

The Evangel

August 2011

to know and proclaim Jesus Christ and as disciples reach out in love

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Worship Times

Saturday at 5:15 pm

Sunday at 9 am

Christian Education

Monday at 6:30 pm

Sunday School (K-6) is
adjourned for summer

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday at 10 am

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8 am to noon

1 pm to 5 pm

Friday—8 am to 12:30 pm

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Touched Twice Clinic

Saturday, August 13 10 am—2 pm Webb Middle School

The clinic is designed to meet the spiritual, physical and basic needs of those in our community. The clinic serves 500 or more people each year and each family is assigned a companion who guides them through the entire clinic. The companion is able to build a rapport with the family and share their faith either by word or example. Pastors from several churches are present to meet participants' spiritual needs. **TTC needs volunteers to be companions.**

Ben and the youth are serving food at the clinic and need donations of cookies.

Please deliver to the church kitchen Friday, August 12, or Saturday morning, August 13.

If you have the gift of speaking Spanish, we can use your help as an interpreter.

There are many more areas where your help is needed. Please check out the information on the kiosk in the Narthex. If you know of others who might want to help or who need the clinic, please spread the word. You can serve for the entire time or just part of the time. If you want to volunteer for the medical clinic or have questions, please call Andrea @ 768-3554. If you would like to volunteer for another area of the clinic,

contact Mike or Tristan Rothwell at 524-2053.

There will be a meeting of the TTC medical volunteers August 4, 7 pm at St. John in Memorial Hall.

Andrea Holcomb would like two volunteers for the registration desk on August 13 and someone to be a greeter who would direct guests through the clinic. Please call the office if you can help: 254-9763

TTC is collecting gently used clothing again this year. Please indicate the gender and sizes on the outside of the bag/box. Shirley Boardman is the coordinator and she is looking for volunteers to help sort and size before the clinic, and she also needs help at the clinic, August 13. You can drop the items off in Sunday school room #7 (First Grade Room) or take them directly to Trinity Baptist Church. Call Andrea Holcomb if you have questions (768-3554), or Shirley Boardman if you want to volunteer (434-8762)

Each child who comes to TTC receives a backpack containing the necessary supplies for the school year. Last year St. John collected over 90 back packs for the kids.



HELPING HANDS SCHOOL START PROGRAM

We are collecting supplies for children in the Reedsburg school district. If you would like to help, please bring any of the following items to the box in the Narthex by

TRAPPER KEEPERS®
BACK PACKS
GLUE STICKS
BOOK BAGS
BOXES OF TISSUE
PINK ERASERS
3-RING BINDERS

PENS & PENCILS
POCKET FOLDERS
CALCULATORS
BLUNT SCISSORS (FISKARS™)
3-HOLE ZIPPER PENCIL
POUCHES
COLORED PENCILS

Congregational Council Meeting

July 12, 2011

Ten members present, two members excused (James Wheeler, Todd Erdman).

The meeting was opened with Don Ondersma offering devotions

Following the approval of the agenda, Beth Voigt, Christian education director reported:

- Sunday School: Grades Pre-K through 6th grade. There are 106 students enrolled in the Sunday School program, with average attendance about 64%.
- Adult Education: includes Sunday morning as well as Monday evenings. A Befriender's Course (20 weeks long) will begin at the end of September.
- First Communion: 16 young people participated. Their first communion was held on June 2, 2011
- LIFE Confirmation Program: 7th and 8th grade students attend Wednesday evening classes, plus serve as acolytes on Sunday morning. 9th grade students work with mentors from the congregation. 10th grade students meet with pastor, create a baptismal banner and stole, and are confirmed on Reformation Sunday.
- Beth works with Ben in two areas: Family Fun Night, offered quarterly, and a Parents' Breakfast, a monthly, Sunday morning event. Vacation Bible School will be August 8-12, 5:30 to 8 pm. The curriculum focus is from Luke 9, where Jesus feeds the 5000.
- Beth is also cleaning out the craft room, so supplies are not overbought, and organized enough so that people can find them. She also works very hard toward better communication with staff, families, volunteers and students.

