

The MESSENGER

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In an effort to care for the health
and wellbeing of all persons
involved in the life of our
congregation:

Worship and in-person activities
at St. Paul's suspended until
further notice



*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.
So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is
anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who
plants and the one who waters have a common purpose,
and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.
For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's
field, God's building." -1 Corinthians 3:6-9*

Pastor's Pen



Recently, I have been
spending a lot of time
thinking about seeds,
tending, and harvest. I
planted a lot of seeds this
year; I planted zinnias and

snapdragons, tomatoes and peppers, broccoli, and celery. I planted some inside in March, some outside in May. I tried different tactics: lights and blankets indoors, fertilizers and watering schedules outside. I have been surprised to find that the most successful seeds I planted were sowed directly into the dirt outside, rather than those I fussed over indoors. Gardening is such a humbling process—it puts into perspective the point Paul makes in 1 Corinthians; we do what we can, but the growth is often God's doing, not our own.

In the past several weeks, I have been spending my gardening time listening to audiobooks about a different kind of garden tending; I have been listening to audiobook versions of popular books on anti-racism, pulling up weeds of misunderstanding and defensiveness in my consciousness, and sowing seeds of humility and new concepts. As these seeds are planted, and as I tend their growth through dialogue, openness and a willingness to have my thoughts and opinions change, I hope God will give the growth. I grew up in a diverse community in North St. Louis County, and I attended schools with huge, racially diverse student bodies. It is easy to imagine that one “knows” something when coming from experiences like these; it was easy to imagine that there may be nothing new to learn. I was wrong.

When I got to seminary, I started learning more about systemic racism, and the impact it has on society, as well as my life as a child. I started to ask my former classmates about their experiences of our life growing up, and I learned that my African American friends had experienced different things in our community and our school district than I had. Through these experiences, through relationships with gracious people who were willing to help me learn, through brilliant professors and LOTS of books, and even more patience and grace, God continues to bring growth in this part of my understanding. Growth is a good and healthy part of life. To imagine we know all there is to know, or that we have somehow reached “maturity,” unwavering in our attitudes, is to ignore the work of God, who brings new life throughout all stages of our existence.

As we continue to live and learn in this time of change in our society, may we be mindful of our God, who gives growth to the seeds planted. May we continue the challenging work of pulling the weeds of defensiveness or calcified opinions, so that God may plant something new and lifegiving instead. The process of growth in relationship to systemic and interpersonal racism is slow and challenging, but it is important work that brings us ever closer to God’s kingdom coming to life on earth around us. Take heart, my friends. God gives the growth, and God is a faithful gardener.

- Pastor Delaney

July

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 7pm "Dear Church" Reading Group on Zoom	2 	3	4 th of July 
5	6 	7	8	9	10 	11
12 7pm Queer Eye Watch & Chat	13	14 	15 7pm "Dear Church" Reading Group on Zoom	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27 	28	29 7pm "Dear Church" Reading Group on Zoom	30	31 	1

St. Paul's Church Council

St. Paul's Church Council met over Zoom on June 9th to discuss new business and the creative ways we as a congregation are continuing to live out our mission and serve our community. These include a simplified Kim's Closet planned for July and two virtual coffee hours organized in June. Council also reviewed a survey sent to all members to gather opinions and share ideas as we imagine and plan for our eventual return to in-person worship. We appreciate your thoughtful feedback on the survey and the continued financial support of the congregation. Council will be taking July off and will meet next in August. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer!



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- 6 Dennis Kurth
- 10 MaryEllen Voelz
- 13 Intaly Vannavong

RIC Corner

This month, we will consider our identity as a Reconciling in Christ congregation in the ELCA in conversation with the popular Netflix show, “Queer Eye”. Join with Pastor Delaney on July 12 at 7pm on Zoom for a conversation around episode one of “Queer Eye” season 5, entitled “Preaching Out Loud.” This episode follows a gay ELCA pastor in Pennsylvania, on his journey to greater confidence in his identity and vocation. We will use the discussion guide prepared by Reconciling Works.

