



# Voice of Peace

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## Summer Sermon Series - Go For the Goal: Becoming A Spiritual Champion

By Pastor Kathy

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses to the life of faith . . .*

*Let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us."*

Hebrews 12:1-13

As the 2012 Summer Olympics takes place in London, England, we will have a six-week summer preaching series focusing on "Going for the Goal—Becoming A Spiritual Champion." The series, developed by Dr. David Mains' Mainstay Ministeries, will begin July 29.



The Apostle Paul said that we are "running with endurance the race that God has set before us." This is a wonderful illustration of the Christian life as well as a tie-in to the Olympic Games. The series will be the focus of both the 8:30 service at Peace and the Park service at 9:45 at Sibley State Park.

The series topics and schedule listed below will reach believers with a "Go for the Goal" mindset:

July 29 - Remember the Witnesses—Get to Know a Spiritual Hero (Hebrews 12:1)

August 5 - Remove Any Hindrances - Target What Holds You Back (Hebrews 12:1)

August 12 - Run with Perseverance - Set Spiritual Goals (Hebrews 12:1)

August 19 - Reach for the Goal - Focus on Jesus Throughout the Day (Hebrews 12:2-4)

August 26 - Respect Divine Discipline - Correct Something Wrong in Your Life (Hebrews 12:5-11).

September 2 - Recover from Injuries - Set Up a Program of Rehab (Hebrews 12:12-13).



**PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL**

### Church Council Members:

Dean Bigalke

Al Fiskness

Barb Johnson

Keith Hanson

Matt Holland

Joel Johnson

Pat Oss

Chad Renstrom

Daryl Sanderson

Jeff Schmidt

Nick Ventrella

Jim Vossen

# Volunteers

## Greeters

July 1

8:30 Barb Johnson

July 8

8:30 Bob & Helen Anderson

July 15

8:30 Judy Worth

July 22

8:30 Lyle & Patty Knutson

July 29

8:30 Judy Worth

**(NO 10:45 service at Peace during the summer)**

## July Altar Guild

Angie Larson, Chm.

Sandy Czycalla

Skip Domke

LeeAnn Hjelle

Becky Holland

Julia Iverson

Cindy Lundberg

Maureen Pierson

Marlene Tharaldson

Virginia Thon

Kristen Woelfel



ALTAR GUILD

## Ushers

**8:30** Keith & Laurie Hanson

Graden & Becky West



**Need A Ride?**

## Peace Van Driver -

No regular van in July. Call Charlie Lundberg if you need a ride -

354-4689

## Financial Report ~ May 2012

### General Fund Income and Expense

Fund Balance 5/1/2012	-\$21,087
Income	\$34,635
Expense	\$38,977
Fund Balance 5/31/2012	-\$25,429

### Building Peace by Piece Mortgage Fund

Current Indebtedness	\$1,142,853
Income May 2012	\$6,268
Monthly mortgage payment	\$8,229



## Simply Giving

*Simply Giving* is an easy way to make your contributions—even when you can't be at church.

- Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
- Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- Online Giving lets you go to our website: [www.peacenewlondon.com](http://www.peacenewlondon.com) to set up an automatic donation plan or make a one-time donation.

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 354-2774.

## Coffee Hour

The Hospitality ChristCare group will serve coffee and goodies during the month of July (except for July 29) following the 8:30 worship service. There will not be Adult Forums scheduled during the summer, but there may occasionally be a speaker. Stop by for fellowship with Peace friends.



## Miscellaneous

### Sale of our property

Some of the area newspaper language is not accurate. We have been approached about the possible sale of our corner lot to put up a grocery store. Some preliminary discussions have taken place. We are pursuing an independent appraisal of our property. Any sale of property will need to be decided by a congregational vote.

### Call Committee update:

The Call Committee has been busy over the past two months. During that time, they have had four candidates under consideration.

Candidate #1 – Someone the Call Committee was very positive about; he would have been brought to the congregation for a vote. He was very interested in this church, but the pieces didn't all fall together. This candidate has withdrawn from consideration.

Candidate #2 – The committee did not meet this candidate face-to-face, but did have two interviews and received references. After the second interview, this candidate felt Peace wasn't the place for the next step in his ministry. He has withdrawn his name.

Candidate #3 – The committee held a face-to-face interview, is reviewing sermons, and references are coming in. This is a viable candidate.