Lighting Project: Pastor David provided copies of the grant request to the Foundation and reported that he was able to purchase lights for about \$1400 for the hallways. Installation will begin soon.

Minutes from June 14, 2011 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Net balance in bank account is \$231,109.71. This includes Dedicated Accounts total and the operating checking account deficit.

Gifts and Memorials totaling \$795 were received in memory of Thelma Hilger, Ruth Roever, and Dwayne White.

Receipts for Benevolence Focus total \$3,537.20 year to date.

Treasurer's Report: Approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Much of last month was focused on working with the Call Committee.
- One wedding scheduled for this month, then none until September. Two baptisms are coming up.
- Staff planning day is scheduled for July 19, at Dutch Hollow Club House.
- Senior Pastor job description will be revised and completed before interviews with prospective associate pastors.
- Arlo will be on board full time to fill Leta's position.

Audit Committee: Mary Zuhlke will be asked to serve on the Audit Committee, along with Jeff Steel and Tim Greenway. Migs will call her.

The August meeting may be cancelled, unless there is pressing business that needs to be attended to. This may depend upon whether there would be a "meet and greet" for a candidate recommended by the Call Committee for a second interview. The Council authorized the executive committee to approve treasurer's report and to pay bills.

Church Basement Ladies will present two programs at the CAL Center on November 29, at 2 pm and 7 pm. Council approved a motion to take \$500 from Congregational Life Public Relations budget to be a sponsor for the production.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Blessings,

Migs Percy, Council President



God is love,
and those who abide in love
abide in God, and God abides
in them

From Pastor David

A couple of months ago my sister Rachel sent me a message on Facebook asking me if I wouldn't bring one of my guitars to our "family camp" so that we could sing around the campfire like we use to do. Long ago when I was a kid this was a fixture at family camp; we mostly sang Bible camp songs and songs we all knew from Sunday school. Back then my dad was the guitar player; he and his nylon stringed Yamaha filled many humid evenings with song.

I remember wanting to learn to play the guitar; I wanted to play as well as my dad. I was no guitar prodigy, and it is hard to become proficient on an instrument when one doesn't actually practice. Oh, I wanted to play, I would even pick up the guitar now and again, but learning some of the chords was hard to do, my fingers just didn't move that way!

Over the years and with much practice, I have most of the basics down, and I like to think I play pretty well. The night came to play the songs and lead my family in song, and, quite frankly, I was a little nervous. But with the exception of a song that had the wrong chords written down for some reason, it all went pretty well.

My point is this: my dad had always done this before, and I was a little hesitant about how I would measure up now that it was my turn. It took some practice, it took some encouragement, but I was able to do the job.

The leadership of St. John has set an ambitious goal for the congregation, to raise \$15,000 over and above our normal giving, to be used for benevolence or, as our mission statement puts it, "Reach out in love." These funds will be divided three ways, local, national and worldwide. The actual destination for these funds will in part depend on your suggestions. We are seeking ways in which we as a congregation can share God's love beyond the walls of St. John. The needs are many, but we hope to find ways to nurture an ongoing relationship with those who receive these funds so that we might continue to grow together in God's love even as we serve each other.

We have a good start on reaching our goal; several of the Boards of St. John, the Funeral Luncheon Crew, as well as individuals have already stepped up with ways to raise awareness of these needs and the funds to help reach our goal. My hope is that each member of St. John might contribute in some way to help us better reach out in love

for Jesus' sake. You have the encouragement of the Body of Christ that is St. John, and we all have skills, some have taken years of practice, others come naturally that enable us to do the job and meet our goal. Where is God calling you to help reach out in love, at St. John, locally, nationally and worldwide?