To join, click this zoom link on Sunday July 12 at 7pm:

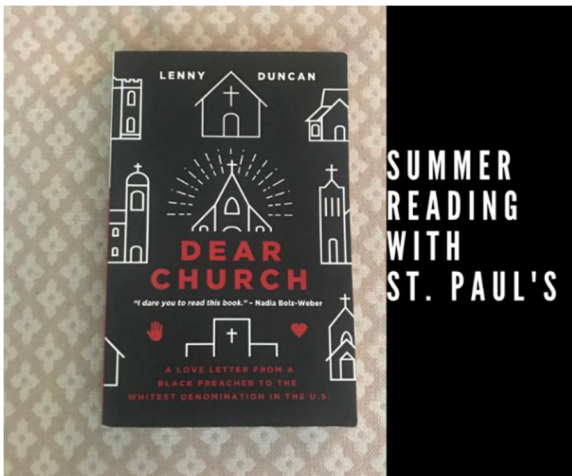
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88215530538>



July 15, 2020 12-12:30pm

In July, Kim's Closet is being transformed into a lunchtime table. We will share hygiene kits, lunch, and a new clothing item with our neighbors as we connect with neighbors we haven't seen in months. Social distancing and hygiene standards will be observed. We can't wait to reconnect with our community! If you would like to help, please contact Nancy Day or Pastor Delaney!





Dear Church

Join St. Paul's as we explore the intersections of race, racism, and the ELCA this summer. Beginning July 1, we will meet every other

Wednesday from 7-8:30pm on

Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88465404001>) to discuss and learn from "Dear Church."

Please purchase the book, and register on our website to participate:

<https://www.saintpaulsmilwaukee.com/events-1>

Mt. Meru Coffee

Established in 1999, the Project enables the small coffee farmers living on the slopes of Mount Meru in Tanzania to have funds available to send their children to school, access and pay for health care, and to support local farm villages, markets, and merchants.

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the farmers to support their families with dignity.

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**Four delicious flavors: French vanilla, Butter Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry, and Hazelnut.*

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**Whole bean or drip grind*

Contact one of our Mt. Meru Coffee Ambassadors, Suzie Moylan at smoylan1208@icloud.com, or Matt Prahlow at mattprahlow@gmail.com.

SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

GOSPEL READINGS

July 5 - 26

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 5</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Semi continuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (alt)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 12</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Semi continuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 19</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Semi continuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 26</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Semi continuous</i> <i>First Reading and Psalm</i> Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Psalm 128 (alternate)</p>

Top 10 Grilling Foods

Looking for the recipe? Click on the items below.
Reading this on paper, use the [https link](https://cookingontheweekends.com/top-10-things-to-throw-on-the-grill-this-summer/) below.
Enjoy!

Chile-Lime Grilled Watermelon
Red Goddess Grilled Flank Steak
Sweet and Spicy Pineapple Grilled Pork Chops
Marinated Grilled Portabella Mushrooms
Grilled Coffee Balsamic Flank Steak
Grilled Split Pea Vegetarian Burger
Lemon Pepper Grilled Corn
Grilled Jalapeño Pepper Jack Turkey Burger
Spicy Garlic-Ginger Grilled Flank Steak
Rosemary Lamb Skewers

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Big 10 Summer Movies of All Time

From Town & Country Magazine.com

See the Complete List of 30 Summer Movies of All Time by Emma Dibin



Call Me by Your Name (2017)
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (2005)
Something's Gotta Give (2003)
Independence Day (1996)
The Sandlot (1993)
Do the Right Thing (1989)
Dirty Dancing (1987)
Grease (1978)
Jaws (1975)
The Parent Trap (1961)

Summer Activities during Covid-19 for kids, teens & adults

From RealSimple.com by Lisa Milbrand. For a complete list visit

<https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/entertaining/seasonal-events/summer-activities-during-covid>

Make your own ice cream

Run through a sprinkler

Have a backyard/indoor scavenger hunt

Make s'mores

Eat popsicles and ice cream cones

Go stargazing

Try your hand at face painting

Nap in a hammock

Create a sidewalk chalk art gallery

Look for fireflies

Finish the perfect summer read

Grow a little garden

Go for a socially distanced hike

Have a barbecue

Visit an outdoor farmer's market

Watch the sun set

Create a virtual book club

Make homemade lemonade

Have a campfire in your backyard

Seek out a drive-in movie

Bake a fresh blueberry or cherry pie

Splash in rain puddles

Make massive ice cream sundaes

Make your own pesto

Give yourself a fun pedicure

Go fishing

Drink a fruity concoction with an umbrella in it

Go to the beach—six feet away from other beachgoers

Look for a rainbow during a downpour

Eat vegetables and fruit right out of the garden



On June 29 the ELCA celebrated 50 years of Women's Ordination. Take a moment to thank God for the ordained women you know!!

St. Paul's was quick to follow the Holy Spirit in calling women pastors.

Rev. Sue Lindberg

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson

Rev. Donna Brown

Rev. Gail Brodersen-Heins and

Rev. Delaney Schlake – Kruse

Our church also nurtured the callings of Rev. Laura Gerstl-Beukema, Rev. Lynn Erickson, and the late Maggie Lux-Cummings. Yay God!!

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Our Safe Place – Milwaukee

The people living at Our Safe Place are in recovery from substance abuse. The building offers a community focused on recovery with rules to make Our Safe Place a healthy living environment.

