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First Word Transitions

“Transition is different. The starting point for dealing with transition is not the outcome but the ending that you’ll have to make to leave the old situation behind.”

It is the time of year for transitions: graduations, planting, from the schedule of the school year to the summer schedule, vacations, etc... I came across some observations about transitions while writing my report on our recent review. A theme of resurrection, new life coming from death, is all around us in this time as we look ahead to how the review is showing Jesus to our congregations and communities. I found these observations and principles helpful to move forward with health.

William Bridges, in *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change 3rd Edition* gives us a glimpse in the opening statement of how we can better see how change is a process of resurrection. At first I wondered if many people would agree with this but when I looked at it again it does ring true. As much as we may think that the current situation is just fine, upon deep reflection we need to ask if it is letting our congregations live fully its Christian life for today. Instead we need to remember the struggle reflected in our baptismal connection where our old life dies so that the new life can be lived out.

Leadership and the congregation need to understand in change there are three states of transition:

1. *Letting go of the old (feelings of unsettlement)*
2. *An empty or fallow time in between (a wilderness experience)*
3. *A beginning (hope and reformation with logic and reason) ¹*

Transition with change is a testing times for it allows us to really look at what we have been doing and whether something has run its course and now needs to die so we can transition into the new life. Like the seed that dies so the plant may grow, our Christian understanding is that death leads to life. It is alright to be unsettled about change but it should be reassuring instead of frightening. One must let go to make room for the new so an emptiness is a time to rest and prepare for the new beginning of hope and reformation. With these steps in mind we see God’s hand at work as the new vision comes into focus.

“The congregation will need time and opportunities for constructive and safe conversation to explore their feelings about what they might be losing and the confusion they are feeling as they hear about changes that they cannot quite visualize yet.”²

¹ Gilbert R. Rendle, *Leading Change in the Congregation: Spiritual and Organizational Tools for Leaders*, The Alban Institute, 1998, pg. 113-114.

² *Ibid*, pg. 69.

We must learn to really listen to one another. This means not planning our response before we have completely heard a person's perspective and understanding. It means paraphrasing what you have heard and asking for clarification with questions. The identification of feelings that are evoked by the discussion and what is perpetuating them is essential to understanding for yourself how change is effecting you so you can share with another. It is together as the body of Jesus that we see the full picture, so each person should be respected for their part of the revelation. The congregational leadership needs the participation of the members to fulfill the vision that has been set forth and welcomes everyone's participation. We honor the past by taking the best from it and bringing it into the present in a way that revitalizes the body.

*"If constant change is to be a reality, it also means that church members will challenge their prevailing assumptions about almost everything."*³

Why do we accept change in the rest of our life, but not in the Church? The Church is the body of Christ and to mature it must change just as we do in life. The rate of change today varies from five to seven years and our bodies on average change significantly every seven to ten years. For many, the church is the one constant in life and to see change here at first is a challenge, but can lead us to make changes in other parts of our lives that will create health in mind, body and spirit. As we work together to help our communities "See Jesus" it is in seeing the changes in our lives that we'll help others to see the transitions they can make to become part of this body we call the Church. *Pastor Julie A. K. Anderson*

Intern's Intonations *I Am the Lord of the Dance*

We have just past by Trinity Sunday. The day in the Church year that we focus our attention on the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To use a theological term, it is about **Perichoresis** [pehr-ih-kor-EE-sis, *lit.* "dance around"], a Greek term used to describe the relationship between each person of the Triune God. It can be defined as co-indwelling. Alister McGrath [CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY: AN INTRODUCTION] writes that it "allows the individuality of the persons to be maintained, while insisting that each person shares in the life of the other two. An image often used to express this idea is of a 'community of being.'

So as I revisited Trinity Sunday (the Transfiguration) and the term *perichoresis*, and as I was preparing a sermon for another preaching event on prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer, I noticed something I never had before. The Lord's Prayer is a *perichoretic* prayer. That is, it addresses the Godhead, the Trinity in its petitions. It speaks to the relationship of the pray-er to the one to whom we are praying.

THE FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. – God reigns from heaven above but that reign and the will of God that is done also extends to us and all of creation. So as God's kingdom extends throughout the universe so we seek it to be within us. There is therefore nothing that has come before us, nothing that will come after us, and likewise nothing in our present that comes without God's Will, and none of it is outside God's kingdom. Including us. We are receivers and we are beggars (to quote Luther) of the grace of God. In prayer we recognize this and acknowledge it before God, and in corporate prayer, before each other. We

³ George Barna, "Grow Your church From the Outside In", Regal Books, Ventura, CA, 2000, pg. 144.
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acknowledge that it is My Father's world and my Father's will being done on behalf of that world. God is Creator and Provider for every nook and cranny of the world and its inhabitants.