Before you say, "Oh, that sounds real nice pastor, but in these tough economic times I have nothing to offer," I would have you listen to one more story. Last week a young girl named Rachel Beckwith was severely injured in a traffic accident on I-90 out in Washington State, where she lived. Rachel wanted to reach out in love and make a difference in the world. Shortly before the accident this nine year old girl had asked her family and friends to help her raise \$300 to provide clean drinking water to villages in Africa. She asked that all birthday, Christmas and any other gifts be given in cash for this reason. She wanted nothing for herself.

This past weekend Rachel died of the injuries she received in the accident. It is a terrible tragedy, and nothing can change that. However, from the depths of an unexplainable tragedy, hope can emerge. Rachel's story and cause were picked up by local media and then nationally and internationally. In a few short days, while Rachel lay in a coma, the love she shared blossomed, and over \$120,000 has been raised for Charity Water so far.

Rachel's story is touching, but even barring the accident, her goal, her drive, her desire to reach out in love to help others in Jesus' name serves as an incredible lesson to us. Jesus came to us so that we might know love, true love, the love of God for each and every one of us. This is a love that is so strong that not even death can hold it in its bonds. This is a gift we each receive in baptism; it is a gift that is meant to be shared. How will you reach out in love today?

**Reach Out
In Love
2011**



Pastor David

Christian Education News

This logo represents Christians of mature faith holding the cross, inspiring the growth of others, while creating a shell of love and guidance.



Sunday School Teachers -

If you are planning to teach, or would like to explore the possibility of assisting in our Sunday school classroom this fall, we will have a short informational meeting Sunday

August 28th after the 9:00 am worship service. If you are unable to attend, please call Beth at 768-9095 or e-mail me: beth@stjohnreedsburg.com. Thanks!

All families with a student entering 7th grade this fall!

LIFE begins in the 7th grade!! No, really, it does. Sunday, August 14, following the 9:00 am service, we will have a 7th grade parent/student orientation. All 7th grade families wishing to be a part of the confirmation process at St. John need to attend this meeting. We will outline the confirmation process, expectations, goals, and requirements at this meeting. Please call the church office – 254-9763 – if you DO plan to be with us as we need to provide enough materials for all families. If you are unable to be at church on August 14, please let Beth or Pastor David know as soon as possible so we may schedule a brief sit down with you. This is a very exciting step in the journey of faith and your St. John family is ready to walk beside you!

Looking for a few good small group leaders for the LIFE program

If you are interested in being a small group leader for our 7th grade **LIFE** students please let Beth know and mark **Sunday August 21st following the 9:00 am service** as the date for **LIFE** Guide training.

Soon to be ninth grade LIFE students

Just a reminder – it's time to choose your mentor for your ninth grade mentorship year. This individual needs to be a member of St. John but not immediate family (like Mom and Dad, or grandparents). Ask your parents for advice or give me a call or e-mail at the church if you need some inspiration. Ideally, your mentor is someone who is willing to meet at various times throughout the year, with whom you feel comfortable, and who is excited about exploring church in a variety of settings. I'd like to have all mentor names by the beginning of September – so now is the time to act!



Thoughts from a craft room

When I began my position as CED for St. John, I inherited the craft room. During my tour of the building, it was mentioned that the craft room might “need a little work”. I had

great intentions. The craft room would be dealt with by October. But the Christmas program bumped this goal to January. Definitely by Lent, the room would be organized. All of a sudden it was May. The craft room re-do had become an albatross. I finally snapped on my gloves, rolled up the sleeves, and waded into the land of forgotten art projects and Vacation Bible School fiesta sombreros.

The craft room is an apt metaphor for the institution of church. Meant to be a resource, craft rooms often become the place we deposit...stuff. Half-filled bags of cotton balls we dug out of the bathroom closet. Old rolls of wall paper. A bag of mini-flashlights that don't work anymore. We are loath to throw these items away because that seems wasteful. And someone might find a vital use for 25 pocket calculators (hello MacGyver!). The craft room is filled with the hopes and dreams of programs past. This particular curriculum will be the ticket to boosting Sunday school attendance by 75%! Reams of brown construction paper will save us from aimlessness and sin as we make origami donkeys. We need to keep every sheet of music the children sang at the Christmas program 35 years ago...because we might forget.

