

# New Era Lutheran Church



## JULY 2024 NEWS LETTER

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*Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news  
to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from  
darkness for the prisoners.*

I love July -the long days of sunshine, the hot days(ok not the humidity) and the hot dogs, the potato salad, the watermelon AND the fireworks on the 4th! I look forward to the incredible display of lights on a warm summer night, surrounded by family and thinking about how blessed we are to live in a country that values and protects individual freedoms. We have the freedom to worship our Lord without threat of arrest or harm. As we all know, with freedom, comes both a choice and a price.

I spent all day Tuesday with my big brother Mike, who lives in southern Missouri. As expected, he teased me relentlessly from the moment we got together. (Little sisters don't stand a chance against their big brothers!) He had been at the VA Hospital in Iowa City for the last week. He is finishing his recuperation with his son on the family farm where I grew up. He fights numerous health issues, some related to the year long stint in the jungles of Vietnam when he was just 19. I never hear him complain or actually talk much about the year he was there. I was nine when he was overseas and all I really knew is that I missed him so very much. But in his case, no choice – just the draft and yet a price has been paid.