THE SON

And forgive us our trespasses (sins – in Luke) as we forgive those who trespass (sin – Luke) against us.

– Here it is not the Cosmos to which we relate, it is the relationship we have between each other and how God has worked to heal and bind and forgive those who goes astray (*yes, all of us*). The Son's role is to do and pass on the Will of the Father. Love one another and forgive as you have been forgiven, to live in a forgiving and forgiven relationship. People amass injuries and injustices from each other. These wrongs often end up defining our relationships. As long as the wrongs define the present relationships, they also close off the future of the relationships. The term "forgive" in Greek is literally "release." To forgive is not to say it doesn't matter, but, the wrongs that have occurred no longer define the relationship. Forgiveness or "release" means that there can be a different future, which is not defined by the past. People are to see themselves first of all as the recipients of release.

God begins the process of opening up the future for new relationship by his acts of forgiveness, "release" in Christ, the Son. Those who have received forgiveness from God are then in a position to extend it to others. Forgiving does not mean continuing destructive patterns of relationship by turning a blind eye to it and "letting things go" on in the old way. **Forgiveness or release is designed to bring change. It accomplishes its purpose to open up the future which the trespasses, sins, wrongdoings or whatever you name it, had closed off. It is about moving forward...being led into the forgiven future.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

– As we move into the future, we want to avoid those "destructive patterns" which close off the future.

Jesus says in John 14, ¹⁶ *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."*

It is God's Spirit who is with us and in us that enables us, empowers us, enlightens us to avoid destructive patterns by leading us into all Truth (John 16:13). We have our eyes opened to the fact that God the Father, who created us and provided us with life continues to do so. It is God who has, in Christ Jesus, God's Son, demonstrated love by forgiving us so we might also forgive others and declare the Good News that belongs to all of creation. It is God's Spirit who declares this Truth to us in the Gospel. It is God of the Lord's Prayer who gathers us into the Trinity to participate in the mission of the Church where we join together our hearts, thoughts and voices as we pray, "Our Father..."

Next Month, we will look at what that means for us as the Church who is not confined to the past but moving, dancing, in the Spirit toward the future.

Vicar Kent Krumwiede



Buffalo Ridge Chorale Announcement

June 2, 2013, 4 pm concert at Christ Lutheran Fellowship Hall/Hendricks

Contact Donna Kurth at 507-694-1662 or dmkurth@frontiernet.net for details.

The BIBLE: A Summer Library Study

Interest in the Bible has come forth with the recent showing of a TV series. The series shows the highlights and basic stories of the historical telling of the people of Israel. The bible is a library of different literary styles and Pastor Julie is leading a study open to the public at several libraries in our area to explore these styles. Come once or for all ten weeks:

Monday June 3 the study begins at the Ivanhoe Public Library at 10 to 11:30 for 10 weeks with a break on the week of 4th of July.

Lake Benton Public Library study begins on Monday June 10 at 5:30 to 7 for 10 weeks with a break on the week of 4th of July.

We'll view a portion of the series and discuss the literary form used to tell the story. The form often determines how, what and why a story is told. The Bible is also unique in that it invites you in to become part of the story and use your imagination. Bring a friend and come for a lively discussion.

Summer Preaching Themes

For the summer the pastors are getting to share some of their favorites of how the Bible has affected their live.

On the first three Sundays of May 26, June 2 and June 9 we each picked a place mentioned in the Bible that we would like to go.

Pastor Steve will preach about the importance of Cappadocia (1Peter 1:1-5; Romans 5:1-5, Psalm 100; John 16:12-15)

Pastor Julie will preach on Greece (Acts 17:16-23; Psalm 1; John 19:18-21)

Vicar Kent will preach on Philippi of Macedonia (John 1:1-5, 9-14; Psalm 133; Philippians 2:1-11)

On June 16, 23, and 30 each will preach on a passion in their life that relates to the life of a Christian.