Since we are not meeting for worship on July 5th, please consider sending a donation to Our Safe Place in care of their program director, Andy Liss at 740 N 29th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208.





Worship at Home

Have you been tuning in to our St. Paul's YouTube channel, receiving our email newsletter, and participating in Sunday morning

Bible class via Zoom? If you have not been receiving these at home worship resources but would like to, please email either Pastor Delaney (dschlakekruse@gmail.com) or the church office (StpaulsMKE@yahoo.com) to get connected!

Quote




*"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle.
Most of us have gears we never use."*

- Charles M. Schultz

Read more at <https://www.azquotes.com>

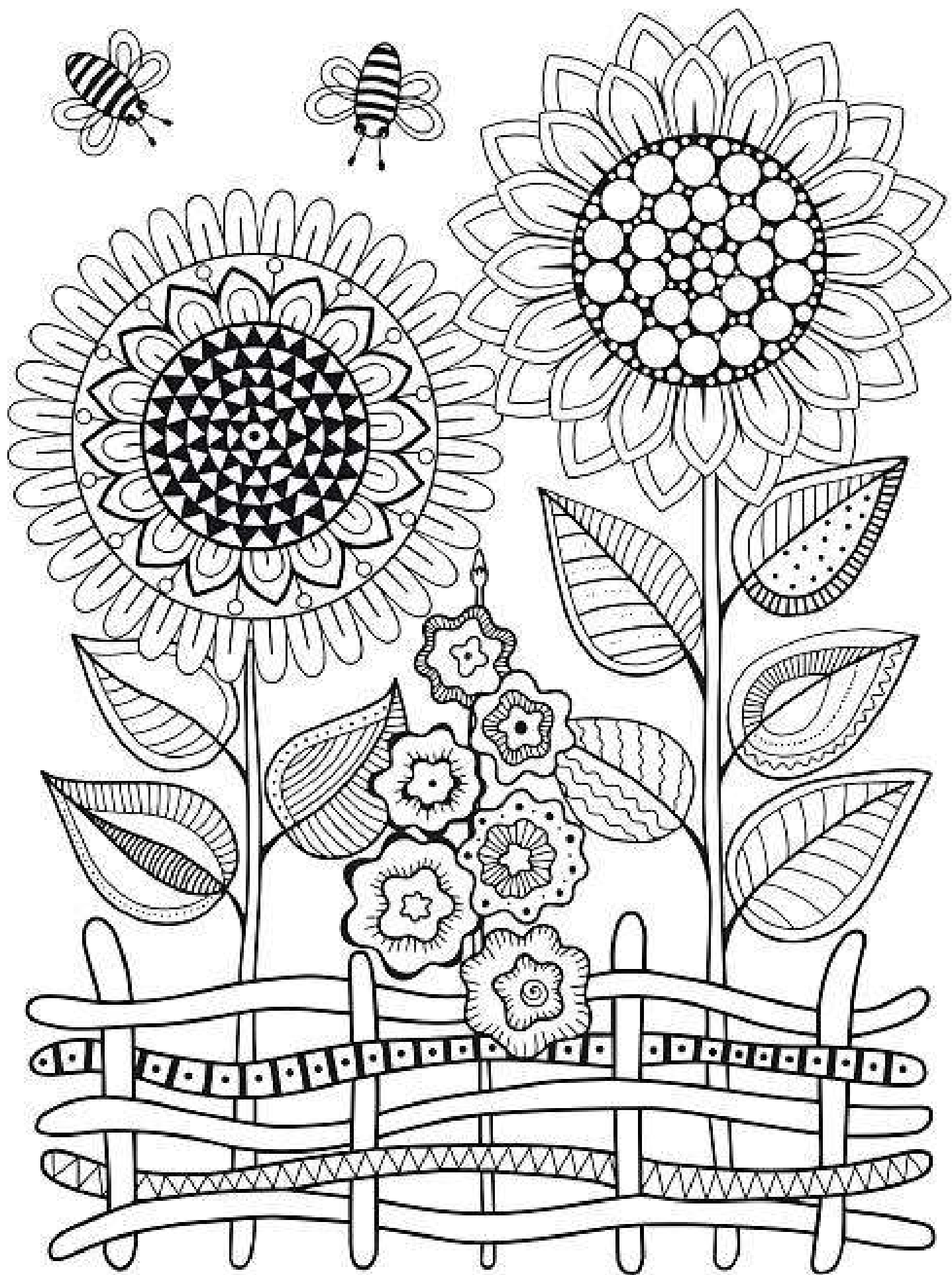
Crayons, markers, colored pencils, whatever! Because this edition of The Messenger is online and doesn't require a stamp, here are extra FUN activity and color pages. Feel free to post your completed art work on our Facebook page. Enjoy!