Because we might forget. We might forget the good days – when church was the priority. When our daughters were small and learning to sing “Jesus Loves Me”. When those sons shined their shoes before service. When we were safe and protected. Instead of a resource, the craft room becomes the repository of memory. And we can't throw any of it away.

As I've summited the Everest of empty toilet paper rolls, I've looked back on the golden land of church past. And it was good. And it IS remembered. We remember the good days when we pass the peace with those wee sons and daughters...now grown and teaching their own children “Jesus loves me...this I know.” The stuff is not the currency of faith lived well. Not the five delicately spider webbed shepherd's crooks made of paper mache. Not even the ancient German language hymnal (although I kept that!). The people are the weft, the yarn pulled through the strings of the loom to make strong cloth.

As a clean, well-organized resource room becomes a reality, I look ahead to the vibrant territory the church of now offers. The tools of the gospel are sitting on the shelves – crayons and glue, a few feathers, some felt, ONE pocket calendar. A Bible. Ready for this generation to mold into the life-giving message of love and endurance. And it is good.

Beth

Parochial Report

New Members

Les Grant
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Shelby Reinert
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La Valle, WI 53941
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Larry & Andrea Perkins
E4321 W. Redstone Dr.
La Valle, WI 53941
608-985-8304

Richard & Jeanette Scherer
E2171A Cardinal Ct.
La Valle, WI 53941
262-951-8095

Jeff & Aimee Wunluck
Kyle & Kaela
S3151 Hunters Glen Circle
Baraboo, WI 53913
608-355-4142

Baptisms

July 17—Braydon Alan-Donald Willey, son of Damion & Jody Willey.

July 24—Ethan Lee Hoenisch, son of J.P. and Julie Hoenisch.

Marriages

July 16—Lynette Bradley and Scott Crawford

Funerals

We wish to extend deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

Lloyd C. Hubred, who died July 13, 2011
Bernard “Bud” Reinfeldt, who died July 14, 2011

Sponsorship Calendar— August

Altar Flowers (\$30) — all weeks available

Bulletins (\$25) — all weeks available

Radio Broadcast — all weeks available
(\$30, \$60, and \$90)

TV Cable Broadcast (\$40) —all weeks available

Coffee Fellowship — Check out the three ring binder in the coffee serving area to reserve the Sunday you wish.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

This month St. John deposited \$61 because Thrivent Financial members have designated their “Choice Dollars” to St. John. These people include: Scott Polak-Bezotte, LeRoy Petersen, Wendell Watts. Thank you all!

Meetings & Greetings

Dorcas Circle - 9:30 am, Wednesday, August 17

Hannah Circle - 2 pm, Tuesday, August 2.

Sarah Circle - 9 am, Thursday August 18, Voyageur

Sunshine Circle - No August meeting

St. John Quilters - 9 am, Thursday, August 4
- 9 am, Friday, August 19

Card Ministry - 2nd Monday of the month

Men’s Breakfast - 7:30 am, the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month at Marty’s

Park Street Study - 10:30 am—Tuesday, August 2, Park Street Apts.

Sheeper than Therapy - 4-6 pm, weekly on Mondays in the Fireside Room.

Thank You’s

To Irene Schoellig for coordinating volunteers for Open Table.

To all those who donated pies to the July Open Table.

To Ardell Albers and Owen Hughes, from Arlo, for your very patient proofreading.

Thank you, Les

Les Sandberg is retiring as Hand Bell Choir Director, coinciding with his decision to retire his position as orchestra teacher at Webb Middle and Reedsburg High Schools. Les has directed the Bell Choir for the past five years and looks forward to playing with the group. David Knoble will now direct Bell Choir.