Pastor Steve will preach on Prayer (1 Chronicles 16:7-13; Psalm 25; Philippians 4:4-7, Matthew 6:5-15)

Pastor Julie will preach on Non-Violent Communication(1 Kings 5:8-9; Psalm 141, Luke 11:5-13)

Vicar Kent will preach on Music (Isaiah 42:10-12; Psalm 98; Acts 16:16-34)

Summer 2013 Preaching and Worship Schedule

June		Peace (8:30)	10:30 Bethany	Grace (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (10:30)	St. Paul (8:30)
Saturday, June 1, 2013	Holy Communion		5:30 - Krumwiede			
Sunday, June 2, 2013	Holy Communion	Anderson	Anderson	Krumwiede	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Sunday, June 9, 2013	Synod Assembly	Lay	Lay	Lay	Lay	Lay
Sunday, June 16, 2013	Holy Communion	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Anderson- 9 am at Opera House (Saddle Horse Days)	Krumwiede	Krumwiede
Wednesday, June 19, 2013	7 pm WOW Kickoff – All Pastors/Servant Trip youths					
Sunday, June 23, 2013	Service of the Word	Anderson	Anderson	Krumwiede	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Wednesday, June 26, 2013	7 pm WOW-Bethany-Elim /PJ					
Sunday, June 30, 2013	Mission Sunday	Krumwiede	Krumwiede	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
July		Peace (8:30)	10:30 Bethany	Grace (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (10:30)	St. Paul (8:30)
Wednesday, July 3, 2013	5 pm to 9 pm WOW-Peace <i>Gospelnet</i> /PS Picnic Dinner @ 5:30					
Sunday, July 7, 2013	Holy Communion	Krumwiede (10 Ruthton Community Service)	Anderson	Anderson	Rasmusson	Rasmusson
Wednesday, July 10, 2013	7 pm WOW-Grace/PJ					
Sunday, July 14, 2013	Service of the Word	Anderson	Krumwiede	Rasmusson	Anderson	Krumwiede
Wednesday, July 17, 2013	7 pm WOW-Winds Board/ 9 th Birthday Celebration /All					
Sunday, July 21, 2013	Holy Communion	Rasmusson	Rasmusson	Krumwiede	Krumwiede	Anderson (Richards Burial)
Wednesday, July 24, 2013	7 pm WOW-Eagle Butte Trip/PS					
Sunday, July 28, 2013	10 am Parish Worship and Picnic @ Lake Stay, Farewell for Intern & Parish Picnic					
Wednesday	7 pm WOW-Bible Trivia Quiz/ All					

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July 31, 2013						
August		Peace (8:30)	10:30 Bethany	Grace (8:30)	Bethany-Elim (10:30)	St. Paul (8:30)
Sunday, August 4, 2013	Holy Communion	Hymn Service	Hymn Service	Rasmusson	Anderson	Anderson
Wednesday, August 7, 2013	7 pm WOW-Bethany-PJ					
Sunday, August 11, 2013	Festival Services	Anderson- 10:30	Rasmusson- Polish Days at 8:30	Anderson- Fremont Days	Rasmusson: Polish Days @ 8:30	Rasmusson- 10:30
Wednesday, August 14, 2013	7 pm WOW- TFA Students /All					
Sunday, August 18, 2013	Holy Communion	Anderson	Anderson	Hymn Service	Rasmusson /Intern	Rasmusson /Intern
Wednesday, August 21, 2013	7 pm WOW-New Intern Welcome/Internship Committee & PS					
Sunday, August 25, 2013	Service of the Word	Supply	Supply	Rasmusson /Intern	Anderson	Anderson
Wednesday, August 28, 2013	7 pm WOW- Winds of the Prairie Ministry Rally Rally					

Special Notes on Sundays : June 9- SYNOD ASSEMBLY: Pastors and leadership will be attending the assembly in St Peter from June 7 to 9 so worship will be led by Laity.

June 16: Lake Benton Saddle Horse Days Worship at 9 am at the Opera House with the Lighthouse and United Methodist.

July 3: Gospelfest at Diamond Lake Chapel: 5 pm we start the music with a supper at 6:30 followed by more worship and music. Come try out the new picnic shelter.

July 7: Ruthton Community Worship for 125th Anniversary at 10 am.

July 28: All Winds of the Prairie Ministry Worship and Picnic: 10 am at Lake Stay Park in Arco. Potluck picnic follows worship on the shores of Lake Stay. We say farewell to Vicar Kent and family on that day.

August: Each congregation will have a worship of hymns and stories as we transition to our new intern.

