

the **FOCUS**

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Active Day of Moline

Active Day of Moline is an adult day health service for individuals who require health care and services as a result of chronic conditions. Their services help frail adults maintain independence and dignity and caregivers enjoy the peace of mind which come from knowing their loved one is receiving the appropriate level of care.



Independence Day

Here's wishing everyone a happy and safe Independence Day celebration!




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Moderator's Moment



I have a loved one who says he's an atheist.

This person is young and I suspect not well-educated in this area. I also strongly suspected, and was proven correct in my suspicions, that he is being influenced by one of his peers. I admit I was shocked and my first reaction was to exclaim that he didn't believe in God. I was a bit relieved when he explained that he just didn't know if he believed in God or not. (An Agnostic, I explained to him, showing him the definition on Google, was a better description of his belief.)

I was reminded of a recent sermon by Pastor Chuck about Igniting Your Passion for God. I looked it up, and 5 of the 7 passion killers referenced apply to my loved one, Unbalanced Schedule, Unused Gift, Unsupported Lifestyle, Unclear Purpose in Life, and an Undernourished Spirit. I struggled to give this person the best advice I could without forcing my beliefs onto him. My advice to him: "Research the various beliefs yourself on the internet, do not let yourself be influenced by one person's opinion, and make your own decision!"

I Pray to God that this was sound advice that he will follow one day.

God's Blessings to You All
Patty Reynolds

The Lord will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7-8 NIV)



Church Council Meeting, Monday, July 10th @ 6:30 pm
WinGS, Wednesday, July 12th @ 6:00 pm
Elders' Meeting, Saturday, July 15th @ 9:00 am
MiGS serving at the Men's Shelter, Saturday, July 22nd @ 5:30 pm



Jacob Tappendorf, 23rd
Mary Lundy, 24th
Alicia Clevenger, 25th

Marley Devoss, 10th
Crystal Cutkomp, 18th
Pat Marksbury, 20th
Elly Allison, 21st
Julie Rind, 22nd
Amy Thomas, 22nd

Don & Donna Long, 6th
Gerry & Barb Stinocher, 7th
Jesse & Melba Andereck, 10th
Russ & Dee Ann DeWinter, 18th
Don & Margaret Simmons, 25th



Pat Baker, Jackie Brandon, Marcy Burnett, Lynette Cameron, Sue Cates, Denis Conover, Evelyn Day, Earl & Charlene Dreon, Bob Engelman, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Howard Grant, Carolyn Haskins, Darry Karrenberg, Joanne Kline, Dan & Christine Koester, Vickie Koms, Colin LeVan, Sylvia Larssen, Don & Donna Long, Noah Lue, Wade Rogers, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Margaret Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, Amy Thomas, Ella Williams, Charles York, and to all of those that are not on our Prayer List that are in need of our prayers.

If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our Prayer List or those who would like a "Home Visit," please contact the Church Office.

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

According to a recent Barna poll, nearly 8 in 10 people say they would be open to attending a new church if invited by a friend. What should we do?