Candidate #4 – The committee has received paperwork on this candidate and is interested in setting up an interview.

The Call Committee will continue working to find the right candidate to present to the congregation. Your prayers are appreciated.



Pastor Al will be gone the month of August following double knee replacement surgery on July 31. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Thanks

Thank you for your prayers when I had pneumonia. Thanks also to Pastor Al for your visit and to the Women's Bible Study group. I'm feeling good now. I appreciate it, and God bless you all.

### DeWayne Olson

Thanks to all who brought goodies in June to serve at the coffee hour. A special thanks to everyone who supported the Crow River Crusaders Relay for Life team by making a donation or purchasing luminaries. You may still purchase a luminary by calling Sue Anderson at 354-2904.

### Sue Anderson

## Opportunities

You're invited to a "**Hymn Fest**" at Crow River Lutheran Church in Belgrade on **Sunday, July 22nd**, at 3:00 pm. David Cherwein, Director of the National Lutheran Choir, and Cantor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, will play Crow River's wonderful organ and lead the hymn singing. Dr. Cherwein is a nationally known conductor, composer, and organist. Recognized for his contribution to the field of church music, and liturgy, he is in demand as a clinician and hymn festival leader across the country. After the event, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall.



Mark your calendars for Green Lake Bible Camp's **Quilt Auction on July 28!**

You will be able to view the quilts on Friday, July 27 from 5:30 until 8:30 PM and again on Saturday from 8:30 until 10:30 AM. Admission cost is \$3.00. Check out Peace's donation!

The event includes a Crafts & Country Store, a Silent Auction, BBQ Supper on Friday and a Hog Roast lunch on Saturday. This is a fun way to support the camp!



## In Our Prayers

### **Births:**

Evan Michael, son of Mike & Jessica Gesellchen

Cooper Alexander, son of Jeremiah & Jen Dahl

### **Baptisms:**

Charles Donald Borchardt, son of Eric & Kirsten Borchardt

Maxwell Justin Ziemer, son of Justin & Katherine Ziemer

Cooper Alexander Dahl, son of Jeremiah & Jennifer Dahl

Owen Anderson Lowery, son of Jonathan & Gretchen Lowery

### **Weddings:**

Ben & Tara (Mattke) Bigalke

Scott & Nancy (Elliott) Hegstrom

Blake & Katie (Heinen) Williamson



### **People who were in Peace Prayers in May:**

Jean Asche, Jason Dahlberg, Kean Hanson, Judy Heath, Cherrish Holland, Marilyn Luptak, Earl Manson, Eli Martens, Linda Nelson, DeWayne Olson, Shirley Olson, Wayne Orson, Nathan Rogalski, Al Sing, Harlow Skindelien, Bruce (Spoonie) Vogt, Paula Vollan

### **Our sympathy is with:**

Fritz & Skip Domke on the death of Skip's brother, Joe Gieseke  
Jay & Beth Gravley and family on the death of Beth's brother,  
Ed Oolbekkink

Genell Grund on the death of her sister, Inez Hendrickson

Bill Hagen and family on the death of Janet Hagen

Mavis Jante and family on the death of Larry Jante

John Knisley and family on the death of his mother, Fern Knis-

## Memorials and Special Gifts:

### **In Memory of:**

Darwin (Lee) Carlson (Jennifer Williams' father) - monetary gifts were given to MOP-Sunbeam and Jamaica trip 2013.

Ernest Caskey - a monetary gift was given to MOP - Tuesday's Table.

Inez Hendrickson (Genell Grund's sister) - a monetary gift was given to the Good Samaritan fund.

Carl Manson & Eunice Manson Peterson - a monetary gift was given to MOP - Bryan Blomker.

Mike Meyer - a monetary gift was given to MOP - Tuesday's Table.

Edward Oolbekkink (Beth Gravley's brother) - a monetary gift was given to Music Ministry.

### **In Honor Of:**

Marlyn & Ildi Sundheim's 50th Wedding Anniversary - a monetary gift was given to Paz y Esperanza.

\*When an individual gift is \$100 or more, the giver's name is listed.

