



## Summer Thoughts from Pastor Craig

The past few weeks we've had a new addition to our household, a two-year-old dog that has some German shepherd and something else and a right eye without a pupil. Her name is Cinder and we found her through Brave Animal Rescue, a foster animal agency in Lincoln. She was one of 30 dogs in her previous household. Apparently, when she was 'rescued,' there were ticks all over her and she was miserable and there are some attachment issues that we discovered early on that we think we're getting a handle on.

But like our previous dog Mufasa, we believe that God put the right canine in our lives for this period of our lives. And, as with our previous dog, Cinder seems to have this herding tendency to make sure everyone is in their proper place at night before she can settle into her own sleep habits. In her case, she flops onto a plaid chair we have until Ellie has gone to bed, then when the last adult has turned off the lights in our living room, she pops off her chair, tiptoes to our bedroom and leaps onto Mary's side of the bed and is ready for us to shut it down for the night. And at 6 a.m. sharp, she's up, herding one of us over to the back door to let her out and then to get her a "Nudge" chicken treat to start the day.

With it beginning to be the 'dog days' of summer, the last light of the Fourth of July fireworks now over (Cinder and every other dog in Stromsburg is thankful) and the parents of kids starting to get those Back to School items and figure out how to get that last little vacation in before fall activities commence, we get to ponder our next change of season a little bit too. Our semi-annual meeting will occur after church on July 18<sup>th</sup> and we'll have a chance to talk about what we'd like to envision around here once those autumn leaves start showing themselves.

One thing that has been broached is an "all-music" Sunday format that we might schedule at the end of August or Labor Day weekend; another is a testimony-based Sunday. A couple of people have asked about perhaps having a picnic at someone's home and inviting the church. The reasoning is that many people (because of Co-Vid) haven't been as in-touch with folks in our own congregation and this might be a way to informally make those connections or re-connections. I could also envision doing a Tailgate party some Saturday during the fall when Nebraska's playing an away game; we'd actually tried a Friday night version of it before a Cross County HS game two Septembers ago. How about a Serve Sunday in mid-August? We meet at church at 9, find 3-4 projects to do for a couple of hours around town, meet back at church at 11ish, have a shortened worship service, and break bread afterward? We did it twice at churches I pastored in Illinois and Iowa and I think it went over well in both venues.

Feel free to contact us or talk to us in the next few weeks if you think one or more of these ideas are worth considering. Or wait until the 18<sup>th</sup> and 'talk back' during that portion of our semi-annual meeting.

IN CHRIST,

Pastor Craig





## Dates to Remember

**Sunday, July 4, 2021**  
USA Independence Day



**Sunday, July 11, 2021**  
6:30 pm Lead Team Meeting



**Thursday, July 15, 2021**  
5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal  
(Pat Everingham, Sara Noble, Emily Everingham)

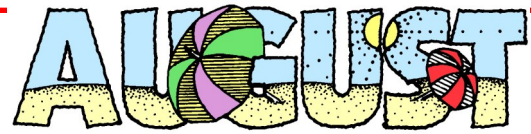
**Sunday, July 18, 2021**  
12:00 noon Semi-Annual  
Business Meeting



Lorelei Schram	Jul 5	Mitch Greenwall	Jul 15
Brynlie Willhoft	Jul 6	John Sundberg	Jul 19
Dustin Hier	Jul 7	Dalton Noble	Jul 22
Eric Everingham	Jul 8	Gaylen Ahlquist	Jul 23
Madelynn Hennessy	Jul 8	Jeri Nielsen	Jul 25
Evie Cooper	Jul 14		



Josh & Nikki Patrick	Jul 1
Kent & Cheryl Erickson	Jul 20
Jerry & Lori Rystrom	Jul 22



