# THE PAPER



# SUNDAY, July 27th, 2025

#### **BAPTISM INFORMATION**

If you are interested in learning more about our upcoming Baptism Sunday (August  $10^{th}$ ), stop in to see Pastors Gabe and Sarah about what baptism means for us and what Baptism Sunday would be like. Grab a coffee and donut and meet us in the gym at the designated tables between services: 9:15a.m. -10:15 a.m. next Sunday August  $3^{rd}$ .

#### **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

Get ready to celebrate our next Baptism Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have never been baptized or would like to remember your Baptism, please sign up on the app so we can prepare to celebrate your baptism! Baptism is open to people of all ages and backgrounds who want to be marked as a Child of God and receive God's grace.

#### **NEW FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

We are excited to begin a new rhythm this fall. To help us make more space, starting August 31st, our Sunday morning worship times will shift to 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School classes will be offered during *both* of these hours, creating more opportunities for people to connect in meaningful study and fellowship. Between services, grab a cup of coffee and connect with other Aldersgate family.

#### NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP

Starting August  $20^{th}$  our Wednesday evenings will focus intentionally on discipleship – shifting away from worship to help people of all ages grow in faith and maturity through Bible studies and Small Groups. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. with ministry for kids, students and adults from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Plan on joining us this fall!

#### KIDS MINISTRY MOVE

On Sunday, August 31st, our kids will move into dedicated spaces in the Education Wing. To help meet needs in our Kids Ministry, and invest in the next generation, we'll also be relocating Sunday School classes. Our adult classes will meet in Sunday School rooms at the south side of the gym. Each Sunday School class should have received a letter explaining this important ministry update. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

#### TRUE NORTH

Join us starting Wednesday, August  $20^{th}$  for a new Bible Study offered by Pastors Sarah & Gabe. Learn how studying the Bible makes more and maturing disciples and how to better interpret the Word. Wednesday night at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm starting Wednesday, August  $20^{th}$ . (Runs for 10 weeks.)

#### **ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Volunteers and glue guns needed to make fall gifts for the Home Bound, Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherds room. Questions? Ask Jodi Reinhard 618-694-3573.

#### STUDY ON THE PSALMS

Beth Upton and Thrive will lead this study. We learn from our ancestors in the faith in a cross-cultural experience bridging historical and modern-day life. We will meet in Good Shepherds at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday Nights. Please register so we know how many books to order.

#### **EXPLORERS**

Our next Explorers Bible study will begin on Monday, August 11th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bereans classroom. The study will be the book of John. Please register in the app by July 28th so we can order books

# SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH PICNIC

Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> come for a good old-fashioned church picnic! Meet at Ray Fosse park in the Broeking Pavillion (the pavilion behind the bathrooms) at 5:00 p.m. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and a lawn chair. Please sign up on the church app so we can provide enough for everyone.

# JOIN OUR SOUP KITCHEN TEAM

Thank you for volunteering in July! Volunteers needed September17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Please contact Liz Haas know if you are interested: call or text (618)713-7142 or email lizhaas16@gmail.com.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MINISTRY

Wednesday night meal ministry at Aldersgate is really special. We're preparing our schedule for the fall, so this would be a great time to jump in and do a little thing to help in a BIG way. If you'd like to sign up to cook, serve, or clean up please contact us in the church office, or sign up on the church app!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Please follow the Church Center Calendar & The MidWeek News for times and details.

Aug. 10th: Baptism Sunday: Both Services

Aug. 13th: Church Picnic: 5:00 pm, Ray Fosse Park

Aug. 20th: First Wednesday Night Discipleship: 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 31st: New Worship Schedule: 9:00 am & 10:30 am







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