## July Anniversaries (continued from page 15)

13 - John & Andrea Iverson, Dan & Joyce Sweep

14 - Kyle & Christina Collins, James & Susan Werner

15 - Cody & Melissa Wright

16 - Taylor Schmisek & Alexandra Hartley

17 - Justin & Anna Haats, Vince & LuAnn Parker

18 - Matt & Danielle Miller

19 - Chad & Elizabeth Larsen, Mark & Judy Thompson

20 - Gary & Merrily Kaelke

21 - Brian & Sara Hedtke

22 - Joel & Andrea Ostapowich, Allan & Karmen Roberg



23 - Nick & Anna Bratsch, Justin & Kelsey Hanson, Lyle & Nancy Palmquist, Rick & Carol Palmquist

24 - John & Peggy Edwardson, Gary & Dianne Pickle

25 - Mark & Amanda Peterson

26 - Todd & Darlene Hanson

27 - Tim & Melissa Hansen, Jim & Lynn Vossen

28 - Kevin & Chris Eckhoff, Andrew & Cassondra Johnson

29 - Todd & Nicole Kalevik, Ray & Kristi Lang

30 - Randy & Mary Raddatz

31 - Kelly & Brooke Baeth, Adam & Angie Mayhew, John & Jennifer Stone, Terry & Tami Swanson

# Peace Lutheran Women

July 5 9:00 AM—Noon Christian Service Day  
Noon PLW Executive Board

July 12 Noon Peace Lutheran Women unit meeting at Games Lake café. This is the second leg of our “Summer on the Road.” Come at noon to enjoy lunch (dutch treat) and the first of our 25th Birthday celebration of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You are invited, so come and bring the person you usually eat lunch with. Call one of the board members listed on this page if you need a ride.

Shari Christiansen and Bev Nelson attended the **25th Annual Convention** of the Southwestern Synod of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on June 15-16 at Faith Lutheran in Spicer and Green Lake Bible Camp. There were 260 women in attendance and an offering of \$10,437 was given by units and individuals. Offering recipients were Church-wide Women of the ELCA, HIV/AIDS - South Africa and Bible Camp ministries in SW Minnesota. Additionally, \$10,722 has been given to the Malaria Project by the SW MN Synodical Women. Another ongoing project in the synod is personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These contain 2 bars of soap, nail clippers, bath towel, comb and toothbrush. We didn't do too well with this project, but we did contribute lots of Christian literature, which altogether filled a large truck. We had help unloading heavy boxes from Shari's trunk, but she took care of most of them!

## Our History:

Twenty-five years ago, Women of the ELCA was born. Bible Study was foundational for our predecessor churches and remains so for us today. We are women of faith who are empowered by Scripture. Thousands of Lutheran Women continue to gather each month in small groups to read God's Word, to discuss what that Word means for us in the 21st century. As women called into action for others by our faith, we have continuously broadened our world view, worked within systems to create change, and educated ourselves and others on countless issues. We have made a difference!

## Peace Lutheran Women of the ELCA

President: Beverly Nelson  
Secretary: Bernice Leite  
Treasurer: Carol Monson  
Mission Growth (Programs): Shari Christiansen  
Mission Action (Christian Service Day):  
Mission Community (Funeral Serving & PLW Serving): Toodie Spletter

All women who join Peace are members of PLW. There are five groups of ladies who serve here. The serving groups need more members to help serve funerals. If you could help by bringing cupcakes or working at a funeral, please call Toodie (354-2345).

**Circles** meet on Thursday, July 19.

You are welcome to join a Circle at one of these times:



- 9:00 AM - Bethlehem Circle does not meet in July
- 9:30 AM - Bethany Circle meets at Glen Oaks
- 1:30 PM - Nazareth Circle meets at Peace
- 7:00 PM - Altar Guild Circle and Cana Circle do not meet in July.

## Summer Study: Along the Way

In this study, we meet biblical travelers, enter in conversation with them, and explore our own journeys of faith. We'll walk with Jacob, who after wrestling a stranger throughout the night, discovers God. We'll wander in the wilderness with people who complain to Moses about their aching feet and ask: "Are we there yet?" We'll spend time with Jesus' companions and reflect on our faith.

The writer, the Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, an ELCA pastor from Port Townsend, Washington, is a pilgrim-student of the Bible who has journeyed extensively by car, bicycle, kayak, foot, boat, and airplane.

