



# THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter  
15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian Church

*A Message from Pastor Mike-*

Have you ever wondered why we sing the Gloria Patri in our worship service each week? What do those words mean? How did such a practice become a standard part of Christian worship in so many different kinds of churches? The words *Gloria Patri* are Latin for "Glory be to the Father" and the use of this hymn goes back to ancient times. We can find a similar statement of faith at the end of the Lord's Prayer: "for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." There are forms of this kind of praise-saying within the Psalms and in parts of the New Testament too. For example, *The Message* translation of Ephesians chapter 3, verse 21 reads: "*Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through the millennia! Oh, yes!*"

Compare the message of praise within that verse to the lyrics of the Gloria Patri... "*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen! Amen!*"

There are several different versions of the Gloria Patri, but the one we sing at 15th Avenue is very common. We publicly acknowledge that our blessings flow from God and we offer our praise to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost... the three-in-one. In case you didn't already know it, you are a theologian! It's true. We are all "doing theology" when we join in worship together. Each of us is a theologian and we come together to do public theology each Sunday morning. We gather together as the people of God to offer our praises, to learn and grow, and to do the work of God.

One of the most important aspects of assembling together in Christian worship is to pray as a community. The Gloria Patri is, in effect, a communal prayer that we offer up with one voice. Another name for this type of prayer is doxology, which can be translated as "praise saying," or more directly, "glory saying!" We are praising God in unison, affirming our belief in the Trinity, and declaring our belief in the eternal nature of God. As you go about your everyday life, be on the lookout for "doxology". That is, watch for those blessings which you have learned to recognize as gifts from God. Beauty... sunshine... good health... a radiant smile from someone you love dearly. Those are moments to offer praise and glory to God in the same way we do when we sing the Gloria Patri more formally together in church on Sundays.

*"Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."* - Jude 1:24-25

## **Music Notes**

I'll miss you all on July 5th! Please help me welcome back Dr. Charlie Schmidt, who graciously offered to substitute for me on a holiday weekend. Rounding out the rest of the month, Susan Runyon will sing on July 12, Lillian Dawn on July 19, and Claire Reger on July 26th.

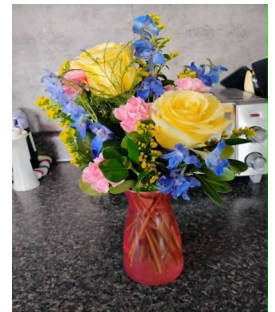
Thanks!

Sheila Doak, Music Director



Thank you very much for all your texts, emails, phone calls, cards, beautiful flowers and your prayers. My Grandma Jackie was one of a kind. I will truly miss her.

Thank you,  
Cali Smith



## **July Anniversary**

10 Jesse & Melba  
Andereck

*Happy anniversary!*

## **June Attendance**

June 7	38
June 14	27
June 21	22
June 28	36



## **July Birthdays**

5 Erykay Haygood  
15 Mark Carlson  
26 Tim Flemming  
29 Marcia Swanson

## **BRUNCH-OUT!!**

On Sunday, June 28th we had 10 people enjoy lunch at Olive Garden in Moline. For our next outing, I have made a reservation for Sunday, July 12th, at 11:00am, following our Church service, at Milan HyVee Market Grill, 201 10th Avenue, Milan, Illinois. We will have breakfast or lunch, plus Chinese entrees to choose from. I hope you will plan to join us for good food and great fellowship.

Sally Bartosh

## **PROFIT & LOSS REPORT**

### **YTD**

Total Income	\$5583.00
Total Expenses	\$6839.93
Net Income	(\$1256.39)

**Elders Prayer Bell Edition**

*“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.” - Ps. 107:28-30 -*

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers. Send a card, call on the phone or make a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Please continue to pray for Edward G. as he recovers from a recent procedure to help restore circulation in his legs. (Church Family)

Prayers for safety as Sheila travels to visit her husband, Olivet. He has not been doing well. (Church family)

Doug, Deb’s brother continues his chemo treatments. (Deb)

Prayers requested for a friend who is grieving the loss of her 56-year-old daughter. (Marty)

Please pray for my friend, Rexie , who has dementia and just moved to a nursing home in Winter Garden, FL. (Annie)

Prayers for a neighbor, Bonnie, who recently lost her husband. (Mable)

Please pray for Olivia, who has received a cancer diagnosis and is only in her twenties.

