

August 2023

Palisades UMC

The Messenger



Our Identity:

A place of light where all can
experience God's grace.

Our Vision:

Inviting. Everyone. To know God's Love.



Upcoming Worship:

August 6th- **'The Lord Is My Shepherd'** – Psalm 23:1, John 10:11-18

August 13th- **'Rest and Restoration'** – Psalm 23:2, Matthew 11:25-30

August 20th- **'Paths of Righteousness'** – Psalm 23:3, Romans 5:18-6:14

August 27th- **'Walking Through the Valley'** – Psalm 23:4, Romans 8:35-39

September 3rd- **'Overcoming Fear and Finding Courage'** – Psalm 23:5, Philippians 4:4-9

September 10th- **'Abundant Blessings and Eternal Hope'** – Psalm 23:6,
Jeremiah 29:10-14

Pastor's Musing

Greetings Church Family,

Today, I find myself deeply moved by the comforting words of Psalm 23, a timeless passage that has brought solace and strength to countless hearts throughout the ages. As I read and meditate on this beautiful Psalm, I can't help but marvel at the profound wisdom and reassurance it offers in times of uncertainty and difficulty.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." These opening words set the tone for the entire Psalm. They remind us that God is a mighty creator and a tender and caring shepherd who leads and guides us with unwavering love. In our journey through life, we may face challenges and uncertainties, but this verse assures us that we lack nothing when we have the Lord as our shepherd.

As we continue our faith journey together, we will start a sermon series on this beloved and comforting passage of the Bible - Psalm 23. This series, titled "*The Lord is My Shepherd*" will span over the next six Sundays, and I believe it will be an enriching and soul-nurturing experience for all of us.

Psalm 23 is a timeless treasure, often called the Shepherd's Psalm. Its profound imagery paints a picture of God as our caring and attentive shepherd, guiding and protecting us through life's valleys and pastures. As we delve deeper into its verses, we will discover layers of wisdom and truth that resonate with our daily experiences and challenges.

I encourage each of you to join us in this journey of exploration and reflection. Whether well-acquainted with Psalm 23 or hearing it for the first time, this series offers a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and experience the peace that comes from walking with the Shepherd.

Let us come together as a congregation to seek God's wisdom and embrace the comfort and hope found in His Word. May this series on Psalm 23 strengthen our faith, renew our spirits, and inspire us to walk confidently in the care of our loving Shepherd.

I look forward to worshipping with you as we embark on this new sermon series.

In His Love,



Pastor Rich



August 6th The Lord Is My Shepherd' – Psalm 23:1, John 10:11-18

We will focus on the metaphor of God as a shepherd and what it means for believers. We will explore the shepherd's role in providing care, guidance, and protection for the sheep and discuss how this metaphor can help us understand God's character and our relationship with Him.

August 13th- 'Rest and Restoration' – Psalm 23:2, Matthew 11:25-30

We will explore the phrase "He makes me lie down in green pastures" and its implications for finding rest in God. Discussing the importance of rest for our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being and examining how God restores and rejuvenates our souls through His presence and care.

August 20th- 'Paths of Righteousness' – Psalm 23:3, Romans 5:18-6:14

We will reflect on the line, "He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Discussing the concept of righteousness and how God guides us to live a righteous life and exploring the challenges we face in following God's lead and the blessings that come from walking in His ways.

August 27th- 'Walking Through the Valley' – Psalm 23:4, Romans 8:35-39

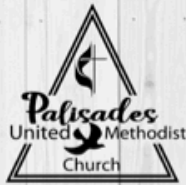
We will reflect on the line, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." Discuss the various "valleys" we may encounter in life, such as loss, grief, or hardship and offer encouragement and biblical guidance on navigating these challenging seasons with God's presence and comfort.

September 3rd- 'Overcoming Fear and Finding Courage' – Psalm 23:5, Philippians 4:4-9

We will focus on the phrase, "I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Discussing the nature of fear and how it can affect our lives and exploring how God's presence and protection enable us to overcome fear and find courage.

September 10th- 'Abundant Blessings and Eternal Hope' – Psalm 23:6, Jeremiah 29:10-14

We will examine the concluding verse, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." Discussing the abundant blessings and provisions that come from walking with God. and exploring the concepts of God's goodness, mercy, and faithfulness in our lives.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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...Pablo Martinez...Lisa Veenstra...
...Zora Szemenyei...
...Noah Hernandez...
...Evelyn Salair & Kathy....
...Pam & Steve Schupbach...
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BIBLE Study

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SUMMER BREAK.
THANK YOU.*

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August 6th at 10 a.m.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

DOUG & JAN CANNON- AUGUST 25TH

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDATES:

WALT PENROSE- AUGUST 9TH
GENE RALPH- AUGUST 11TH
STEVE SZEMENYEI- AUGUST 12
MARYANN MCMANUS- AUGUST 15TH
MARK HENDERSON- AUGUST 21ST
TONY NORRIS- AUGUST 27TH

JOY WENTSEL- SEPT. 1ST
SARAH HENDERSON- SEPT. 2ND
RICHARD BECKTEL- SEPT. 9TH
ZACH HENDERSON- SEPT. 19TH
CAROL JAMISON- SEPT. 22ND
SUZANNE ALLEN- SEPT. 30TH
RUSTY SUTTON- SEPT. 30TH