# Where's Peace in Mission?

By Carol Roverud



Where's Peace in Mission? We're all over the world! Your mission offerings support work in Minnesota (New London/Spicer, Willmar, Bemidji), Jamaica and the Caribbean, Europe, Moldova, the Middle East, North Africa, South Africa, Japan, India and around the world (ELCA World Hunger, Operation Christmas Child, ELCA Disaster Response and more). Donations in the white offering envelope support missions included in the congregational mission budget. Donations in the yellow mission envelope go directly to the monthly Special Focus. Your gifts touch lives in places most of us will never travel and in ways we can't imagine. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others as we share the love of Christ with the world! Check out the mission bulletin board in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall to see where Peace is involved in mission!

## July Special Focus: Paz y Esperanza Lutheran Church in Willmar

Paz y Esperanza is a multi-cultural Lutheran Church in Willmar. Members and visitors come from a variety of backgrounds to attend this Spanish/English language worship. Like Peace, Paz is currently searching for a pastor. During this search time, many lay members have stepped in to lead worship life. Paz is focusing on intentional evangelism by inviting people who are not active in the Christian faith to worship with them. They also hope to increase the awareness of Paz by participating and providing leaders and workers at existing events (e.g. Cinco de Mayo) and by working with other ELCA congregations in shared ministries (every third Saturday they participate with Vinje in providing a community meal in Willmar).



Paz y Esperanza partners with Willmar congregations, Calvary, Bethel and Vinje, along with several other area churches (including Peace). The partner congregations provide financial support to help sustain this ministry. The last Sunday of each month is Friendship Sunday. Following worship, there is a time for fellowship and a potluck meal. You are invited to worship at Paz and join in this fellowship time.

United Way is sponsoring a "**Stuff the Bus**" event to collect school supplies for children in our area. Did you know that 50% of families in this United Way region will struggle to afford the necessary school supplies for the upcoming school year? Your donations will help. There will be a collection box at Peace beginning the week of July 9. Supplies will be collected until Friday, August 17.

Needed supplies include: backpacks, calculators, pencils, pens, pencil boxes, paper, 3-ring binders, folders, pens, highlighters, crayons, markers, scissors, rulers and small storage bags. Also needed are hygienic products including: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, bandages, socks, underwear, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Your donations will help children be ready for a productive school year.



### **Summer Peach Sale: Support Youth For Christ's Summer Ministry!**

Orders are being taken for these fantastic peaches coming from Colorado. The peaches are hand-picked and ripened in the orchard, not in the truck or on the store shelf!



They go from the tree to the box to the refrigerated truck in one operation. You will need to pick up your peaches at the Youth for Christ office in Willmar.

· *Colorado Peaches.* Lugs are \$35 for approximately 18 lbs. of hand-picked, tree-ripened peaches delivered **mid to late August.**

Visit [www.yfcminnesota.com](http://www.yfcminnesota.com) or call 235-0119 to learn more and place your order.

# More Mission Opportunities

## ELCA Missionaries

Since returning from home assignment in September, we have been working to solidify the new outreach ministries that we helped to start at Tokyo Lutheran about two years ago. As many of you know, Christie and I will be ending our service in Japan and returning to the U.S. at the end of September, and so our goal is to have the workings of our ministry hammered out in such a way that the new pastor can smoothly and easily step into the position that we will vacate when he comes this fall. For the first time in many years, Tokyo Lutheran now provides intentional ministries of social outreach (specifically, outreach to the homeless) and evangelism in both English and Japanese, and for that reason we have seen a “boom” of new baptisms and membership growth in these past two years. Our church has been blessed with the fresh energy and gifts that our newly baptized members have brought into our community, and we are riding the Spirit that they bring to continue making Tokyo Lutheran a place where people of many nations and languages can find a spiritual home for worship, prayer, spiritual growth and social outreach.

Recently, Pastor Sekino (Tokyo Lutheran’s head pastor) had a chance to speak with a couple of women who used to live near the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant, but who were forced to leave their homes as a result of the high levels of radiation that continue to plague the area. They said that they have been coming to Tokyo Lutheran since relocating to Tokyo and have been so thankful that they could find a church in Tokyo that could help them get through the painful experience of their sudden evacuation. We thank God that we can provide this kind of ministry to people in need, especially after the disasters that Japan has suffered this past year, and we ask you to keep praying for us so that we can continue being living examples of the love that God has for his children, especially those who are in search for relief from sin and pain.

