



August 2026

Skaalen Beauty Shop

The Skaalen Beauty Shop offers a wide variety of services for men and women.

Haircut	\$25.00
Shampoo/Set	\$25.00
Perm	\$100.00
Shampoo	\$5.00
Beard Trim	\$8.00

The Beauty Shop is open every Thursday and every other Friday, from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions or, would like to schedule an appointment, please call **Rebecca** at **608-893-8125**.

Summer Concert Series

Skaalen's Summer Concert Series continues on into August! Head to the **Skaalen Courtyard to see** *Yahara Strummers* on Thursday August 6th, *Paris Blues* on Thursday August 13th, *John Sollis* on Thursday August 20th, *Second Swing Around Band* on Wednesday August 26th at 6:00 p.m., and *Elvis* on Thursday August 27th.

Resident Email

The resident email address is **resident@skaalen.com**

Please be sure to include the resident's name in the subject line. Our Leisure and Support Services Staff print and deliver resident emails every day. Residents have an opportunity to send email messages, with the assistance of a staff member, at various times during the week.



August 25th
National Dog Day

Chaplain's Corner

August greetings!

We've coasted into the final third of the summer! Let's jump right in with a passage I shared in chapel from Henri Nouwen. "The first Love says, 'I love you before you could love anyone or before you could receive love from anyone. I have accepted you. You are accepted. You are loved no matter what mother, father, brother, sister, school, church, society does. You are born out of my love. I have breathed you out of my love...There is nothing that wants to reject you. I love you.' The original love is the original blessing. The original love is the original acceptance."



Picture the prophet Hosea speaking to God's people who have been **steeped in a sacrificial system for centuries**. He tells them, "What you are doing, these sacrifices, God does not require these things." It is no wonder the people reject him! Jesus also speaks to this. In Matthew 23:27 Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, **but you would not let me.**"

Some will say that humanity's brokenness and sin keep us distanced from God. And perhaps in our minds, yes, these things may make us feel unworthy to be with God as if we need to earn our way to God. The *sacrificial system* seems to be built in to us. **But God is never distanced**. And we cannot earn our way. A relationship with God is never about placating God. Sacrifices, according to the prophets, were never something God needed. Our creator does not take offense at us. The Present One is not distanced or separated from us. Jesus, as I mentioned above, desires to gather us in. Not because we have the *right* understanding of him. Not because our lives are in order. Not because we can follow the rules better than others. Some churches make lists of what you must believe to be *in*. Some proclaim the *right way* for a church to be established. They make faith about adhering to the *correct* doctrine...when all along, **God simply desires our hearts. Will we let God have our hearts? Will we allow Jesus gather us in?**

Peace to you and your family,

Chaplain James

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SKAALEN CHAPEL
Ecumenical Worship Service
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
Communion Sundays:
August 9th & 23rd.

Interested in Spiritual Direction?
Call Chaplain James to schedule
a 60-minute session

"But the LORD said to Samuel...For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7, ESV)

I always invite stories about God working in your lives. Please share! Call, email, or stop over to tell me. Do you have a question or topic that you would like me to discuss in the newsletter? Give me a call, shoot me an email, or send me a note to let me know.

Gifts & Memorials

June 1 - 30, 2026

In Memory of Eileen Fahrney
Family of Eileen Fahrney
Debra & Gerald Baer

Corporate Congregations

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead
Covenant Lutheran Church, Stoughton
McFarland ELCA, McFarland
St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran, Deerfield

Business & Organizations

Thrivent Financial

Individuals

Joan Laffey
James & Denise Salimes

Louise Beckwith Estate

Kathryn L. Shroeder Endowment Fund

***Thank you to the following individuals
for selecting Skaalen to receive
Thrivent Choice Dollars***

Stephen Peterson



Skaalen Volunteers

Skaalen is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the following areas:

1:1 Visitor

Volunteers visit with a resident and provide one on one activity through peer-lead games and recreation.

Bingo Helper

Volunteers assist with resident mobility to and from the community room and assist residents with their Bingo card.

Chapel Volunteers

Volunteers will post the hymn numbers for the service, light candles, distribute worship bulletins and hymnals and assist with resident mobility to and from the Chapel.

Outing Volunteers

Volunteers assist with resident mobility, holding doors, and visiting with residents during the outing.

Concert Series

Volunteers assist with resident mobility to and from the chapel and outdoor courtyard.

Library Assistant

Volunteers organize and straighten bookshelves and assist residents to select books.

Gardening Club

Volunteers assist residents with the flower and vegetable raised-bed gardens.

Ice Cream Server

Volunteers help serve ice cream to residents during social events.

For additional information on any of the volunteer opportunities listed, please Contact Keri Wright at kwright@skaalen.com or, visit our webpage.

August Worship Schedule



Ecumenical Worship Service held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Skaalen Chapel. We celebrate the Eucharist on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

- August 2nd, *Vacation*, Guest Speaker Bruce Engebretson – Matthew 13; Romans 8
- August 9th, *Take Heart!* — 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
- August 16th, *Prayer and Faith* — Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:2a, 29-32; Matthew 15(10-20), 21-28
- August 23th, *The Body of Christ* — Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
- August 30th, *Live In Harmony* — Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

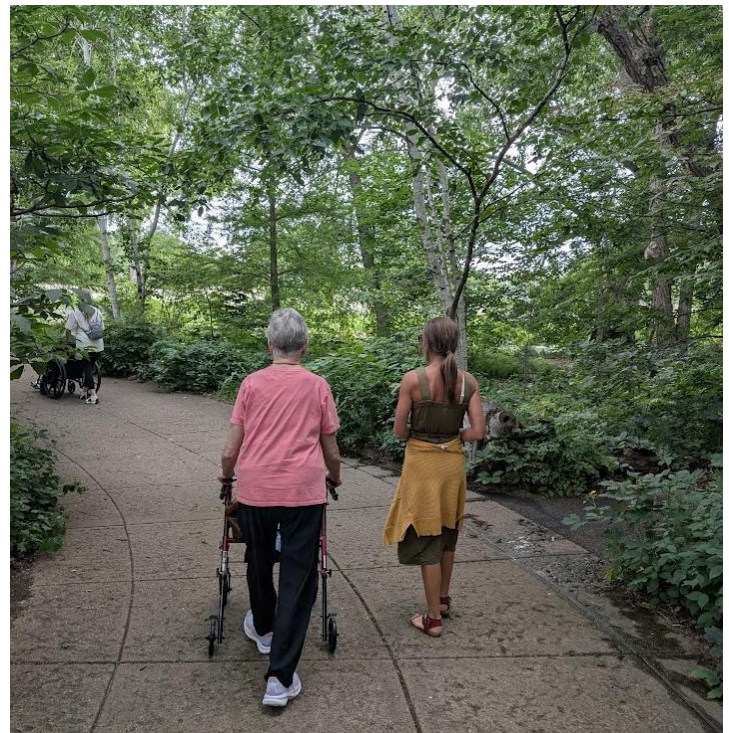


Photos from July Events and Outings

Photos by Keri Wright



Tie Dyeing in the Skaalen Courtyard.



Strolling through Olbrich Gardens.



Standing in front of the Olbrich Pavilion.



Admiring the gardens' lush foilage.



Fishing Outing with Chaplain James at Lake Kegonsa.



Dining with peers at A&W.