


# LOOKING UP

July-August 2025



*"...look up, and lift  
up your heads."  
Lk. 21:24*

## Building Bridges

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There is perhaps no condition more common to our human experience than broken relationships. It's almost as if the second law of thermodynamics (everything is constantly falling apart) applies equally to our interactions with one another. This proves true from the most basic relationship between two individuals, all the way up to the relationships between nations. It's been said that war is not an anomaly in human history, but rather that peace is. The more natural state of things in the world

is chaos and conflict. Peaceful existence is a rare achievement.

This aspect of reality is a direct result of the Fall into sin. When our relationship with God fractured, it inevitably led to the fracturing of our relationships with those made in God's image. And this is what Jesus came to fix. He came to stand in the gap and become the bridge that closes the divide. In taking our sins upon Himself, calling Himself the guilty One in our place, Jesus brought us back into union with God. This then opens the way for us to also be at peace with one another. And by this, we don't

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## Summer Schedule

### Sunday

11:00 AM Worship service

### Holy Communion

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

### Meal

July 13<sup>th</sup> (Confirmation Sunday)

### Board Meeting

7:00 PM 1st Tuesday  
of the month

### Ladies Bible Studies

Summer Break

### Youth Group

Summer Break

### Friday Night Bible Study

Summer Break

mean merely the cessation of hostilities between each other, but real, true, and lasting peace which is available only for those who live under the Prince of Peace.

And the Lord sends us out to continue this work. He sends us into the world to build bridges between people and God by proclaiming the Gospel message. In a world rife with strife and conflict, Jesus tells us to be a people of unity and love, bringing the Word of God to all people. We, by grace and with the help of God, are called to be bridge builders.

## ***Looking Ahead***

**July 7-11**

Confirmation Class

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Confirmation Sunday

**July 23-25**

Vacation Bible School

**August 10-17**

Family Promise

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt. 28:19-20*

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