



Evansburg United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

This year as we celebrate July 4th, Independence Day, let us remember the men and women who have fought and died for the freedom that we enjoy in this country each and every day.

There is much to be said for freedom. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom to be whom and what we choose to be are all a part of the American Dream. With freedom came a great price for many who have gone on before us and we must always be grateful to them.

With the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ came our freedom as Christians. Freedom to live an abundant life, a life without fear and with a promise of eternal life is one of the many great things we have been given. With God each and every day is Independence Day and we must always be grateful to Him and His son for the freedoms we often take for granted.

This Independence Day I hope you and your family join us as we celebrate the birth of our nation and remember the freedoms that we have because truly we are "One nation under God."

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." This July 4th, pray for our nation.

Pastor Deb

Gratitude Shifts Our Perspective

When we choose to be thankful, we shift our focus from what we don't have to what we do. Gratitude is a powerful antidote to dissatisfaction and envy. It helps us see life through the lens of abundance rather than scarcity.

Consider the story of the Israelites in the wilderness. After being miraculously delivered from Egypt, they quickly began to complain about the lack of variety in their diet. In their grumbling, they forgot the miracle of manna God provided daily. Like the Israelites, we too can forget God's blessings when we dwell on what's missing. Choosing gratitude helps us keep His provision in view and fosters a spirit of contentment.

How to Cultivate a Thankful Heart

1. **Start Each Day with Gratitude**

Begin your day by thanking God for three things. It could be as simple as the gift of life, a sunrise, or a kind word from a friend.

2. **Keep a Gratitude Journal**

Write down blessings daily. Over time, you'll see a pattern of God's provision and faithfulness.

3. **Express Gratitude to Others**

Thank those around you—family, friends, coworkers. A kind word of appreciation not only lifts others but also reinforces a thankful mindset.

4. **Pray with Thanksgiving**

When bringing requests before God, start by thanking Him for what He's already done. This shifts your prayers from a "wish list" to a meaningful dialogue with your Creator.

5. **Choose Contentment**

In Philippians 4:11-12, Paul writes about learning to be content in all circumstances. Contentment isn't about denying desires but about trusting God's provision for today while holding hope for tomorrow.

SERMONS FOR JULY 2026

JULY 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 45:10-17

SERMON TEXT Jeremiah 6:16-19, 2 Chronicles 7:14

SERMON TITLE Nation Under God?

BIG IDEA For generations, God has called His people to walk in His ways, yet every nation and every generation eventually faces a crossroads. Will we continue down the path of self-rule, self-made truth, and spiritual indifference, or will we return to the ancient paths of faith, obedience, and dependence upon God? The story of Israel reminds us that national strength is never found in wealth, military power, or political influence, but in a people who honor the Lord. If we desire renewal in our homes, churches, communities, and nation, the journey begins by turning back to God and walking once again in His ways.

JULY 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 119:105-112

SERMON TEXT Matthew 6:19–21, 33

SERMON TITLE What Are You Chasing?

BIG IDEA Everyone is searching for something, but our pursuits reveal what we truly treasure. Jesus invites us to examine whether we are chasing temporary rewards or seeking first the hidden treasure of God's Kingdom.

JULY 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON TEXT Luke 12:13–21 ESV

SERMON TITLE The Danger of Lesser Treasures

BIG IDEA Lesser treasures rarely announce themselves as idols; they quietly gain influence by promising security, satisfaction, and significance. Jesus warns us that life is not found in abundance, accumulation, or visible success, but in being rich toward God.

July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

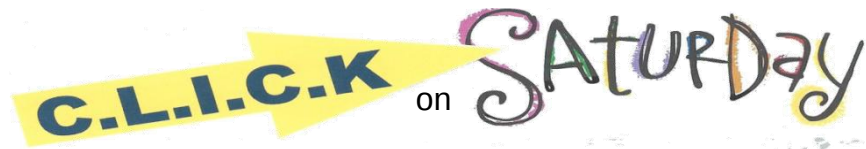
SERMON TEXT Philippians 3:7–14 ESV

SERMON TITLE Living for What Matters Most

BIG IDEA When we truly see the surpassing worth of Christ, we stop treating Him as an addition to our lives and begin reordering everything around Him. The hidden treasure of the Kingdom leads us to release lesser things, pursue Jesus wholeheartedly, and live with eternal clarity.



Happy 4th of July!



Children Learning In Christ's Kingdom



Saturday July 11, 2026
10am - 12noon

Contact Pam Sepnefski for more information
All ages are welcome!



BLOOD DRIVE

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** at EUMC will be on
Thursday **July 23rd** from 1:00 to 6:00 pm

Signups have begun, so see **Lee Walker** ASAP to pick your 'favorite' time!
Much thanks to the faithful givers of EUMC over the past few years!

Mark your calendars now and give **Lee** a call...please!