As always, I hope this letter finds all of you doing great work in your own respective mission fields! By all means, invite your congregations to contact Christie or me anytime with questions or curiosities that you have regarding our work here in Tokyo. God bless you all and once again, thank you so much for your support!

**Eric and Christie Hanson**

## Tuesday’s Table

You are invited attend and/or to volunteer at Tuesday’s Table. Donations of cash or food items are appreciated. Talk to Vickie Vogt to see what items are needed.



Volunteers help serve, seat and visit with guests, and help with cleanup. This is a great opportunity to serve others and to get to know more Peace members. Come and volunteer with us!

Tuesday’s Table meals will be served at:

July 3 - **NO** Tuesday’s Table

July 10 - Evangelical Covenant Church in New London

July 17 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer

July 24 - Peace Lutheran

July 31 - Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, July 12** for another **Gardens, Art and Music** event. We

will again feature beautiful gardens along with talented artists and musicians. You won’t want to miss the fun—or the tasty snacks! Come from 4:00 to 7:30 PM to enjoy all the activity. Tickets are \$9.00 in advance or \$10 at the first garden you visit that night. Tickets are available in the church office. This event is a fund raiser for our **Food for Kidz** project scheduled to take place in November.



Come and enjoy these gardens:

Pat Nelson & Randy Johnson, 12410 Co. Rd. 4 NE, Spicer

Dan & Kate Sawatzky, 11103 - 199th Ave NE, New London

Mark & Barb Niemczyk, 12045 - 228th Ave. NE, NL

Bob & Lorraine Nelson, 20679 - 89th St. NE, NL




Indian Beach Harbor - 134th Ave NE, Spicer

When you feed a child...  
you feed our future.™



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour served by Hospitality Christ-Care</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM NO</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare</p>
<p>8</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour served by Hospitality Christ-Care</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare</p> <p><b>5:30-9:00 PM</b> Restorative Justice</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour served by Hospitality Christ-Care</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Hospitality Christ-Care</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Healing Hearts Widow's Group meets at The Oaks in Willmar</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare</p> <p><b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Program planning meeting (CR)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship; Holy Communion</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Coffee Hour served by Hospitality Christ-Care</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p> <p><b>1:45 PM</b> GlenOaks Worship</p> <p><b>3:00 PM</b> Hymn Fest at Crow River Lutheran</p>	<p>23</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px 0;"> <p>10:00 AM—1:00 PM Back up site (gym) for GLBC Basketball Camp</p> </div>	<p>24</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare</p> <p><b>5:30-9:00 PM</b> Restorative Justice</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tuesday's Table at Peace</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>8:30 AM</b> Summer Worship</p> <p><b>9:30 AM NO</b> Coffee Hour (Water Days)</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sibley Park Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal (Mon-Thurs)</p> <p><b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> Vacation Bible School (Mon-Thurs)</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study</p> <p><b>9:00 AM NO</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Agape ChristCare</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Meal</p> <p><b>5:30-7:30 PM</b> Vacation Bible School</p>



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4—Office closed</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Christian Service Day</p> <p><b>10:45 AM</b> GlenOaks Holy Communion</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> PLW Executive Board</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together" trip</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Memorial Service for Janet Hagen</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Executive Committee</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Legion Quilting</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> PLW meets at Games Lake for lunch</p> <p><b>4:00-7:30 PM</b> Garden/Art/Music tour (backup site at Peace)</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's ChristCare</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>11:00 AM—5:00 PM</b> FH, kitchen, gym in use</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Mission Committee (FR)</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Bethlehem Circle will not meet in July or August</p> <p><b>9:30 AM</b> Bethany Circle at GlenOaks</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Caregiver's Discussion Group</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Nazareth Circle at Peace</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Cana Circle/Altar Guild will not meet in July or August</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Rehearsal dinner</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>3:00 PM</b> Wedding of Michael Kulset &amp; Tiffany Dalzell</p>
<p>25</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>10:00 AM—1:00 PM Back up site (gym) for GLBC Basketball Camp</p> </div> <p><b>9:00 AM</b> "Create Art Together"</p> <p><b>12:00 PM</b> Bible Study in Willmar</p> <p><b>1:00-6:00 PM</b> Setup for Book &amp; Bake sale</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>1:00-6:00 PM</b> Setup for Book &amp; Bake sale</p> <p><b>6:30 AM</b> Bible Study at McKale's</p>	<p>27</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p>Water Days Weekend</p> </div> <p><b>1:00-6:00 PM</b> Book &amp; Bake Sale</p> <p><b>1:00-6:00 PM</b> Pie &amp; Ice Cream Fund Raiser</p> <p><b>2:00 PM</b> West-Ender's ChristCare</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>7:30-10:00 AM</b> Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast</p> <p><b>7:30-10:00 AM</b> Book &amp; Bake Sale</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Wedding of Nick Edwards &amp; Mary Turner</p>
			