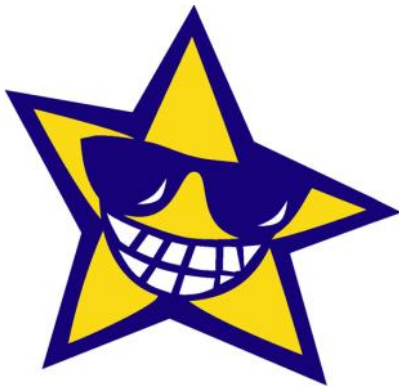
Scripture Readings for August

August 6 & 7—1 Kings 19:9–18; Psalm 85:8-13;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 13 & 14 —Isaiah 56:1,6–8; Psalm 67;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

August 20 & 21 —Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

August 27 & 28—Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



Calendar of Events

Thursday Morning B.S

Come and join us for breakfast and Bible study every Thursday morning this summer at the Berg house 2049 Amanda Dr. Make sure you bring your Bible and an appetite.

Who: 9th-12th grade youth

When: Thursday's

Time: 9-10 a.m.

Where: The Berg's 2049 Amanda Dr

Cost: nothing

Bring: Bible

YG Summer '11

Thursday Morning B.S. at Ben's house at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served every week. Bring your bible.

August 3th: BBQ at Club Chapparral —meet at Church 5:45 pm

August 7th Amazing Race 2-5pm— starting at UMC

August 10th: BBQ to be announced

August 17th: Please volunteer

August 24th: Please Volunteer

August 31st: Please Volunteer

All BBQ's start at 6:00 and go until 8:30ish

*** It's a good idea to bring your swimming suit and clothes; you can get dirty***

Pictures from the mission trip



Mission Trip and Sonshine Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped support our summer trip with donations, funds, and prayers.

We had a great time serving the Lord in Cannon Falls, Minneapolis, and Egan MN. We hung out and played games with the residents of Angels Care Center in Cannon Falls, fed the homeless and less fortunate at the House of Charity in Minneapolis, and filled bags of food for starving children all over the world at Feed My Starving Children in Egan. Then on we went to the Sonshine Music Festival in Willmar, MN. The kids had a great time seeing the bands, camping and eating some great food. The highlight for most of the group was the Thursday night concert of Family Force Five and Skillet. We also survived the buckets of rain we received Wednesday night into Thursday and Friday morning. In all we received over 6 inches of rain, but that didn't stop us from having a great time. We dried out each day with the help of two great chaperones who went into town and dried all the kids' stuff. Thank you Linda and Tori. We also had Bill, who held down the fort and grilled up some great brats and hotdogs. I can't forget the world famous Sloppy Joes that Tori made; they made my tummy smile. I could not have done this trip without Bill, Tori, and Linda. In all it was a great trip with a great group of high school youth.

To view and download pictures, go to the Youth and Family link on the navigation bar of the homepage of the St. John Web Site. Ben has uploaded pictures from the mission trip and much more.

Happy 90th Birthday, Elva!

Please join us for Elva's Birthday Party.



Saturday, August 13, 2011

The Fusch Center

2090 Ridgeview Dr.

2--5 pm.

Please feel free to shower Elva with warm wishes if you are not able to celebrate with us.

Mrs. Elva Luedtke - 1232 21st St., Reedsburg

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Join us in celebrating

Tom Geimer's 80th Birthday

Delores Geimer and our entire family would like to invite everyone to join us in the Narthex for cookies and coffee following the Saturday night service on August 27 to celebrate Tom's 80th birthday. Be prepared to hear some hilarious anecdotes and bring some stories of your own.

Congregation Pot Luck in the Park

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Meet at the pink flamingos at 6 pm. The Reedsburg Community Band will begin playing at 6:30. Bring tableware, something to drink and a dish to pass along with your favorite blanket or lawn chair. If it rains, the event will be cancelled. (the potluck portion).

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Have you circled September 25 on your calendar???

You won't want to miss the Taste of St. John!"

