

Mindful Monday September 1, 2025

Sunday's sermon was titled "How are WE part of the Body"? The scripture was 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31, and the Key Verse was Verse 27.

This was "Luau Sunday". Pastor Doug gave an example of how the Hawaiian King Kamehameha II made great strides to change laws to break down barriers and join the tribes. They were therefore able to take on the west, meaning the British. Hawaiian women were second class citizens and could not eat with the men or eat the same food. On one occasion, the Luau, King Kamehameha sat with and ate with the women. The word Luau refers to a traditional Hawaiian feast or party that typically includes a variety of food, music, and entertainment. It is usually held on a special occasion. We had our luau with special refreshments and fellowship after service today.

Understanding the Church as the Body of Christ has practical implications for Christian living and studying the church and the origins of Christianity. It calls believers to a life of unity, where divisions and factions are set aside for the sake of the Gospel. It encourages the use of spiritual gifts for the edification of the church as seen in Ephesians 4:11-12: "And He gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teach, to equip the saints for work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ."*

We are praying for the families touched by the tragedy in Minnesota. We continue to pray for those in our church family who are dealing with health issues and the loss of family members.

On our prayer list this week are: The Fink Family, Jerry & Bea Gilland, Judy Helm-Burns, Floyd & Dona Seiberling, and Sandi Sibley.

Pastor Doug will be out of the office for the next 2 weeks. We hope he and Deb enjoy their time away in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Next Sunday service time will return to 10 AM. Fellowship time will be from 9:30 to 10. The monthly congregational meeting will follow church service. Rev. Brice Hughes will be preaching in Pastor Doug's absence. His sermon is titled, "Driving Lessons". The Scripture will be Luke 14: 25-33.

*BibleHub

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day!