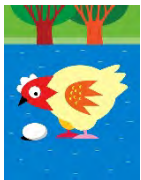
August 11: **Backwards Sunday- Due to Community Worship note the time changes for just this week. Getting things warmed up for Fall.**

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2013

<i>Worship</i>	<i>Education/Support</i>	<i>Meetings</i>	<i>Pastoral Acts</i>	<i>Visits</i>
20- Sundays Worships	11- Bible/Book Study	3 - Council/Meeting	0- Funeral	12- Home/Hospital
Total	8- TFA	1 - WELCA	10- Counseling	4- Public Events
4- Nursing Home	1 -New Members	3- Synod	0- Committal	
1- Worship on Saturday	0-Continuing Education	0-Parish Committees	1- Baptism	
	6-Pastor Support		1-Confirmation	
			0-Wedding	

New Members Welcome: Change for the Summer

During the Summer months of July and August a new member orientation will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (July 17 and August 21) from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Diamond Lake Hall. This is for those who want to become members of Winds of the Prairie Ministry congregation. We'll review what it means to call yourself an ELCA Lutheran and the special benefits of being part of an area parish. Friends are encouraged to accompany their fellow member, so call the Winds office by the preceding Sunday to reserve your place.



Not all Eggs are the Same

Endowment Funding is more of a hen than an egg. It is a fund where contributions are added too and an annual distribution from the interest is used to further the mission and ministry of a congregation. It is a place where gifts large and small continue to grow into the future and become the means for new and improved ministry.

An Endowment is a means to utilize some wealth from today and perpetuate its use for the future. Rather than use gifts up as a need arises, this fund gives a means to assist with future needs, start new ministries, making improvements in a variety of ways which are laid out in the formation of the Endowment Fund. This fund can then be named as a beneficiate in a will or insurance policy. The policies and procedures set up in for the formation of the Endowment Fund give direction and discretion for the use of the interest funds that it annually produces. It is good stewardship to have these significant gifts continue to enrich the life of a congregation.



Come join us this year on June 28th and 29th at the fairgrounds in Tyler for the 13th annual Relay for Life of Lincoln County. Relay is an overnight fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. But, it's so much more than that! Relay is also an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those we lost and to fight back against cancer. Plus, it's a whole lot of fun! We'd love to have as many teams as possible, so if interested in forming a team please contact Chris Clarke at 694-1743.

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Summer Reminders

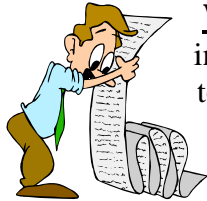


Don't forget your summer offering!! Just a reminder that worship and ministry continues through the summer at our congregations. The daily stuff needs to be taken care of and this often requires money. So please help your councils not to have to stress about money this summer by continuing your financial support either in person, by mail or direct deposit. This way we can all participate in summer events and prepare for an exciting new year.

When you are out this summer visiting other congregations how about being a secret worship analyst? Use the following check and comment card when you go and bring it back with a bulletin so we can get some new ideas.

Membership Review

We have some missing contact need your help in helping us our members before we that all contact information is information at the photo



We Need YOUR help!

information, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc....and really to update the files. We would really like to reach out to each of publish our directory, we would like to check and make certain up to date. If you did not get a chance to check your shoots, please contact the office.

If you are currently not in the area and are attending a local congregation where you live please let us know so we can transfer your primary active membership, for you must request this to be done. However, we would love to have you as an associate member if you would like to maintain a connection to your home congregation. A small annual contribution will help support our ministries including our newsletters to you. We would love to keep in touch while your spiritual needs are being fulfilled by a fellow Christian congregation.

SW MN SYNOD CONVENTION of WELCA

There's still time to register for the SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA June 21-22 at Redwood Community Center in Redwood Falls. Join hundreds of other Lutheran women to praise the Lord with singing and to join in celebrating our "Legacy of Faith: Roots to Wings" which we hope to pass on to future generations.

Registration deadline June 1. See your WELCA President to register now!

Program Features include ...Worship Service "Drawn to the Word" led by Mural Artist/Pastor Paul Oman

Speaker: Candace Simar, Author & Poet on Minnesota Immigrants

Dinner Entertainment: "Sister" features three singing sisters

Speaker: Pastor Linda Pedersen discovering her roots in Romania

Closing Worship: Praise Band



Legacy of Faith: Roots to Wings



Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Being back in Kite City these last few weeks has been going very well. We're so thankful for your prayers that sustained us during our time with our family and then coming back here. All the pics in our newsletter are from our time in the States. Be on the look-out for some new family pics that our friend took here in KC. We will some along as soon as we get them. Also, be sure to check out our blogs for a few updates and pics as well.

Blessings!

