



Will Smith – 08/02	Rachel VanRuden – 08/16
Gretchen Hansen – 08/04	Tiffany Cooper – 08/17
Deacon Jacob – 08/04	Josette Lisowski – 08/20
Jeff Hansen – 08/05	Carrie Smukal – 08/20
Johann Andes- 08/07	Quinten Lisowski – 08/23
Nadiah O’Neill – 08/09	Pam Sinclair – 08/23
Mike Wilkinson – 08/09	Robert Barclay – 08/26
Dave VanRuden – 08/14	Karen Merrill – 08/27
Dorothy Holland – 08/15	Mike Smolko – 08/29

HELPING OUT THE ROTGER FAMILY - Jenna and Ian King's next door neighbor Carlos Rotger was diagnosed with stage II cancer in March. Carlos is the general manager at Marco's pizza. He went through radiation and chemotherapy and finished on June 30th. On July 4th he was admitted to the hospital for an infection and liver issues. He is still in the hospital and they do not know when he is going to get discharged. This leaves his wife Sarah unable to work while taking care of their 2 young children (8 and 3). If you are able to help, we are collecting food items and gift cards in the church narthex for the Rotger Family. The family also has a meal train going on, if anyone would like to contribute to that please contact Jenna King directly to set that up. Donations will be collected through August 20th. Any questions can be sent to Jenna at 262-995-5253 or geyer.jenna@gmail.com



Matt & Elizabeth Preuss – 8 years – August 1st
John & Sharon Boehme – 35 years – August 6th
Julie & Glen Heldt – 37 years – August 16th



Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.



RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL – You're invited to the ribbon cutting and dedication of the RLHS building expansion on **Sunday, August 6, at 6 p.m.** Tours and refreshments will be available. RSVP to klong@RacineLutheran.org or 262.637.6538 or online at RacineLutheran.org.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

Stewardship Corner

A POSITIVE THOUGHT

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.
If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.
He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem;
not to mention that Friday at Calvary.
Face it, He's crazy about you.

Candleabra



the store until things were right.

You may have noticed that we finally have two candleabra with candles standing upright. It took more than one try to get it right. Thanks to Dave and Katy Wagner for the time they spent going back and forth to

Youth Group Instrumentalists (and some regulars)

Instrumentalists from Youth Sunday played again so that we could get a picture of them. I know, it's hard to believe that the person who takes pictures of everything forgot to take that picture on Youth Sunday, so thanks to all for playing once again so we could get a picture.

Did you notice we have a father/daughter pair among the instrumentalists – Scott and Raynae Helsel, sister/brother - Sofia and Seth Luxem, brothers - Tom and Tim Hasko, and a newcomer in Shyann Christensen.

Seth will soon be leaving us to attend college, but we're hoping he'll join us as he comes home during breaks.



Book Club members dodged raindrops to get to the Franksville Craft Beer Garden and find Kathy, who texted she was by the red and white striped canopy and had “snagged” a table with a green umbrella. Luckily, the rain stopped and we all found Kathy among the zillion or so people at Taco Fest. We joined the crowd and enjoyed tacos and a lively discussion of this month's book.



At our Joint Council Meetings, it was suggested that we plan a picture display of families in both congregations to help us get to know each other. Watch for more information on this, but you can also start planning now. If you can get/take a picture of your family, especially those with kids leaving for college, please do so. Group family members instead of straight lines so we can fit the pictures into a 3 inch square. If you don't have a picture, we can take one.

