



# THIS WEEK @ CENTRAL

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CONNECTING FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

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**August 25, 2024, 10:15 AM**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**

Scripture: I Kings 8:1,6,10;  
22:30, 41-43; John 6:56-69

Sermon: "When...then..."  
**Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice**

#### Hymns:

- 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*
- 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
- 819 *Be Still, My Soul*
- 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*
- 625 *O Lord My God*
- 450 *Be Thou My Vision*
- 649 *Amazing Grace*
- 43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*
- 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

#### Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: **Sarai Schnucker Rice**  
Liturgist: **Marti Wade**  
Music Director: **Rich Dewein**  
Organist: **Lois Harms**  
Hosts: **Lynn & Linda Bridie, Jason Egge, Karen Henderson**  
Audio: **Marvin Minor**  
Video: **Jann Freed**  
Editing: **Matt Van Winkle**

The chancel flowers have been given by **Siju & Jenny** and **Noah Varghese** in loving memory of Siju's mother, Lilly Varghese.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service in the East Parlor.  
Hosted by: **TBD**

## Join us This Sunday for Hymn Sing and Blessing of The Backpacks!

*Sunday, August 25, 10:15 AM, Sanctuary*

Thank you to everyone who submitted their suggestions for this week's Hymn Sing. Nearly forty congregants submitted over fifty of their favorite hymns. They have been counted and tallied. We are singing the ten hymns that received multiple votes. This represents a good cross section of the hymns that people enjoy. We will be singing at least one verse of each hymn except for the opening and closing hymns, where we will sing the entire hymns.



During Children's Time we will hold our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks** (book bags, briefcases, totes, diaper bags etc.) Children and adults of all ages are invited to bring their bags to church to be blessed with a prayer as we celebrate this special time of year and many new beginnings.

*"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." — Matthew 7:7*

To watch Central’s worship service online Sunday morning, go to our [Watch Live](#) webpage.

**Volunteers Need for After Worship Treats—Including This Sunday!**

Let Kimberly know if you are available for this **Sunday, August 25**, or sign up today in the East Parlor to provide treats for fellowship after Worship Service for the other dates listed below. Or you may call the Church Office, 515-279-3658, to have your name added to the schedule. You may also email the church office at [office@dmcpc.org](mailto:office@dmcpc.org).

Aug 25—

Sept 1—

Sept 8—Christian Education Committee (*Bounce Back Sunday*)

Sept 15—Joe & Kathy Haines and Judy Moore

Sept 22—Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier

Sept 29—

Oct 6—

Oct 13—Dennis Moore

Oct 20—

Oct 27—Worship & Stewardship Committees (*Reformation & Stewardship Sunday*)



**Middle & High School Youth Group Outing**

*Sunday, August 25, 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Grays Lake*

Reminder to Central’s Middle & High School Youth that we have our Group Outing this Sunday, August 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Grays Lake. I am excited to get this year started! We will meet on the concrete terrace where tables are located to the south end of the lake. This will be a relaxed event to hang out, get to know each other, eat and play games such as



spike ball, corn hole, four square volleyball and more! Food will be catered from Smokey D’s. Feel free to bring a friend! Parents are definitely welcome! I’d love a chance to get to meet you before our programming kicks off in September. You provide your transportation to and from the lake. Wear swimsuits and bring towels if you are boating or going in the lake. Life jackets are required and will be provided for those using any of the boats. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

—Garrison Hazen, Children’s, Youth & Family Ministry Director

**BOUNCE BACK SUNDAY**

Everyone is invited to a congregational kick-off to bounce back into church fall activities!

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**  
After Morning Worship





All ages are invited to join in the fun!

- Hot Dogs
- Snow Cones
- Bounce house
- Face painting
- Carnival games

Come for our fall kick-off at 39th Street & Grand Avenue on the front lawn.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

AFTER MORNING WORSHIP

FELLOWSHIP  
FOOD  
GAMES

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## Pastoral Care and How you Can Be Included on the Prayer List

For pastoral care needs please notify the church office at 515-279-3658 to reach **The Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice**, or email [srice@dmcp.org](mailto:srice@dmcp.org).



If you have a prayer concern for yourself, a family member or a friend, and would like to have them added to the prayer list, email **Kimberly Sanford** at [ksanford@dmcp.org](mailto:ksanford@dmcp.org). Prayer requests normally appear for two weeks beginning on the date shown at the end of the entry. Because of concerns for privacy, only those people who have given permission will have their "name" included on the Prayer Chain.

If you are **not** on the distribution list and would like to be, let Kimberly know.

## Bible Study: Romans for Everyone, Part 2

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 201

Join Pastor Don Elly as he continues the series—***Romans for Everyone, Part 2***, which begins this week.

Esteemed biblical scholar N. T. Wright provides an accessible and compelling commentary, exploring the intricate themes within Paul's significant epistle to the Romans. Paul's *Romans*, a masterpiece, navigates a diverse array of topics, weaving them into a captivating and dynamic narrative. Its energy and excitement stem from unveiling God's power and grace through Jesus, accessible to all who believe. *Romans for Everyone, Part 2* explores the remainder of the epistle, concluding with Paul's blessing for the church in Rome.

Our Bible Study class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in person, in Room 201, or on Zoom. For Zoom, go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81369903809> and enter Meeting ID: 813 6990 3809. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 515-279-3658.



## The Ministry Discernment Profile is Moving Forward!

(PNC Members: *Laura Bandstra, Roger Dahl, Jann Freed, Carmen Goodwin, Jeff Green, Dan LaPole, and Jennifer Stetson*)

After hosting four focus groups and meeting with parents of youth, the PNC revised the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). After reviewing the final draft and approving the MDP, the next step was to meet with the Session, which took place on Wednesday, August 14. The Session reviewed, provided their feedback, and approved the MDP for submission to the Presbytery for final approval.

The MDP serves as the job description for the position. After the MDP is approved by the Presbytery it will be posted for potential candidates to review and start applying. We believe Central is positioned well to attract strong candidates. We hope to have a quality pool of candidates to review. Since the goal is to hire the right person, there is no set timeline for how long the process can take.

We feel fortunate with our interim pastor, The Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice. She has attended our meetings and provided information on national congregational trends. Her expertise and support have been valuable shepherding us through the process. We are grateful to Roger Dahl. As chair of PNC, his connections with the Des Moines Presbytery Commission Ministry have facilitated and streamlined the search process.

We are excited about our progress to date and will continue to keep you informed through [TWAC](#), Sunday bulletins, and the monthly [Cent-inel](#).



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## Shelter Meal Help Needed

Central provides the evening meal at Central Iowa Shelter and Services on the 13th of every month. Currently we are in need of volunteers to lead each month. We would ask when groups sign up that one person act as lead to organize the group. If you are willing to help, sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CentralShelterMealVolunteers>. You can also contact Deacon, **Ashley Pitts** at 708-275-9479 to sign up to volunteer or lead a group, or contact the church office for more information.



## This Week @ Central

### Sunday, August 25

- 10:15 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
*featuring Hymn Sing and Blessing of the Backpacks*
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)
- 5:00 PM Middle & High School Youth Group Outing (Grays Lake)

### Monday, August 26

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM ALANON (Room 206)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Fellowship Hall)

### Tuesday, August 27

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 101)

### Wednesday, August 28

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM AMOS (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells Rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

### Thursday, August 29

### Friday, August 30

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise group (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Office Closes

### Saturday, August 31

- 9:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous (Room 201)

### Sunday, September 1

- 10:15 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