Chris, Emily, Jed, Abe, and Lucy

www.ourlittleapple.blogspot.com www.ispydailyphoto.blogspot.com



Congratulations!

Anthony Christoffels will also be ordained on Sat. June 1st at 2pm at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Lake Wilson, MN. He will be taking a call as Lead Pastor to Circle of Faith Parish (St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ceylon, MN; Trinity Lutheran Church in Welcome, MN; Waverly Lutheran Church in rural Trimont, MN)

Stephanie Christoffels will be ordained on Sat. June 1st at 5pm at Bethany-Elim church in Ivanhoe. Stephanie has been called to Partners in Ministry (First Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church in Trimont, MN).

Please join us in celebrating with Stephanie & Anthony Christoffels.

NEW!!!

We now have new communion cards for WOTP; please assist us in filling these out completely so we can connect with everyone properly & timely. We also encourage our guests to use these cards & fill them out completely so that they can receive the proper credit with their own congregations. Once filled out, we then need to send them back to their home congregation so that their communing can be recorded for their records. We Thank You in advance for helping us to complete this task & help us make everyone's experience with WOTP a wonderful one in hopes that they return and worship with us.



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

BETHANY, ARCO

USHERS for June

Gayle & Ruth Rasmussen

June Lectors

1 Morgan Possail

2 Allan Lundberg

9 Adris Henriksen

DATES TO REMEMBER

16 Beth Daniels

23 Dar Schreurs

30 Glen Sorensen

Altar Guild

Ruth Rasmussen

June 13th Bethany at B-Elm

June Assisting Ministers:

1 Glen Sorensen

2 Ilene Sorensen

9 None

16 Marie Henriksen

23 None

30 None

26th WELCA Bible Study at Bethany

BETHANY-ELIM, IVANHOE

Lectors for June

2 Sherry Rost
9 Gene Faulds
16 Angie Jerzak
23 Ruth Mulder
30 Laura Joesphson

Ushers for June

2 Clyde & Wendy Rost
9 Dave & Marlene Lawrence
16 Loren & Anna Epple family
23 Kelly & Nancy Krog family
30 Dennis Amundson & John Josephson

Acolytes for June

2 Jenny Krog
9 None
16 Jason Epple
23 Molly Krog
30 Bailey Munsterman

Assisting Minister for June

2 Mary Pedersen
16 Margo Willert

Bethany-Elim Sunday School News



VBS with Bethany-Elim, Bethany, St Peter & St Paul, St John Cantius

Looking ahead to summer, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 10-13 from 2- 6pm at Wilno and led by Shetek Lutheran Ministries and St. John Cantius in Wilno will be hosting this year. VBS welcomes anyone entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. We are also looking for Student Volunteers entering grade 7th and up. Contact Nancy Krog (507-487-5722 or knkrog@frontier.com) for a brochure or more information.

Celebration Program at 6pm at St. John Cantius with hot dog meal to follow.

GRACE LUTHERAN, LAKE BENTON

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE

USHERS FOR JUNE

DARREN NELSEN
GARY NORDMEYER
LARRY NEUBERGER
ARLYN PETERSEN

ALTAR GUILD

CAROLE LARSEN

DEACON

JULIENNE PROSCH

ACOLYTES

2 Brandon Hefti
9 Steven Czech
16 At the Opera House
23 Blaine Hefti
30 Adam Czech

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Gracious Words



Hey.....you wanna to buy an alpaca? As you may already know, the first Sunday of each month is "noisy offering" at Grace, where we pass the coffee cans to support a specific mission effort. This quarter (April - June), we are continuing our collections for the Global Barnyard, part of ELCA World Hunger. One of the cornerstones of their work is a focus on agriculture and livestock to help people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty for the long-term. Our goal at Grace is to raise contributions to buy an alpaca and possibly more animals thru the ELCA Good Gifts program. Our gifts to ELCA

World Hunger support animal- related and agricultural projects in over 60 countries around the world. I encourage everyone to help us buy that alpaca!

Good news! The Diamond Lake renovation project is moving along nicely. The fundraising continues, so please consider a gift if you have not done so already. Thank you to all those who have made contributions to help preserve our heritage. The main roofs are completed, and the steeple will be finished soon. Work on the Hall is completed and we are now focused on the windows and siding at the church. The new picnic shelter (formerly the garage) will be a nice addition for our outdoor events. A dedication celebration is still planned for this fall, but the majority of the work should be completed in time for our summer worship services, which start on Wednesday, June 19. If individuals or WOTP parishes are interested in holding more events at Diamond Lake, please contact me or the Pastors to schedule your event.

