



# *the* Encourager

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NORTH PARK CHURCH  
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## THE SOUND OF THE HEART

I love the sound that the heart makes. It rings with joy, it shouts with praise, it speaks the promises of God, it encourages the depressed, it stirs the emotions, it conveys our deepest feelings, it signifies our worship, it echoes words of truth, it captures our thoughts, it reminds us of our blessings, it welcomes the lonely, it comforts the hurting, it blesses the hearers, and it rescues the lost. When the sound of one heart is combined with that of other hearts, it illustrates love, it emphasizes harmony, and it reinforces unity.

Just what is this sound that the heart makes, you ask? It is our singing. We've been told that our giving reflects the condition of our heart; we've been taught that our obedience comes from the heart; and we've been witness to how serving others is an expression of the heart. I'm not sure that anything speaks so directly to the very make up of our heart than when we raise our voice in song.

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Whether we are alone in the car; mowing the yard; standing around a campfire at Rockford Christian Camp; or sitting in the worship assembly, our voice is the sound of our heart! The wonderful thing about that is the quality of one's heart isn't captured in the quality of the sound we produce, but rather in the spirit by which we produce that sound.

Regardless of whether there are notes on the page or a familiar tune in our head; when we sing, the heart is given the opportunity to be heard. The voice of the heart expresses our thankfulness, attests to our commitment, shares our joy and our sorrow, and draws us nearer to one another and to our Savior. Oh, how I missed the unifying sound of our hearts when we were unable to worship together. I find it so uplifting to be able to speak together as one voice in worshipful song.

Psalm 47:6-7 encourages us to let the voice of our hearts be heard: "Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise."

May we never hesitate to let the voice of our heart be heard, even if by no one else than Almighty God.

~Tim~



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## FAITH



Day 1 - Matthew 21:21-22

Day 2 - Hebrews 11:1-3

Day 3 - Hebrews 11:4-7

Day 4 - Hebrews 11:8-12

Day 5 - Hebrews 11:23-31

Day 6 - Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Day 7 - James 2:14-17

Day 8 - James 2:18-26

Day 9 - Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 10 - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Day 11 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Day 12 - James 1:5-8

Day 13 - Galatians 2:15-16

Day 14 - 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Day 15 - Romans 4:13-14

Day 16 - Romans 4:15-17

Day 17 - Romans 4:18-25

Day 18 - Romans 5:1-5

Day 19 - 2 Peter 1:5-8

Day 20 - Matthew 17:14-21

Day 21 - Psalm 37:5-6

Day 22 - 1 Timothy 4:10-12

Day 23 - Galatians 3:23-29

Day 24 - John 3:14-17

Day 25 - Romans 1:16-17

Day 26 - John 11:23-27

Day 27 - 1 Corinthians 15:16-22

Day 28 - Ephesians 3:16-19

Day 29 - Mark 10:46-52

Day 30 - 1 Peter 1:6-9

Day 31 - Galatians 2:20



### Those to Serve –August 1, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa  
Opening Prayer: Ron King  
Preside: Joe Nicosia  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Stan Gregory  
Scripture Reading: Ken Lynch  
Pre-Class Greeter: Julie Cavallaro, Pat Williams  
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin, Marcus Cassady  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Murrays  
Usher #1: Jaye Lavern  
Usher #2: Justin Reese  
A/V Booth: Mark Murray

### Those to Serve –August 8, 2021

Worship Director: Ken Maupin  
Opening Prayer: Scott Weir  
Preside: Jeff Hagerman  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins  
Scripture Reading: Wayne Morris  
Pre-Class Greeter: Joan Schmidt, Vikki Hatcher  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Gibsons  
Usher #1: Ken Maupin  
Usher #2:  
A/V Booth: Ken Maupin

### Those to Serve –August 15, 2021

Worship Director: Sid Long  
Opening Prayer: Marcus Cassady  
Preside: Tim Firm  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins  
Scripture Reading: Tim Barton  
Pre-Class Greeter: Brenda Mohler, Judi Rogers  
Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Weirs  
Usher #1: Joe Nicosia  
Usher #2: Ron Willis  
A/V Booth: Jordan Siracusa

### Those to Serve –August 22, 2021

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa  
Opening Prayer: Simon-Peter Broughton  
Preside: Ron King  
Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins  
Scripture Reading: John Castree  
Pre-Class Greeter: Nicosias  
Class Attendance: Ken Maupin  
Pre-Worship Greeter: Liz Willis, Joan Wadsworth  
Usher #1: Jeff Hagerman  
Usher #2: Ken Lynch  
A/V Booth: Justin Reese

#### **Worship Usher #1** (inside auditorium main doors)

- greet latecomers and encourage sanitizing and help with finding seats (if there are none, ask elders to give up seat)
- may lock/unlock outer doors during worship
- take attendance on sheet provided and give to Ken/leave in Tim's office after worship
- put attendance up on attendance board