Recently released information about the benefits of mammograms have been controversial. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) reports that one in eight women who live to be age 80 will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. This makes the disease the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women after skin cancer. One in four cancers diagnosed in the United States is breast cancer, yet women are not the only ones receiving the diagnosis. Although the incidence of breast cancer is much less common among men, approximately 1,700 American men learn they have breast cancer each year.

Breast cancer is one of the most highly publicized cancers in the media today.

Local and national breast cancer awareness events are reminders of its prevalence. Many of us know someone who previously had or is currently battling breast cancer. Fortunately, advancements in breast cancer research provide new treatment options and technologies for those battling the disease.

The issue in breast cancer to spark the most controversy has by far been the issue of mammography screening. The debate has been over whether the scientific evidence supports widespread screening mammography for healthy women who have no symptoms. The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) believes that there is insufficient evidence to recommend for or against universal screening in any age group of women.

Women who have symptoms of breast cancer (lump, pain, nipple discharge) should seek a diagnostic mammogram. The decision to undergo screening for asymptomatic women must be made on an individual basis taking into account a woman's personal preferences, family history, risk factors and in consultation with her primary physician. Mammography does not prevent or cure breast cancer, and has many limitations. All breast cancers are not the same. Some patients will have fast-growing, aggressive tumors while others will have slower-growing, less aggressive tumors that are less likely to metastasize and, therefore, have a better prognosis.



Screening is more likely to detect the slower-growing, less aggressive tumors. Faster-growing tumors generally have a shorter asymptomatic phase and are less likely to be detected. A biopsy is required to determine the most effective treatment, and is often very different from one person to another.

The recent controversy is not new. The recommendation against screening for women in their 40's is especially pertinent for a young member of our congregation, Cherrish Holland, who is newly diagnosed. Her breast cancer may have been present for 6-10 years (the normal time elapsed before diagnosis by mammogram). Mammograms have been thought to allow diagnosis up to two years before symptoms are detected by either the woman or her physician. Had Cherrish waited, her cancer may have metastasized.

A positive mammogram can be false, and a negative result may also miss change. Digital mammography and computer-aided detection (CAD) are recent advances that utilize software to search for abnormal tissue areas. A radiologist is needed to further analyze the information. My experience of being called back for a re-check, while not pleasant, is tolerable. Many women in our congregation and at least one man have been diagnosed. Cherrish is thankful for prayers during this time for herself, her family, and her medical team. Prayers and Faith - All good for our health.

Your Parish Nurse,

**Becky West**

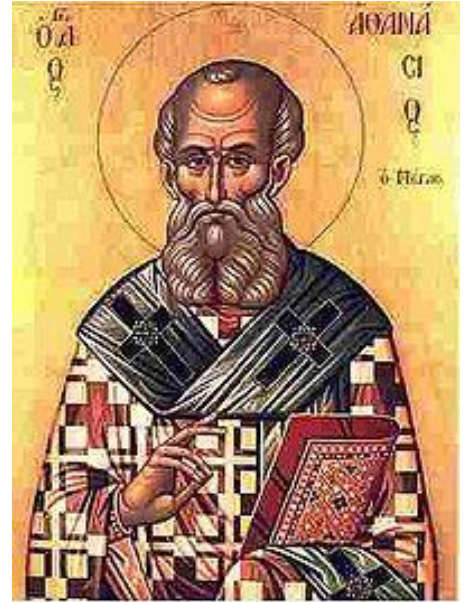
The **Kandiyohi County Relay for Life** will be held Friday, July 20 at the Willmar Junior High track. **THIS YEAR** the Relay event will offer the unique opportunity to participate first-hand in a landmark new study, the **Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3)**. The American Cancer Society will be enrolling people into CPS-3, a long-term study that will help researchers better identify the lifestyle, environmental, and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer. Visit the Cancer Prevention Study-3 website for more information about how to participate.