Father's Day is Sunday June 16 (and of course, the annual Saddle Horse Holiday in Lake Benton.) Again this year, Grace plans to join with other local churches for a community worship at the Lake Benton Opera House on Sunday June 16 at 9 AM. Grace will not hold their regular worship services at 8:30 at the church, but will join together for an ecumenical worship at the Opera House at 9 AM. Everyone in the community is invited.

5th Sunday Brunch - This year June has 5 Sundays. Not unusual, but always a good reason for a brunch. Join us on Sunday June 30, when the council will be serving the "5th Sunday Brunch". See you at Grace on June 30 for fellowship and good food following the worship service.

Deacon/Lector for June: Julienne Prosch

Next Council meeting date: Thursday June 20, 7 PM at Grace



GRACE LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

PAT JOHNSON

"KINGDOM ROCK" VBS TO BE HELD **SUNDAY JUNE 2 TO JUNE 6 FROM 6:00-8:30 PM.**

Thank you again for all the support given to our VBS program. We hope everyone enjoyed our breakfast on Palm Sunday and congratulations to all the winners in our raffle drawings.

We look forward to another exciting VBS scheduled for June 2-6. It is called "Kingdom Rock" where kids stand strong for God. Supper will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. with VBS running

from 6-8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to our program at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 6. There is no charge to attend VBS. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends that would like to attend please contact me at 368-9298. Volunteers are always welcome to help in the many different areas, be it one night or all week. It should be another exciting and action packed week.

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Upcoming Dates for Grace Lutheran:

Saturday, June 1 - set up for VBS at 6pm

Sunday-Thursday, June 2-6 - VBS suppers starting at 5:30 p.m.
VBS 6-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6 - VBS program @ 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 – Bible Study ~ Mary Paschke

PEACE LUTHERAN, RUTHTON



SW MN SYNOD meets **June 7-9** at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. We are in need of a male and a female to attend. With the registration sent in by May 10, we receive an early bird discount. Please contact Anna Madsen for details or with the desire to attend.

St Paul Lutheran of Minneota

St. Paul's News

St. Paul's has plans to have work done of the steeple, reshingling and repainting. We are renting a high lift machine to be able to get to that height, approx 80'. Our matching funds from the Guttormson family have allowed us to raise funds for this project. Also this summer we are planning on replacing the front door to our church. By this writing, VBS will have concluded in Minneota. Thank-you to all those that have volunteered and the needed supplies donated by our members. We have two members, Irene Johnson and Clara DeRoode that celebrated their birthdays a day apart in May. They are both 93 years young!

Submitted,

DuWayne Johnson
President, St. Paul's Church

Thank you to all who contributed to another successful year of VBS! We had 110 kids registered and 50 student volunteers from St. Edward, Hope Lutheran and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches. A special thanks to the station leaders: Jan Bot, Margrit Rabaey, Teresa Myhre, Lori Dyce, Sue Buysse, Becky Esping, Emily Hennen, Kelli Gamrak, Duncan Schmig, Pastor Julie, Pastor Steve & Cherri Schmig, who put many hours in helping to prepare for the week of VBS and making it run smoothly. Thank you to Todd Bierschenk (Taco John's), Walmart, Hyvee, and all who donated food or money to support our program. Thank you to Caren Buysse, Jason Myhre, Sharon Fox, Dan Sik and the teachers at the school who were so patient with us as we took over their work spaces and asked for their help on top of what they already do. We sincerely appreciate all that our 3 churches did to make VBS a wonderful experience for so many!

Thanks & God bless!

Tina

PRAYER CONCERNS & CARES

BETHANY (ARCO)

PRAY FOR DOROTHY BUNJER, BUCK BARBER, NORMA RENKEN, HARVEY & BLANCHE JORGENSEN, DAGMAR BLEGEN, TRAVIS NOBLE, CONNIE CLAUSEN (MOTHER OF BRENDA POSSAIL), HARLEY JOHNSON (BROTHER OF JOAN LUNDBERG), AND ELSIE BARBER.

