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The Dog Days of Summer

Many people believe the phrase “dog days of summer” stems from the fact that dogs tend to be a bit on the lazy side during the hottest days of summer. Of course, who can blame them? With that much fur, dogs that exercise during the hot days of summer can overheat easily.

However, the phrase doesn't stem from lazy dogs lying around on hot and humid days. Instead, to find the answer, we only need to look to the summer sky.

The ancient Romans called the hottest, most humid days of summer “diēs caniculārēs” or “dog days.” The name came about because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the “Dog Star” because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). Sirius also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky.



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Sirius is so bright that the ancient Romans thought it radiated extra heat toward Earth. During the summer, when Sirius rises and sets with the Sun, they thought Sirius added heat to the Sun's heat to cause hotter summer temperatures.

For the ancient Romans, the dog days of summer occurred from about July 24 to around August 24. Over time, though, the constellations have drifted somewhat. Today, The Old Farmer's Almanac lists the traditional timing of the dog days of summer as being July 3 until August 11.

Although the dog days of summer are usually the hottest, they don't have anything to do with either dogs or the star Sirius. Instead, the tilt of the Earth explains why these days tend to be the summer's hottest.

Ministry Leaders' Meeting, August 4th

Immediately after worship the Ministry Leaders will meet.



Potluck Lunch, Sunday, August 18th

Everyone bring a dish to share for our all-church potluck!

Birthdays

Sue Cates, 3rd
Ella Williams, 5th
Marcy Dierikx, 15th
Patricia Kuehl, 29th
Donald Long, 31st



“We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” (2 Peter 1:19)

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.” (Revelation 22:16)

Upcoming Events



Tuesday Gathering
Every Tuesday @ 9:30 am

Crusaders' Potluck
Saturday, Aug 3rd @ 6:00 pm

Ministry Leaders' Meeting
Sunday, Aug 4th after worship

Council Meeting
Monday, Aug 12th at 6:30 pm

All-Church Potluck
Sunday, Aug 18th after worship

Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, Aug 13th @ 2:00 pm

MiGS Serving
At the Men's Shelter, Saturday, Aug 24th @ 5:30 pm



MCC's Prayer List

Breanna Allen, Brian Baker, Pat Baker, Lynette Cameron, Evelyn Day, Charlene Dreon, Bev & Jim Ducey, Bob Engelman, Kathy Johnson, MaryLou Johnson, Darry Kannenberg, Don & Donna Long, Dillon McDonald, Rodney Millington, Earnie Pannabaker, Julie Rind, Linda Roller, Bob Runge, Matt & Ava & Andy Simmons, Jerry & Barb Stinocher, 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.