On Sunday, September 25, we will have the opportunity to participate in a wonderful time of awesome food and fellowship . . . and help to support our St. John Benevolence Focus at the same time. We are looking for individuals, families, or groups to sponsor a table and provide small servings of an ethnic food; or a family favorite; or just something fun like an array of chocolate delicacies. Do you specialize in delicious sauerkraut and sausage? Perhaps you make the world's best pulled pork or Italian beef sandwiches. Or maybe a Norwegian or Swedish treat? Maybe you make a dessert that's out-of-this-world. We're hoping for a wide variety of fun and delicious foods from which to sample. Following the 10:30 worship service, we're hoping everyone will come down to Fellowship Hall, purchase handfuls of tickets for fifty cents apiece, and then go around the room and sample whatever appeals to you. Some items may cost one ticket, some may be more. We'll also have coffee and milk available, so you can make this your midday meal! So . . . start thinking about what you would like to provide as one of the "tastes of St. John." And we hope everyone will make plans to attend and enjoy a fun time of church family fellowship! Be looking for the opportunity to sign up on the attendance sheets at worship to indicate your willingness to provide one of the "tastes" for our event!



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Harvest Festival Reminder!

Our Harvest Festival this year is set for October 9. We will again offer a silent auction, so crafters, please consider donating. While it seems a long while off, we all know how time speeds along, so...start those projects.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	9:00 AM HC Worship 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15 AM New Member Reception	1	4:00 PM Sheeper than Therapy 6:30 PM Adult Study	2	9:00 AM AA 10:30 AM Park St Study 11:00 AM Staff meeting 2:00 PM Hannah Circle 5:30 PM Cong Life Bd 5:30 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Education Bd 7:00 PM AA	3	6:00 PM YG BBQ 6:00 PM Congregation Potluck at Concert in the Park	4	9:00 AM YG Bible Study at Ben's 9:00 AM AA 7:00 PM TTC Medical volunteer training 6:30 PM Admin Bd 7:00 PM AA	5	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's	6	5:15 PM HC Worship
7	9:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship	8	9:00 AM Card Ministry 4:00 PM Sheeper than Therapy 5:30-8:00 PM VBS 6:30 PM Adult Study	9	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff meeting 5:30-8:00 PM VBS 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Council	10	5:30-8:00 PM VBS TBA YG BBQ	11	9:00 AM YG Bible Study at Ben's 9:00 AM AA NO Sunshine Circle 5:30-8:00 PM VBS 6:00 PM United Fund 7:00 PM AA	12	5:30-8:00 PM VBS at Webb Park	13	10:00 AM Touched Twice Clinic—Webb Middle School 5:15 PM Worship
14	9:00 AM HC Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15 AM 7th G Parent/Student LIFE Orientation	15	4:00 PM Sheeper than Therapy 6:30 PM Open Table Core Group	16	Evangel Articles DUE 9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff meeting 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Ch in Society Bd 7:00 PM Worship Bd	17	9:30 AM Dorcas Circle 6:00 PM YG BBQ	18	9:00 AM YG Bible Study at Ben's 9:00 AM AA 9:00 AM Sarah Circle at The Voyageur 5:30 PM ChristCare 7:00 PM AA	19	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's 9:00 AM Quilting	20	5:15 PM HC Worship
21	9:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15 AM LIFE Guide orientation 6:00 PM MSYG	22	4:00 PM Sheeper than Therapy	23	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff meeting 5:30 PM Yoga 7:00 PM AA	24	6:00 PM YG BBQ	25	9:00 AM YG Bible Study at Ben's 9:00 AM AA 7:00 PM AA	26		27	5:15 PM Worship
28	9:00 AM HC Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:15 AM SS Staff Orientation 4:00 PM Open Table	29	4:00 PM Sheeper than Therapy	30	9:00 AM AA 11:00 AM Staff meeting 7:00 PM AA	31	6:00 PM YG BBQ	1	School starts 9:00 AM AA 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Admin Bd 7:00 PM AA	2	7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Marty's	3	5:15 PM HC Worship

