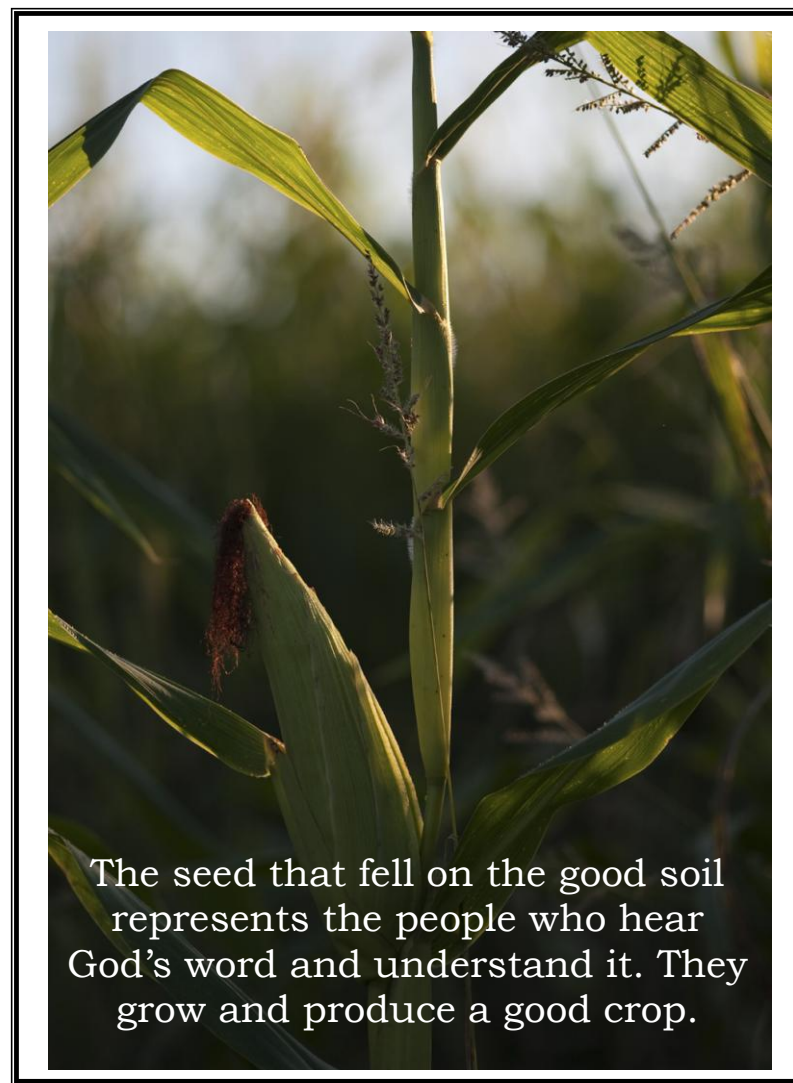


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**AS WE GATHER IN WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE, ALL ARE WELCOME.**

We are delighted you decided to worship with us. We hope this is only the first of many worship experiences together. Whether or not this is possible, today this is your church, the family of God for you as well as for us. Help us to make you feel at home by joining us after worship for coffee and fellowship.

- You will find in the pew racks, prayer cards. These cards should be completed before worship if you have a special prayer request. If you would like a card sent to the person named on the card, please use the back to include a full name and address.
- Restrooms are located at the beginning of the East-West Hallway in the Educational Section of the church.
- If you would like to receive the most current JCPC news, email us: johncalvinchurch@juno.com. We will add your name to our email address list so that you receive our weekly news update. If your email address changes, please contact the church office.



The seed that fell on the good soil represents the people who hear God's word and understand it. They grow and produce a good crop.

July 16, 2017  
10:30am

*Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ!  
Welcome, one and all, to worship and fellowship today.*

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COUNTDOWN

PRAISE SONG                      *How Great Thou Art*

OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE              *Highlights from VBS*

COMMUNITY SHARING

PRAISE SONGS                      *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
Prayer request cards will be collected during the 1<sup>st</sup> praise song.

*Draw Me Close*  
Please stand for the 2<sup>nd</sup> praise song.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING              Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced

a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear."

<sup>18</sup>"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup>The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

SERMON                                      *The Sower and the Seed*  
Pastor Joy Ridge

PASTORAL PRAYER

UNISON BLESSING FOR THE OFFERING

**Holy, Loving God, we thank you for the parables you have given to help us to learn and grow. Remind us not to be choked out by the cares of the world, but to thrive by going deeper in our faith and knowing you. As we consider your message to us, we ask you to place that seed of faith in our hearts to give back to you for all your goodness. So bless these gifts we give to you and use them to touch lives here and beyond our community. It is in the name of our precious Savior we pray, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*CLOSING HYMN #2                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*BENEDICTION

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\*For those who are comfortably able, please stand. **BOLD** signifies unison participation

AFTER HOURS  
COMMUNITY  
BAND CONCERT  
Tuesday, July 18  
at 7:00pm  
John Calvin  
Presbyterian Church



HERE'S THE SCOOP!

CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:00PM  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
AFTER THE CONCERT

*Invite your friends  
and neighbors!*

DARE TO PREPARE!

TRIPS TO MOUND RIDGE

The theme is based on the Luke passage where Jesus tells of the parable of the farmer who plants seeds in different kinds of soil. Only one of those seeds is successful. Only one does what the farmer hopes it will do.

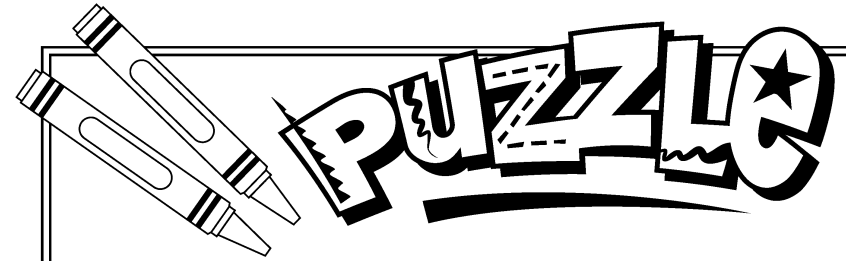
And so we will tie this scripture into how do we prepare to be a witness and do service in the world for our great farmer, Jesus.

Both Camps begin on Sunday, July 23 at 3:00. The Kid's Club Camp will end after dinner on the 24th and the Youth Mission Trip will end after breakfast on the 28th. Pricing for the Kid's Club is: \$35 for the Kids and \$45 for the Adults. The Youth Mission Trip is \$150.00. See Pastor John, Jennifer Hardy or Robin Kinqvist for details or to sign up.

9:30 AM EVERY SUNDAY  
IN THE JCPC LIBRARY  
ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!  
July Movie: *The Book Thief*



This story follows the life of Liesel Meminger as she grows up in the home of her adoptive parents amidst the horrors of WWII Germany. Rebellious in nature, Liesel feeds her hunger for stories by stealing books from book burnings. There's something about books, with all their stories and lessons, that keep Liesel's spirit lifted.



*Friends in the Lord*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, hind, ride, dine, find, drip, shed, fish, rind, ripe, hide, tried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shine, finish, shinier, insider, hinders, inspired, re/finish, finished

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 16

- 9:00 am Mugs and Muffins for Women, Library  
Adult Class in Room #106
- 9:30 am Women’s Movie Discussion Group, *The Book Thief*  
JR/SR High Youth Classes
- 10:30 am Worship Service, Kid’s Club
- 12:00 pm Korean Woori Church

### Monday, July 17

### Tuesday, July 18

- 6:00 pm After Hours Band Concert, Ice Cream Social

### Wednesday, July 19

- 5:00 pm CA in Room #106
- 6:00 pm Praise Band
- 8:00 pm Korean Woori Church

### Thursday, July 20

- 11:00 am Weight Watchers
- 8:00 pm AA in Room #106

### Friday, July 21

### Saturday, July 22

- 7:00 am Weight Watchers in GE Room, also 9:00 am

### Sunday, July 23

- 9:00 am Adult Class in Room #106
- 9:30 am Women’s Movie Discussion Group, *The Book Thief*  
JR/SR High Youth Classes
- 10:30 am Worship Service, Kid’s Club
- 12:00 pm Korean Woori Church
- 3:00 pm Kid’s Club Camp and Mission Trip to Mound Ridge

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## PRAYER LIST

### Church Family with Health Issues add Other Needs

Pastor John, Meredith Robnett, Arlene Walters, Carl Vogler  
Lori Calvin, Ken Myers, Charles & Susan Barnum, Lorene DePauw  
Mark Baker, June Allen, Dulcie Hardy, Jennifer Hardy, Doyle Whitten

### Church Family in a Care Facility

Betty Basso, Ann McVehil, Iva Lee Beswick, Audrey Trokey

### Relatives and Friends of our Church Family

Martha Williams – J. Ridge and R. Kinkist’s mother  
Lelah Cooley – R. Cooley’s mother-in-law  
R. Cooley’s Neighbor  
Don, Christine, Janet Quick – C. Lay’s cousins  
Ray Turner – M. Myers’ father  
Brian Barnum – Barnum’s nephew  
Steven Edler – H. Edler’s son  
Neighbors in Spanish Village, Coldwater Creek  
Stephanie & Michael Springwater – A. Brixey’s friends  
B.J. White – A. Brixey’s friend  
Krista Westfall – A. Brixey’s friend  
London Wilson – Brixey’s nephew  
Nathan Gross – C. Lay’s brother  
Lea Gross – C. Lay’s mother  
Janet Livingstone – B. Hanson’s friend  
Rick Stogsdill – L. Oldham’s father



## THE BIBLE OFTEN USES SEEDS AS SYMBOLS OF FAITH OR GOD’S WORD



In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with “faith the size of a mustard seed.” (Luke 17:6)

Many of Jesus’ teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God’s Word, can grow only when people hear it, “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.” (Luke 8:15)