(Lynne Swanson)

Kathy T. recovering after heart bypass surgery at Loyola. (Judie)

Please continue to pray for Zoey, regarding a possible cancer diagnosis. (Lynne Swanson)

Kathy O. Stage 4 cancer (Helen)      Greg H. continues his cancer treatments. (Diane B.)

Lylah - heart transplant surgery, age 16, doing well. Thank you for your prayers. (Lisa)

Melanie, Scott, and family. (Diane B.)      Alice (Sandy, Mable & family)

Mona (Alice and Mable)

Diane... multiple family health concerns. (Kathy)      Don Young (Sheri & family)

Tyler (Jeanne K.)

Chris receiving cancer treatments. (Kathy Weston)      Joetta E. tumors (in-operable) Family

Judy Turner, lymphoma treatments (Craig & family)      Pam DeSmet (family)

Lili’s treatments have been successful! She is now in an observation phase (family)

Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)      Brenda O. (family)      Nancy G., cancer (family)

Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)      Kent Christensen (Kathy & family)



# July

## FREEDOM

Day 1 – Isaiah 61:1  
Day 2 – Isaiah 42:6-7  
Day 3 – Colossians 1:13-14  
Day 4 – John 8:32-36  
Day 5 – Romans 8:1-4  
Day 6 – Revelation 1:4-6  
Day 7 – Romans 6:1-7  
Day 8 – Ephesians 2:1-5  
Day 9 – Hebrews 2:14-15  
Day 10 – Romans 5:12-17  
Day 11 – Romans 7:21-25  
Day 12 – Romans 6:11-14  
Day 13 – Romans 6:22-23  
Day 14 – 2 Peter 1:2-4  
Day 15 – Galatians 5:1  
Day 16 – 1 Peter 2:13-17  
Day 17 – 2 Corinthians 3:17-18  
Day 18 – Romans 6:16-19  
Day 19 – Romans 8:19-25


Day 20 – Galatians 3:21-22  
Day 21 – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23  
Day 22 – Galatians 5:13-15  
Day 23 – 1 Corinthians 10:13  
Day 24 – Psalm 119:44-46  
Day 25 – Galatians 3:23-29  
Day 26 – Galatians 4:4-6  
Day 27 – Ephesians 1:6-8  
Day 28 – 1 Timothy 2:5-7  
Day 29 – Psalm 68:5-6  
Day 30 – John 3:16-17  
Day 31 – Psalm 116:15-17



# JULY 2026



# 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Christian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 10AM Bible Study	3 Office Closed	4 
5 8:30am Elder Mtg 9:30am Worship CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	6	7	8	9 10AM Bible Study	10	11
12 9:30am Worship Food Pantry	13	14	15	16 10AM Bible Study	17	18
19 9:30am Worship 10:30am Board Meeting	20	21	22	23 10AM Bible Study	24	25
26 9:30am Worship	27	28	29	30 10AM Bell Newsletter Articles Due	31	

<p><b>Serving Elders</b></p> <p>5 Diane Block 12 Lisa Hatlett 19 Helen Popp 26 Mark Carlson</p> <p><b>Visiting Elders</b></p> <p>Judie Holmer and Lisa Hatlett</p>
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<p><b>Serving Deacons</b></p> <p><b>HD</b> Karen Hitchcock, Rose Deibert, Melisa Popp and Ron Standley</p> <p><b>Preparing Deacon</b></p> <p>Marty Larson</p>
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<p><b>Flowers</b></p> <p>5 Flemming's 12 Mable Carlson 19 Flemming's 26 Karen Hitchcock</p>
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