

# August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>This month, the ELCA commemorates (among others):            August 11: Clare of Assisi, who established a women's Franciscan community and inspired women to pursue spiritual goals            August 13: Florence Nightengale, nurse, who trained with a Lutheran order of deaconesses and reformed British hospitals            August 15: Mary, Mother of Our Lord, whose life revealed the presence of God among the humble and poor            August 28: Moses the Black, monk and martyr, whose faith had a profound impact on his native Ethiopia</p>				<b>1</b> 7am BNI—Parlor	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11am Holy Yoga—Gym
				Pastor Chris Out		
				John Hofmann Out		
<b>4</b> <b>9:30am Worship with communion</b> Coffee & donuts—Parlor 11am Lao ELC —Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 6pm Vacation Bible School	<b>5</b> 6pm Vacation Bible School	<b>6</b> 5:30pm Women's AA 6pm Vacation Bible School 7:30pm AA	<b>7</b> 6pm Vacation Bible School	<b>8</b> 7am BNI—Parlor 6pm Vacation Bible School	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11am Holy Yoga—Gym
John Hofmann Out						
<b>11</b> <b>9:30am Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Animals</b> Coffee & donuts—Parlor 11am Lao ELC —Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room 3pm Birdtown Brew Crew —Gym kitchen	<b>12</b> 7pm Robbinsdale Co-op Meeting	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Women's AA 7:30pm AA Board Meetings	<b>14</b> 9am Quilters 6:30pm Wednesday Night on the Lawn	<b>15</b> 7am BNI—Parlor 9am Leisure Age	<b>16</b> Faith Evangelical Free Church decorating Gym	<b>17</b> Faith Evangelical Free Church —Gym 11am Holy Yoga—Reception Room
				Dick Balkus Out		
<b>18</b> <b>9:30am Worship with communion</b> Coffee & donuts—Parlor 11am Lao ELC —Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room	<b>19</b> 11am ROMEOS	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Women's AA 7pm Church Council 7:30pm AA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7am BNI—Parlor 9am Leisure Age 7pm Birdtown Theology Pub	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11am Holy Yoga—Gym
				Pastor Marcia Out		
Dick Balkus Out						
<b>25</b> <b>9:30am Worship</b> Coffee & donuts—Parlor 11am Lao ELC —Gym 11am Greater All Nations—Reception Room	<b>26</b> 1pm Messenger Processing	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Women's AA 7:30pm AA	<b>28</b> 9am Quilters	<b>29</b> 7am BNI—Parlor 9am Leisure Age	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11am Holy Yoga—Gym
Pastor Marcia Out						

# Sundays

## in August

Including excerpts from *Sundays and Seasons: Year C*

### August 4

Worship at 9:30  
Communion

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King preached on today's Gospel: "There are a lot of fools around. [They are fools] because they fail to realize their dependence on others. Finally, this man was a fool because he failed to realize his dependence on God. Do you know that man talked like he regulated the seasons? That man talked like he provided the dew. He was a fool because he ended up acting like he was the Creator, instead of a creature. And this man-centered foolishness is still alive today."

*Read for worship:*

*Luke 12:13–21*

### August 11

Worship at 9:30  
*Outdoor Worship*  
*Blessing of the Animals*

Some of the earliest Christian art depicting Jesus shows him as the Good Shepherd, generously providing for his flock, giving them his kingdom. Reflect on Christ's goodness in granting his flock the kingdom.



*Read for worship:*

*Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16*

### August 18

Worship at 9:30  
Communion

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Conflict is a common occurrence in human relationship. Jesus' words can stir up in us a longing for peace and an end to division. When you hear his words, think of the more troubling conflicts in your setting. Call upon God for healing and restoration.

*Read for worship:*

*Psalms 82*

### August 25

Worship at 9:30

Through the lens of the Gospel, these texts offer a clear identification of God's work. What is God doing? God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity. God is lifting up the oppressed. God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted. God raises up foundations. God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free. God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we've ever heard, or that we could ever speak.

It is God's work and God's activity that Isaiah calls us to be about. Why is the prophet so confident that light will conquer darkness? Because this is already God's work.

*Read for worship:*

*Isaiah 58:9b–14*