Worship Assistants August & September

Date	Greeters	Lector	Acolytes	Ushers	Communion
7-Aug 9 am	Al & Barb Exner	Jeannine Mueller	Aly Pfaff Matthew Pfaff	Glen Weirauch, Maggie Andres Diane Thieding, Ron Snyder	
14-Aug 9 am	Ken & Shirley West	Lori Penkwitz	Rachel Anderson Caitlyn Voltz	Jerry & Mary Zuhlke Todd Sauey, Barb Demaske	Shirley West Migs Percy
	James & Susan Peterson & grandkids	Lynn Horkan	Kaylie Polk Jarod Davis	Derek & Lynn Horkan Beverly Leake, Don Erickson	
21-Aug 9 am	Delores Wersal Gladys Olson	Joy Nowak	Sarah Ratajczyk Jacob Erbs	Judy Bransted, Brian Biermeier Keith & Andrea Holcomb	Patty Sauey Deb Adams
4-Sep 9 am		Bunny Frank	Callie Senzig Hannah Erdman	Warren & Bunny Frank Lorraine Kaun, Teri Senzig	
11-Sep 8 am		Julie Adelman	Brent Firari Cassie Stone	Tom & Anna Seamonson Jim Knuth, Shawn Foss	Please volunteer
10:30		Rachel Burkel	Kate Gesteland Loren Tock	Bill & Julie Ratajczyk, Patrick Boyd, Norma Peters	Please volunteer
18-Sep 8 am		Sherry Atkinson	Tasha Haase Jacob Wilbrand	Dan Biermeier, Deb Vanthournout Barb Damaske, Don Erickson	
10:30		Donna Hahn	Tyler Hongisto Hannah Belk	Bill & Barb Klang Tami VanBeek, Ed Zobel	
25-Sep 8 am		Deanna Benish	Terek Horkan Adam Colvin	Al & Barb Exner Tom & Linda Reeder	Please volunteer
10:30		Derek Horkan	Dillon Keller Lexi Hayes	Tim & Becky Greenway Ron & Kim Chovan	Please volunteer

Showing our Devotion

Note to ushers: Please make your own arrangements when you need a substitute. It saves the staff an unbelievable amount of time!

Also, head ushers are responsible for: turning on lights; taking attendance count and recording; and offering follow-up.

Acolytes are also asked to find their own substitutes and notify the office of any changes.



<u>Radio Monitor</u> Steve Muchow	<u>Communion Bread</u> August 6—Patty Sauey August 14—Rabecca Francour August 20—Yvonne Brekke August 28—Lisa Hoff Sept 3—Diana McGlynn Sept 11—Sheri Weldy Sept 17—LaVera Craker Sept 25—Cindy Sandberg
<u>Videographers</u> Todd Gardner & Fred Farber	
<u>Money Counters</u> Audrey Throndsen Crystal Link Lois Meyers	Beginning Sept 11 we return to two Sunday services

We show our devotion to Christ in different ways, but much of our devotion is expressed in what we say or do. To the Ephesians Paul wrote, *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:10). Our good works show our devotion to God for Who He is and what He has done for us. As Christians, we show our devotion to Jesus through the faithful stewardship of our time, talents, and money.

As devoted stewards . . . **we give generously.** Giving puts our devotion into action. Because of our devotion to Jesus, we generously give Him our best. Jesus said, *“Freely you have received, freely give”* (Matthew 10:8 NIV). He also said, *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”* (Acts 20:35).

we follow Jesus’ example of serving. Jesus said, *“...the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve...”* (Matthew 20:28). Filled with Christ’s love and grace, we become new people who are prompted to follow His lead by helping and serving others. *“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised”* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Spiritual Reflection for August 2011

What About This Weather...