**Worship Usher #2** - floating in the middle of the auditorium to help people find seats or add remove seats

# Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

## Prayer List

**Jason Willis**

**Leda Phillips**

**Anneka Broughton Sue Ann Diaz**

**Bruce Rooks**

**Larry Borrison**

**Kevin Gillis**

**Donna Fincher**

**Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please **Dar Hinrichs**

**Gerald Harbach**

**Jacob Gaskins Wendy Williams**

**Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

**Michelle Hutchison** – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

**Cherokee Thompson** – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures

**Ken Lynch** – recovering from shoulder surgery

**Mike Trank** – Melanie Lavern's dad, being treated for cancer

**Carol McGowan** – shoulder surgery and recently diagnosed with congestive heart failure

**Myrtle Williams** – had surgery to remove nodes from her throat, waiting on biopsy report.

Please no phone calls right now as her throat is very sore

**Mathew Ronan** – Doug Soter's nephew

**Kevin Sircloumb** – tumor on his brain stem, still in hospital in Madison

**Joan Letsinger** – has been cleared to move back home and to drive

**Gregory Willis** – Ron Willis's brother, diagnosed with Myeloma

**Kelly Kemp** – Jared Kemp's father, recently discovered that his cancer has returned and it appears to be very aggressive

**Earline Nipps** – surgery to place the pacemaker went well and she will be kept overnight in the hospital for observation

**Mary Altendorf** – now at Fair Haven

**Pat Eichmann** – is now at home recovering from her heart surgery

**Chuck Mausehund** – at home recovering after surgery

**Nick Frost** – Delores Warkins' nephew who was recently diagnosed with Crohn's disease

**Chandler** – son of a co-worker of Jerrica Hagerman and Linda Kellett who is dealing with a possibly serious medical diagnosis

**Linda Ward** – Jan Lavern's sister in law who recently fell and has multiple broken bones

**Lisa Warkins** – broken foot

**People of Haiti** – please continue to keep Haiti in your prayers as the political strife in the country continues

**Dennis Floyd** – recovering after his recent medical procedures

**Bonnie Cole** - in rehab after having a pacemaker placed

**Ed Long** - had an echocardiogram this week and they didn't find anything concerning

**Collin Todd** - dealing with a rare serious reaction to the covid vaccine, doing better now than last week

**Chuck Miller** - in the hospital after having a stroke last Saturday

### Those to Serve –August 29, 2021

Worship Director: Ken Maupin

Opening Prayer: Chris Youssi

Preside: Tim Barton

Ann/Closing Prayer: Steve Adkins

Scripture Reading: Stan Gregory

Pre-Class Greeter: Jeanne Wadsworth,

Mary Enfield

Class Attendance: Jaye Lavern

Pre-Worship Greeter: Reeses

Usher #1: Jaye Lavern

Usher #2: Marcus Price

A/V Booth: Adam/Tyler Zomok

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am Bridal Shower for Sammi West @ 1:30 pm	<b>2</b> ROMEO Club meeting Dulane Willis & Karen Erdman's bdy	<b>3</b> Tammy Weil's bday Murray's ann.	<b>4</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>5</b> Ken Rodden's bday Stan & Gloria Gregory's ann.	<b>6</b> Dominic Nicosia's bdy	<b>7</b> <small>Pantry 10:00am</small>
<b>8</b> Bible Class @9:30 Worship Outside @ 10:30 am	<b>9</b> Grant Gregory's bday Jesse/Brittany Garcia's ann.	<b>10</b> Blanket Ministry work day Letsinger's & Broughton's ann.	<b>11</b> Bible Study 10 am HHP Food Delivery	<b>12</b> 6-7:30 pm Pantry	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Ladies Brunch @ 10 am
<b>15</b> Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am	<b>16</b> Eva Mae Hagerman's bday Reese's ann.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study 10 am Earline Nieps' bday	<b>19</b> Ken Lynch's bday Ken Lynch's ann.	<b>20</b> Brent Garcia's bdy	<b>21</b> Pantry 10:00am
<b>22</b> Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am	<b>23</b> Drake Nicosia's bdy	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bible Study 10 am HHP Food Delivery Valerie Nicosia's bday	<b>26</b> 6-7:30 pm Pantry Linda Castree & Chris Youssef's bday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bridal shower for Kaitrina Weil @ 9:00 am
<b>29</b> Bible Class @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# NEWS & EVENTS

- The Labor Day Retreat at RCC will be September 3 - 6 for **kids ages 10-14**. Get registered as soon as possible!!
- Victoria Kemp's new address is 351 Pennsylvania Ave. Loves Park, IL 61111 815-985-4969
- There will be a ladies brunch on August 14th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. There are sign up sheets in the hallway if you plan on attending and also to sign up to bring something
- Reminder that we will be having worship outside on August 8th at 10:30 (classes will take place as normal at 9:30)
- There will be a bridal shower for Sammi West on August 1st at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sammi and Brock are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Menards
- There will be a bridal shower for Katrina Weir on August 28th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Katrina and JJ are registered at Target and Amazon
- If you would like make a donation to RCC to help with raising funds for the cabin siding, you can write a check made to RCC or you can go to this website <https://rockfordchristiancamp.org/cabin-keepers/>
- There is a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building from 10 - 11 am
- There will be an evangelism seminar "Bring/Teach/Keep" on October 15, 16, & 17
- The elders would like to start providing welcome packets to people who visit North Park. If anyone is interested in heading this up, please talk to Steve Adkins
- We will be starting LIFE Groups up again this fall so be looking forward to that and planning on joining a group
- After Labor Day we will start having a Wednesday night gathering that will start with a short devotional and then we will be learning new (or new to some) songs.

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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