BETHANY-ELIM (IVANHOE)

PRAY FOR JUDY STOWELL, JEFF NEYENS, VERN JOHNSON, RHODA LARSON, DANIEL AVARD & CHILDREN (BROTHER OF BRIGITTE MUNSTERMAN); BRUCE KELM (BROTHER OF GRETCHEN SUHR); GABRIEL JOHNSON (GRANDSON OF NORMA JEAN JOHNSON); LEIGH JERZAK (SISTER-IN-LAW OF ROGER & ANGIE JERZAK); MIKE KROPP (SON-IN-LAW OF KEN SWANSON); JACKSON & MARY GRACE NELSON (CHILDREN OF RYAN AND KATE); NANCY RESMEN (SISTER-IN-LAW OF BERNADINE OLSEN)

GRACE (LAKE BENTON)

MARY HAUGEN, NAOMI ENKE, STEVE JOHNSON, CAROL MENSEN (DAUGHTER OF ARLYN & GARNET PETERSEN), JOYCE MCCOLN (SISTER OF CARL BURK), NORMA BURDICK, PAULA JACOBSON (DAUGHTER OF WAYNE & ANNETTE FEHRMAN), EARL KLITZKE, CHET BORRESEN

PEACE (RUTHTON)

BONITA FUHRMANN, CAROLYN HOLCK, ROSMARY HARTSON, EDWIN EWALD, ELLEN HANSEN, EDNA HARALDSEN, AND CLIFF KITTELSON

ST. PAUL'S (MINNEOTA)

CLARA DERROODE

THOSE AWAY FROM HOME

- ALL THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES THAT ARE SILENT & THOSE UNDERGOING TREATMENTS AWAY FROM HOME.
- OUR CHILDREN AWAY FROM HOME AT SCHOOL.

TYLER NURSING HOME

CLIFF KITTLESON, CAROLYN HOLCK, & BONNIE FUHRMANN (PEACE)
ANNETTE FEHRMAN (GRACE)

HENDRICKS NURSING HOME

ILA RASMUSSEN (BETHANY)
RHONDA LARSON (BETHANY-EILM)
NORMA BURDICK (GRACE)

DIVINE PROVIDENCE NURSING

HOME (IVANHOE) MABEL DRESSEN,
ELsie BARBER, DAGMAR BLEGEN (BETHANY)

MILITARY:

PRAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS NATION AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THAT MAY SEEK PEACE. PRAY FOR THOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE MEMBERS OF WOTP WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY OR RESERVE FORCES, ESPECIALLY, JESSE ZAFFT, LUCAS OERTER, SCOTT JOHNSON, JON DOUGHERTY, CHRISTIAN VIZECKY, DANIELLE THOMSEN, MICHAEL COLMAN, ROSS, RYAN, ANGELA, AND DAVID NELSON, ALLAN PETERSON, DERRICK LINNEMAN, TODD BOARD, KYLE SHEIK, ALYSON BYLONE, JIM PEDERSEN, JUSTIN SCHMIDT, ADAM DERROODE, PAM GREGOR, PAUL GREGOR JR., COREY GREGOR, CHRISTOPHER GREGOR, AND PAUL GREGOR

June 2013



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Mark Your Calendar

- * First day of Camp - June 9th 2013
- * G.O.L.F Tournament - June 24th 2013
- * Quilt Preview - June 28th 2013
- * Quilt Auction - June 29th 2013
- * Pre-marriage Retreat - August 10th 2013
- * Women's Retreat - September 13th & 14th 2013
- * WELCA conference - September 21st 2013

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Calling all Campers...



We still have openings in some of our summer camps. We look forward to hosting you at Shetek Lutheran Ministries this summer! Camp is a great place to meet new friends, spend time in God's creation, singing songs and playing games. We gather at Shetek as a Christian community and hear the good News of Jesus Christ. The Shetek Summer Ministry Team is committed to safety, fun and following Jesus and we can't wait to welcome you to camp!! Call Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-763-3567 Or check out our website at Shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries 27th Annual Quilt Auction

During the weekend of June 28 - 29, the Activity Center of Shetek Lutheran Ministries, typically filled with sports equipment and enthusiastic campers, will be transformed into a colorful, quilted wonderland for the 27th Annual Quilt Auction Fundraiser.

Quilt previews will be Friday evening from 7 - 9 pm and Saturday morning starting at 8:30 am. Viewers will have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their favorite quilt.

The Auction will start Saturday, June 29 at 10:45 am. A pork burger dinner will be served starting at 10:30, with ice cream sundaes later as an afternoon treat. In addition to bidding on quilted creations, visitors will be able to make silent auction bids on Theme Baskets.

The Quilt Auction is SLM's primary yearly fundraiser, with more than \$28,000 raised in 2012. This is a great opportunity to support the camp, and at the same time, purchase beautiful one-of-a-kind items to give as gifts or for yourself. Everyone is invited to visit SLM for this fun-filled weekend.