## Dates to Remember

**Friday, August 13, 2021**  
Back to School!



**Sunday, August 15, 2021**  
6:30 pm Lead Team Meeting

**Thursday, August 19, 2021**  
5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal



Brian Hier Jr	Aug 6	Connie Nuttelman	Aug 18
Sara Noble	Aug 6	Parker Lovgren	Aug 20
Doug Perdue	Aug 7	Korah Hier	Aug 22
Jerry Rystrom	Aug 8	Doug Johnson	Aug 25
Eleanor Greenwall	Aug 12	Pat Everingham	Aug 28
Kyle Mentink	Aug 13	Austin Platt	Aug 29
Mary Wadell	Aug 16		



Doug & Julie Lamoree	Aug 6
Bob & Cindy Orsborn	Aug 13
Bob & Jodi Johnson	Aug 24

## Financial Update:

2021 Budget Summary (1/1/21 through 5/31/21)



Electronic  
Fund Giving

Needed Income: \$ 59,990.83

Actual Income: \$ 64,654.16

Difference: \$ 4,663.33

Budgeted Exp: \$ 59,990.83

Actual Exp: \$ 50,266.97

Under Budget: \$ 9,723.86

ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:

[www.stromsburgcov.org](http://www.stromsburgcov.org) and click on ONLINE GIVING.

## Directory Update:

Many of you should have received an invitation to log into our new online church registry. If you did not and wish to be included in our new directory please email the church office at [office@stromsburgcov.org](mailto:office@stromsburgcov.org) and let us know. There is currently a directory information draft on the foyer table for you to look over and correct or add information to. Be sure to check the dates—especially the years—of birthdays and anniversaries. Many of the years are guesses. The program insists on years in order to keep track of birthdays and anniversaries, etc. Please be patient as we continue to learn and improve the system. We hope to have the new directory printed for everyone by the end of August.



## Ministry Team Leaders:

### Lead Team:

Dennis Nuttelman  
402-366-9803

### Christian Formation:

Judy Hanson  
402-764-6681

### Worship Ministry Team:

Neeli Noyd  
402-363-3082

### Outreach:

Julia Schram—402-710-9561  
Shayla Hier—402-764-0261

### Fellowship & Hospitality:

Pat Everingham  
402-764-0345

### Properties:

Kent Erickson  
402-765-6721

**Prayer Concerns?** Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to [prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org](mailto:prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org).



## Ministry Partners:

### Sunday, July 4, 2021

*Greeters:* Doug & Linda Johnson

*Scripture:* Neeli Noyd

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Craig & Mary Pinley, Dennis & Connie Nuttelman

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

### Sunday, July 11, 2021

*Greeters:* Dennis & Connie Nuttelman

*Scripture:* Sue Rosenbaum

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

### Sunday, July 18, 2021

*Greeters:* Kent & Cheryl Erickson

*Scripture:* Julie Hennessy

*Worship Team:* Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

### Sunday, July 25, 2021

*Greeters:* Gaylen & Jeannie Ahlquist

*Scripture:* Sunni Cooper

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Neeli Noyd, Dianne Nielsen

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

### Sunday, Aug 1, 2021

*Greeters:* Bob & Cindy Orsborn

*Scripture:* Judy Hanson

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Craig & Mary Pinley, Dennis & Connie Nuttelman

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

### Sunday, Aug 8, 2021

*Greeters:* Ken & Pat Everingham

*Scripture:* Pat Everingham

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

### Sunday, Aug 15, 2021

*Greeters:* Mark & Judy Hanson

*Scripture:* Dennis Nuttelman

*Worship Team:* Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli Noyd, Dianne Nielsen

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

### Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

*Greeters:* Dale & Julie Hennessy

*Scripture:* Eleanor Greenwall

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Craig & Mary Pinley

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

### Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

*Greeters:* Charles & Neeli Noyd

*Scripture:* Jeannie Ahlquist

*Worship Team:* Sue Rosenbaum, Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli Noyd, Dianne Nielsen

*Audio/Visual:* Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy




# JULY

2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays:</b> 9:15 Worship Practice 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Fellowship Time				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 6:30 pm Lead Team Meeting	12	13	14	15 5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal 	16	17
18 12:00 noon Semi-Annual Business Meeting 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# AUGUST

2021

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1 <b>Sundays:</b> 9:15 Worship Practice 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Fellowship 	2	3	4	5	6	7
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