

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Our monthly potluck is Sunday, August 4. The Council will again host this one. They'll provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and ask that those who can bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We've invited Refugio (the Hispanic congregation) to join us!

Synod is the annual CRC gathering of representatives from every region of our denomination. Many weighty topics were discussed and decided this year. The General Secretary of the denomination sent out a summary this week which you can find at <https://www.crcna.org/Synod2024FAQ>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Matt

PRAYER PETITIONS AND PRAISES

PETITIONS—Pray for:

- Shirley's heart condition to improve
- Linda's scratched cornea to improve and not get infected
- Brandy and her family
- The spiritual battle in our country with our common enemy who will use whatever he can to bring division
- A solution for Linda's pain condition
- Ulie as he goes through the steps to join the Coast Guard
- Friends and family members-ALL of us—to know the Lord as our Savior and live fully in his presence and in service to Him.
- Healing for friends and family members recovering from pain, illnesses and surgeries
- Steady and secure income for those lacking that
- Friends and family members struggling with housing and job/financial difficulties
- For all affected by flooding and damage in the Midwest
- Safety in travel for those taking trips this summer
- Peace in the world, wisdom and God's guidance for leaders

PRAISES—Give praise and thanks for:

- Brother with depression is improving
- Judy's knee is better
- Son, Scotty, who turned 50 on Sunday
- Healing of Warren's foot
- Nicole is home from the hospital

Welcome to Faith Community Fellowship

July 28, 2024



Fruitful Hearing Matthew 13:1-23

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We Gather for Worship

Welcome and God's Greeting

Call to Worship

*To God Be the Glory
Ancient Words*

Congregational Life Updates

Offerings for
General and Benevolence Funds

Congregational Prayer

Your Words Are Wonderful

Fruitful Hearing

Matthew 13:1-23

Communion

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Sending & God's Blessing

Ancient of Days



Welcome! We're glad you're here! May you experience God's goodness and grace here today. After the service, please join us for coffee.

A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3, located in the hallway.

Children's Bulletins are available for young children.

Greeter: Elaine & Julie

Coffee Server: Marlene

Nursery: Gloria

Fruitful Hearing—Matthew 13:1-23

Intro: a rough time in Jesus' ministry

The Parable

A parable about *hearing*

The Path

The Rocky Soil

The Thorny Soil

The Receptive Soil

A parable about *parables* – Jesus quotes Isaiah

Parables give and take away

Parables are penetrators

Parables are generative

A parable about the *power of God and his Word*

The sower sows out of *abundance*, not scarcity

The Lord of the harvest *makes* the harvest