.

Open and Affirming Celebration Sunday

Sunday, June 29, The Church of the Palms will dedicate our service in celebration of the diversity and inclusion of all within our church, especially our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. Celebrating LGBTQ+ diversity promotes inclusion, belonging, and understanding, fosters a more equitable society, and recognizes the unique strengths and experiences of individuals within the LGBTQ+ community. It also raises awareness, breaks down stereotypes, and helps individuals feel safe and supported, ultimately leading to a more inclusive and accepting world. The service will be lead by members of the LGBTQ+ ministry team.



The Reverend Susan Prince will be bringing the message. This is not a service to be missed!



CARE Corner

Brought to you by The Church of the Palms'
CARE & SUPPORT Ministry Team

Looking Ahead to Future Workshops at Benevilla

Each workshop begins at 12:00p as lasts about an hour. Registration is encouraged but not required. Call 623.584.4999 to reserve your seat or log on to:

benevilla.org/education-workshops-2025.

♦**July 9th** - Impact of Nutrition on Aging. Barbara Heerkens from PAM Health will discuss how a balanced diet supports energy, cognitive health, and overall well-being as we age.