By the time you read this reflection, we will have endured a steamy, hot, humid stretch of weather. It is my hope that it will be behind us. What a conversation starter, the weather! Everyone experiences the weather; however, I have noticed that not everyone's reaction is the same. This stretch of weather has inspired me to reflect a little deeper on these reactions. I invite you to consider this topic of reflection: what about the weather? What is one of the first topics you will discuss with a stranger? The weather, of course, and with very little effort you can have a conversation for several minutes. It is something we have in common right from the start. I have always thought that God gave us the weather to encourage us to be in conversation with one another. As I think about it, there have been very few people in the last few days that I have met who have not made some comment about the upcoming heat wave. In fact, I cannot think of a single one.

So the other day it was 95 degrees with a heat index of 8-9 degrees, making it feel like 103-104 (per the weatherman's calculations). The air was thick. You could see the heat hanging in the air. The trees in the distance were muted with a gray haze. This was indeed one of those summer days when any kind of movement caused you to sweat. The weatherman predicted there would be a long stretch of hot weather ahead and advised finding a cool spot to rest frequently and drinking plenty of fluids. Good advice on both accounts. Now remember, not everyone responds the same to this prediction. I wondered why? Hmm.

To be honest, I like it hot. It reminds me of my childhood. No air conditioning, just a wall fan my siblings and I would fight over being closest to. The heat takes me back to making hay on those hot, hot days with the hay chaff sticking to the sweat on my arms and neck, back to working in the barn with the cows, back to the feed room where the moisture in the air made the feed heavier to shovel down the chute. I don't recall much complaining though. We drank lots of lemonade and sat under shade trees as often as possible. So we seemed to know instinctively that those were good things to do on a hot day (the weather channel was not in existence when I was a child). It was even then a good conversation starter, but I often remember people saying things like, "I hope it breaks soon" or "It reminds me of the summer of...", comments of hope and remembrance, comparison and coping.

There seemed to be an innate trust that the weather would be what it was going to be; and we would have what we needed to get through it. On the hot day I described, my husband and I were walking and I noticed a group of cows huddled together under a shade tree. They had startled me as I walked by as they were standing together so quietly.

My husband commented that he never understood why they stood so closely together. It would seem as though that would make them hotter. Now I can imagine someone reading this will be able to tell me the scientific answer to this phenomenon, but I am more interested in considering the fact that they seemed instinctively to know what to do to preserve their energy and handle the hot weather (I am sure they did not learn it on the weather channel).

Instinct. I believe instinct is the same as having a guiding spirit inside that tells us what we should do in certain circumstances. We thirst. We seek something to drink. We heat up. We seek shade. But I am a bit worried that today we rely more on others telling us how we should react to and prepare for what is ahead for us. Some of this is good of course, but in some ways I wonder if it is another way in which we are being disconnected from our spirit, our inner voice. I realize this might seem like a stretch, but it should be considered. How often is the weatherman wrong (sorry, I don't mean to pick on them; they are just such an easy target)? How often is your *instinctive* spirit inside wrong? How often are others wrong in their advice? How often have you been grateful for that *voice within* that warned you of a dangerous situation? If it has been a long time since your spiritual voice has guided you perhaps you have become disconnected from your spirit and are relying too heavily on others to guide you.

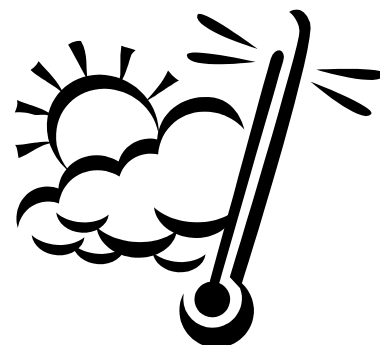
We have something else in common besides the weather. We each have a spirit within us that will guide us in all circumstances, provided we stay connected. So tomorrow morning before you check the weather, check in with your spirit. It will prepare you for whatever lies ahead, and perhaps it will become the new,

great conversation starter.

May God Bless You,

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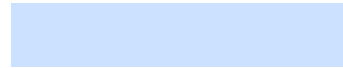
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