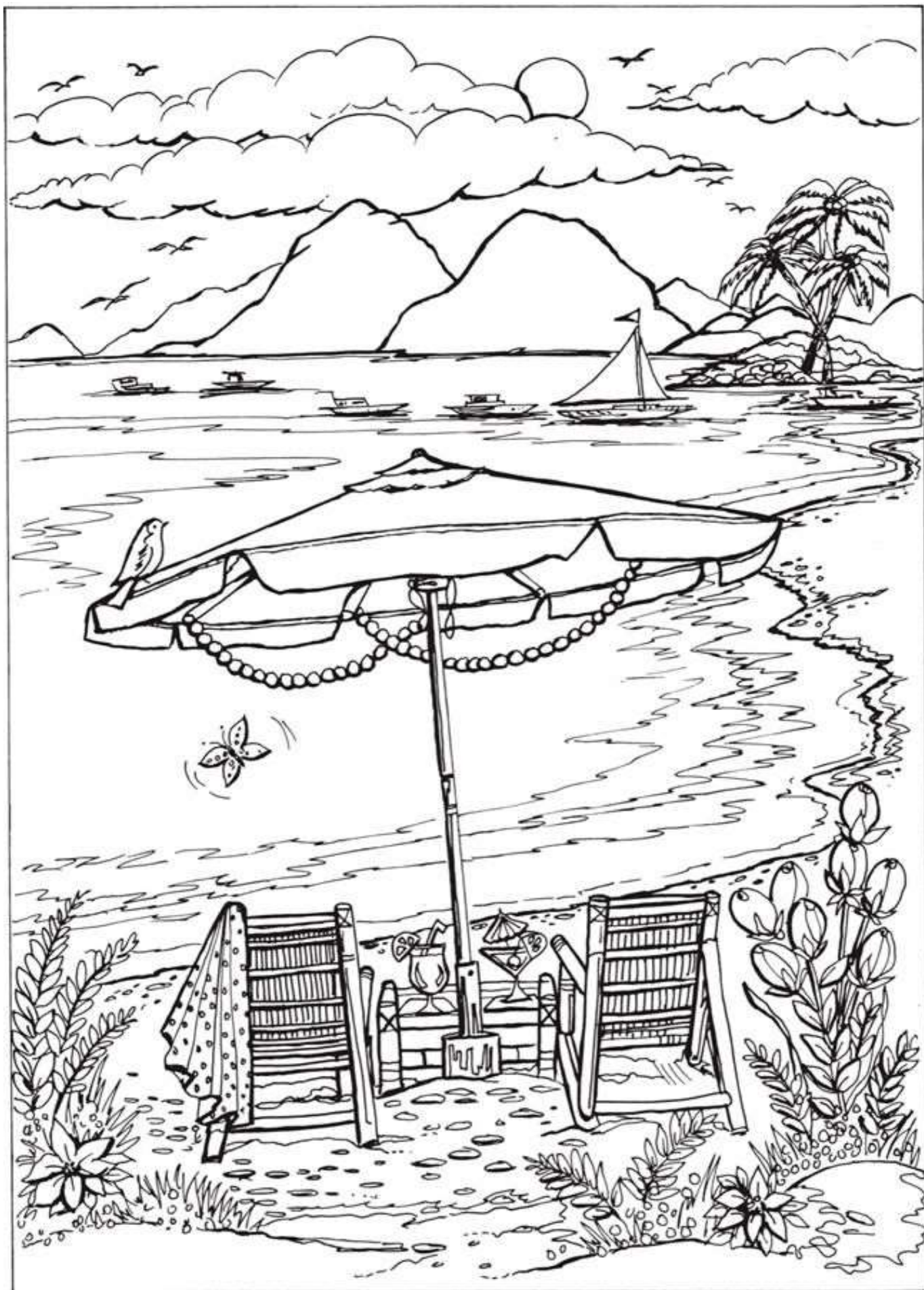




Praise the
Lord from
the Earth you
creatures of
the ocean
depths.

Psalm 148:7





WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: July 2020

	July 5 Pentecost 5	July 12 Pentecost 6	July 19 Pentecost 7	July 26 Pentecost 8
Assisting Minister	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek	Bob Bromberek	Nancy Day
Usher Team	2	3	4	1
Altar Guild	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow Marilyn Zirbel	Ron Karbel	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen
Greeter(s)	~~	~~	~~	~~
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug Mark Van Engen	MaryEllen Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund
Communion Type	Traditional	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Close	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz
Counting Team	3	4	1	2