## Athanasius

### “The Black Dwarf”

Among those present at the great Council of Nicaea in 325 was a young man so dark and so short that his opponents and enemies called him the “Black Dwarf.” This was Athanasius (296-373), secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria (Egypt).

A popular story circulated from Athanasius’ boyhood was that Bishop Alexander, when walking along the beach one day, noticed a group of children playing a game that looked similar to religious activities. He learned that they were playing “church” and little Athanasius was pretending to be a bishop, following church ritual in quizzing his friends and then administering the sacrament of baptism. The bishop was so impressed that he made arrangements for the boy’s theological education. Upon completion of his formal studies, Athanasius was assigned to the bishop’s administrative staff.



While short of stature, Athanasius was a giant in biblical and theological thought. He became one of the central figures in the controversy over the nature of Christ. He also is considered to be one of the giants of Christian history because of his part in defining the doctrine of the Trinity during the Arian controversy.

Arianism, led by Arius, claimed that Jesus, the Son, was not eternal with the Father. They said Jesus was a created being and not of the same substance as the Father. Arius said of Jesus, “. . . there was a time when the Son was not!” A skilled communicator, Arius developed catchy tunes that conveyed Arian thoughts and ideas.

Athanasius strongly objected to the Arian viewpoint and stated his beliefs in very strong terms. He said if Christ was less than God, he could not be the savior of the world. According to Athanasius, it was a question of humankind’s salvation that was at stake in this argument. He strongly asserted that the traditional orthodox teaching of Christ’s incarnation (God, coming to earth in human flesh) was the foundation of the Christian faith.

A bitter and heated controversy over these two understandings about Jesus Christ raged throughout the Empire. Emperor Constantine, desiring unity and political calm within Empire, called the bishops and leaders for a church council at Nicaea in 325. Athanasius, a significant voice for the traditional orthodox viewpoint, played an important role in the formation of The Nicene Creed, which reads in part,

*“. . . We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of Gods, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father . . . Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man . . .”* His influence was so significant that 200 years later a new creed was called *The Athanasian Creed* in his memory.

Athanasius was exiled and then returned to his home again on five occasions, depending on the political situation of the empire. He kept close contacts with the monks of the desert, who repeatedly gave him support and asylum. While in exile, Athanasius spent a great deal of time in writing. One of his most lasting contributions is his *Life of St. Anthony*, which helped shape the work of monasticism. This biography is considered to be historically reliable and became an early “bestseller.” Athanasius is also known for giving a list of 27 books that ought to be included in the Scriptures. These 27 recommended books now constitute the New Testament.

***"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."***

Psalm 139:14

## Mark your calendars for these coming events:

### July 4th—Watch for us in the **Spicer Parade!!**

If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Lori ASAP!! We would love to have you in the parade!

Line up for the parade will begin at 9:00 am in the Green Lake Mall parking lot. We are #74 in the lineup. Help toss candy, throw out T-shirts, and hand out invites for VBS! If you decide at the last minute that you can make it, just join us in the parking lot that day!



### July 27-28—Semi-Annual Book and Bake Sale—Friday, 1:00-6:00 PM

Saturday, 7:30—10:00 AM



If you would like to donate books, periodicals, CD's, DVD's VHS tapes or any multi-media item, please bring them to the church office. If you would like to bake items for the sale, please bring them to the Conference Room (across from the kitchen) marked and ready for the sale by Friday morning (July 27).

I can also use your help in setting up!! Please call the church office if you are able to help. We will be setting up on Wednesday, July 25 and Thursday, July 26 from 1:00-6:00 PM.

I will have PIZZA for those who help! Confirmation students, if you help with setup and tear-down, you will receive 1 sermon note credit.



THANK YOU for all your support!! The Book & Bake Sale is still one of Children's Ministries BIGGEST fund raisers. In the past, we have used funds to support different areas of Children's Ministry such as special activities, Family Fun Nights, extras for classrooms, VBS, and helping with Bible Camp scholarships.



### July 28—Watch for us in the **New London Water Days Parade!**

Again, join in the fun!! Watch for more information on lineup time and place.

