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FUELED BY LOVE-THE CHRIS STANLEY MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE 2018

Pastor Melissa Melnick is biking the length of the Mississippi River in memory of her son, Chris Stanley. Chris was an avid biker and environmentalist, who loved the river and the outdoors. He was about to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a degree in neurobiology when he was lost in the Mississippi River on April 25, 2017. He was found on May 4, 2017. He had been planning to bike the Mississippi River Trail from Minneapolis to the Gulf Coast upon his graduation. This is a journey his mother will now complete.

Pastor Melissa Melnick, of Tapestry Church, Richfield, MN will be arriving in La Crosse, WI on the first leg of her two month journey on Saturday, September 8, 2018. She will be sharing her son's story and her message of faith, hope, love, and peace in the midst of tremendous sorrow at Our Savior's Lutheran Church during the 9am worship service on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

Chris Stanley Memorial Bike Ride 2018

Week 1—September 3-9 (150 miles)

Bohemian Flats, Minneapolis, MN—La Crosse, WI

Week 2—September 10-16 (186 miles)

La Crosse, WI—Bettendorf, IL

Week 3—September 17-23 (160 miles)

Bettendorf, IL—Quincy, IL

Week 4—September 24-30 (250 miles)

Quincy, IL—St. Louis, MO—Cape Girardeau, MO

Week 5—October 1-7 (190 miles)

Cape Girardeau, MO—Memphis, TN

Week 6—October 8-14 (230 miles)

Memphis, TN—Vicksburg, MS

Week 7—October 15-21 (150 miles)

Vicksburg, MS—Baton Rouge, LA

Week 8—October 22-28 (191 miles)

Baton Rouge—Donaldsonville, LA—Belle Chasse, LA—Venice, LA

After arriving in the Gulf Coast, Pastor Melissa will return to New Orleans, LA to celebrate.

You can follow along with the ride: <u>Fueled By Love Bike Tour 2018</u> Facebook Page.

For more information visit <u>Tapestry's website</u> and <u>Facebook page</u>, <u>the Chris Stanley Mississippi River Memorial Bike Ride 2018</u> <u>information page</u>, or <u>Pastor Melissa's blog</u>.

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