



# JULY 2023

Sharon Springs Methodist Church  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Summer Hours:</b>	Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Church Service 10:00 A.M.					1
2 Holy Communion "The Chosen" 5:00 P.M.	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9 Basket Dinner "The Chosen" 5:00 P.M.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Adm Co Meeting "The Chosen" 5:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Pastor Galen & Sheryl to Phoenix for Sheryl's Check Up	20 No Adult Bible Study	21	22
23 No "Chosen" Pastor is gone.	24 4-H Judging and Style Review *Fair Week*	25	26 Pastor Galen comes home from Phoenix No Prairie Village Bible study	27	28	29 Last Day of Fair!
30 "The Chosen" 5:00 P.M.	31					

## “America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859—1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful”. Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



## SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Funeral, Wedding and Church Dinners)

Debbie Benisch, Chairman

Patsy Short

Rita Kirkam

Lillian Swartz



#### BIKE4ALZ

These 12 boys spent the night at our church on June 21st. They had ridden here from Punkin Center, Colorado and had to fight the wind and weather getting here. The wind blew a couple of the bikers off the road but they were still in good spirits. A thank you to those that furnished the food and snacks while they were here.

#### Pastor's Page

July 2023

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Hope you and your family have a safe and fun day of fireworks or whatever you choose to entertain yourself as you celebrate America's birthday.

As we move into a new era with the Global Methodist Church, you will not see or feel much change. We have been a pretty conservative church from the beginning. I expect us to continue worshiping God as well as serving our community. My approach to our Sunday morning services is to preach God's word as it is written in the Bible. That means speaking not just what we want to hear but also what we need to hear.

As I write this note, I was reminded of this Bible quote: *"Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Let us remember John Wesley and his strong appeal to the Methodists that we need to stay strong in the Lord. We need to read our Bibles and continue to move closer to God each passing day.

Again, have a great July and spend some decompressing time and stop to smell the roses!

*God's Blessings,*  
*Pastor Galen*





Claire and Jaren—the leaders for this year VBS!



## KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM VBS

VBS was held May 22 through May 26. The leaders were Claire Walker Helsel and Jaren Rains. **They did an amazing job!** The kids had a great time learning about God's Kingdom.

