**MUSIC NOTES:** "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth was written (words and music) in 1985 when (as the author writes) "I seem to have been much involved in pondering the ideas of life, and death, spring and winter, Good Friday and Easter….One evening we entertained a friend for supper, and he, too, had been pondering such themes and shared a work by T.S. Eliot in which there was a phrase something like ‘In our end is our beginning.’ That was virtually the catalyst for the form of the text which I wrote the next day or two…. (as I wrote) I even bought a tulip plant—though it was in bloom and bright yellow—to contemplate the idea of the ‘bulb’ leading to the flower even though the bulb itself seems ‘dead.’"

"Hymn of Promise" was first performed in anthem form at the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg FL in March 1985. Soon after writing "Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth’s husband, Ronald, became ill with cancer. As the end neared, he asked her to use “Hymn of Promise” as one of the anthems at his funeral service which was done. Natalie writes, “a ‘mysterious’ set of circumstances, but—perhaps again—a sort of ‘preparation.’” This hymn will appear in our new hymnal.

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by**

Doris & Pokey Smith
In Honor of
Our 56th Wedding Anniversary
Nancy Johnson
In Memory of
Kenneth Wells
Michael & Marilyn Cromwell
In Memory of
Dean Cromwell

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

**Sunday, August 25th:** Chasen Devincenitis, Annie McElveen, Hayley Parker
**Monday, August 26th:** Cailtin Doughtery, Jayla Davis, Steve Schultz
**Tuesday, August 27th:** Chris Hurst, Fred McQuown, Alyssa Sanders, Christine Wolf
**Wednesday, August 28th:** Gene Baker, Dorian Latore, Melissa Long, Earle Lusk
**Thursday, August 29th:** Al Holden, Chary Walker
**Friday, August 30th:** Traci Hurst, Fred McQuown, Alyssa Sanders, Christine Wolf
**Saturday, August 31st:** George Cernansky, Sharon Johnson, Kathleen Meyer, Marilyn Wolf

**Rally Day Roundup**
(Regular Sunday School Classes begin next week, September 1st, unless otherwise stated.)

Time to kick off the new Sunday School year, western-style! Round up your pardners and head over to the NPC Corral for a rip roarin’ good time! Remember to come back at noon for lunch and fellowship!

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the FLC: Rally Day RoundUp!

Come hear about church programs offered for people of ALL ages!

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall: Hot Dog & Hamburger Pot Luck BBQ at the Chuck Wagon, followed by some Good Olde Fashioned Fun & Games Under the Trees. Sign up on the Kitchen bulletin board for the Pot Luck BBQ!

A-I Salad
J-R Side Dish
S-Z Dessert

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 (Begins September 8th)**
You’re invited to look into the book of John, the first book many of us were introduced to in order to know more about the Lord. Our class has a comfortable atmosphere for learning by listening or participating. Class begins at 9:45 but come early for coffee and fellowship. Bibles are provided or bring your own. Our team welcomes you! -Doug Sherling, Jane Sutton, Jeanette Holloway

**TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11**

This week: What makes a happy marriage? Led by Ken Tobiassen. See you there!

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD—Starts September 15—Rooms 13 &15**
"Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.
WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Natalie Sleeth
Ally Wolf and Kylie Torres

DOXOLOGY—#544 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 430-431) Psalm 16:1-11 (NIV)

HYMN #144 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” Toulon

SERMON

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Glimpses of Jesus #4: “I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Darwall’s 148

We come, O Christ, to you, True Son of God and man,

BENEDICTION

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Paul Manz

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August. Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)