See 2013 quilts on our website www.shetek.org

Karla Conrad - Quilt committee member

The Hurricane

June 2013

Summer Trips

Time to REGISTER!!!

EAGLE BUTTE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sunday July 7th -Saturday July 13th



Ages 14 to 90 are invited to share in a cross-cultural servant event on the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte

reservation in South Dakota. We will leave for Eagle Butte to work with Habitat for Humanity on Sunday, July 7th and return on Saturday July 13th. For youths 14 or older.

This servant trip is for up to sixteen youths and four adults (one to four ratio). We leave Sunday after church and return Saturday afternoon. Cost will be 175.00/person.

We will be working with a family to build their home, learning about Lakota history and culture, experiencing a sweat lodge, seeing a bison herd up close and personal, laughing and working some more. Eagle Butte is in the center of the Cheyenne Eagle Butte Reservation of the Lakota nation.

Registrations need to be in by June 8th. At that time we will need a minimum of \$50.00 deposit. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. You will need time to fill out your health form, and volunteer forms. We are limited to twenty total (5 adults and fifteen youths) for the trip to Eagle Butte.

ON THE ROAD WITH GOD
Bicycle Servant Trip

Sunday June 16th through Wednesday
June 19th



Our Bicycle Servant Trip across the Winds of the Prairie begins on June 16 at Bethany Elim Lutheran in Ivanhoe, and will continue to June 19, ending at the Wednesday Worship at Diamond Lake. Vicar Kent and Pastor Steve are planning to get their older bodies in shape to bike with you across Lincoln county looking for opportunities to serve others.

Each day we will focus on a road trip from

the Bible;
The wilderness
road of the
Israelites:
Gather in
Ivanhoe on
Sunday

afternoon and learn what it's like to dwell in tents!

The Jerusalem Road: We travel to Lake Stay Park to camp overnight, and do a service project along the way.

Parents and other adults are invited to accompany us. We need advisors who care about youth and who would enjoy the events.

The Emmaus Road: We travel to the north side of Lake Benton, where we do volunteer work on an area property and camp overnight and Rick and Mary Midden's lake home

The Damascus Road: We head out to Diamond Lake to do cleanup and get ready to tell of our adventures while we lead the evening worship for the first night.

We will be camping out at each location, learning outdoor skills and bicycle safety, and deepening the connection between faith and life. A safe, working bicycle is required to attend the riding portion of the event. All riders must wear appropriate protective gear at all times when riding.

Youth entering 6th Grade and above are welcome to attend this event. Cost per youth is \$25.00



BICYCLE ROAD-EO

June 15, 9:00 'til Noon

Winds eXtreme Youth will host a free bicycle tune-up clinic and road-EO on Saturday June 15th at the Bethany-

Elim Garage. Youth are to bring their bicycle, helmet, and appropriate riding shoes. We will share information about safe riding techniques, road safety, road rules and safe bicycle maintenance. Proper helmet fitting will be discussed.

Bicycles are vehicles that young people ride on the same roads as sports cars and Mack trucks. As such they are to obey standard vehicle rules of the road, as well as those specifically for bicycles. We want to make sure our youth do so safely!

For all ages. Those willing to assist in the day are to call the office for more information. (507-694-1238)

Registrations for all events require a completed health form and parental consent. Financially, we will make it possible for anyone to go to an event who wants to go. Watch for fundraisers coming up in the near future. If you have ideas for fundraisers, let one of the WXY board know and we'll see if we can make it happen. Some scholarships might be available, so don't be afraid to ask

SUMMER REPORT CARD FOR CHURCH VISITING

Question	Yes	No	Comments			
Was the church easy to find?						
Were you greeted at the door?			If so, by whom?			
Were you asked if you were a visitor?						
Were things like restrooms and fellowship halls clearly marked?						
Was the bulletin and service easy to follow?						
Was there something in the service you especially liked?			What was it?			
Was there a way for you to register as a visitor?						
Were you given anything as a gift for being a visitor?						
On a Scale of 1 to 6 how would you rate the following:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Best	Good	Fair	Usual	Okay	Poor
Greeting or Hospitality	1	2	3	4	5	6
Worship Service	1	2	3	4	5	6
Facilities of Church	1	2	3	4	5	6
Overall Impression	1	2	3	4	5	6

Name of Congregation _____

Please return to one of the pastors or the office along with a bulletin if you would please. We look forward to your insights and what the bulletins have to say about other things going on.