### July 30—August 2—Vacation Bible School

Get your kids signed up to join the fun at VBS! Please check out the list of needed supplies on the next page. Any item you can donate will be appreciated!

**Parents**—your help is also needed! Will you be: Co-Director, Pre-School Director, Publicity Coordinator, Registrar, Decorating Coordinator, Supply Coordinator, Special Education Coordinator? Also needed are a Pre-school crafts leader, snack leader, games leader, someone to start and end the Large Group gathering time and Roadies (shepherds).

Come with your kids for a fun time! Please sign up to help with VBS!!

Monday - Thursday, July 30 - August 2



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:30—7:30 PM

for ages 3 years through 4th grade (last class year)

Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Family Members - Make sure to sign your child or "special" someone up early this year! Last year's VBS was lots of fun, and we are working with "The GO-FISH" guys again this year!!! This VBS is going to ROCK. Kids, you won't want to miss the fun. By signing up early, you are guaranteed to get an "Official" Back-stage Pass, and each family will receive a complete CD! The pass will allow your child to back-stage at a real live "GO-FISH" concert, should they attend one! **There is no cost for VBS.**

A meal will be served at 5:00 PM each night for a cost of \$3 per person or a maximum of \$12 per family.

**Don't forget to bring your BIBLE to Vacation Bible School that week!!!**

**The following items are needed for Vacation Bible School:**

**Needed by: July 18<sup>th</sup>**

3 Boxes of Kix Cereal

8+ bags of Chewy Candy (gummy bears, gumdrops, etc.)

3 Boxes of Cocoa Puffs

5 bags of Large Marshmallows

5 bags of Mini Marshmallows

2 bags of Raisins

5+ bags M&M's

3+ bags of Skittles

6 boxes of Brownie Mix

6 bags of Traditional Chex

10 + tubs of White Frosting

10 boxes of Graham Crackers

15 - 8 ct. boxes of Fruit Roll-ups

20 large boxes of BLUE Jell-O

400+ count Clear Plastic Cups

400+ count Cocktail napkins

200+ count wooden skewers

400+ count of Dessert Plates

400+ count Plastic Spoons and Knives

200+ wooden skewers

2 pkgs. Sword Toothpicks

6 pairs of NEW White Socks

8 or more tubs wet wipes

Several microphones (old or play)

Old Speakers

1 Children's Plastic Kiddy Pool

2 sets of Armor for a Guard (helmet, belt, shield, sword, etc.)

Guitars

Feather Boas

Several different styles of clothing from over time

Glitter Paint

Foam Door Hangers

Paint Pens

Stick-on Gems

Fabric Markers or Crayons

Pink, Blue and Green Camouflage fabrics

"Rock-star" hats

"Spot" Lights

**More VBS items needed —**

**Needed by: July 29<sup>th</sup>** – (but please let Lori know by July 18 if you are able to bring ANY of these items! Thank you!)

Fruit (Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Figs, etc. – any fruit that comes from a TREE)

12 Dozen Plain Sugar Cookies

12 Dozen Heart Shaped Chocolate Cookies

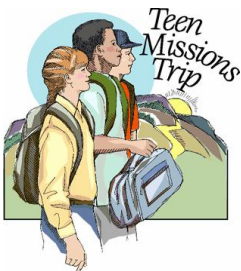
12 Dozen Popcorn Balls made with BLUE Food Coloring



## Sonshine Festival – July 11-14

Sonshine is one of Minnesota's largest family camping and music festivals. The event features many of the best-known bands in Christian music. This year's lineup includes Third Day, Casting Crowns, Family Force 5, Relient K, Newsboys, Switchfoot just to name a few.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Good News Book Store in Willmar or for those who have not purchased tickets ahead of time, daily tickets are available at the gate. Call Steve or Kendra Van Meter at 796-5024 to join other teens from Peace and hang out in the Peace tent.



We still have a few spots open for the **Senior High Mission Trip** to Duluth, August 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We will be spending part of Saturday working at a soup kitchen in Duluth. The cost is \$90.00 per person which includes lodging, transportation and some meals. If you are interested and want more information, contact Steve or Kendra at 796-5024.

**Campus Life** will continue to meet over the summer on Tuesdays. This group is geared toward **5th - 8th graders**, but high schoolers are



also welcome. Note the new time and meeting place:

**1:37 to 4:11 PM** (yes, you read that right!) at Saulsbury Beach in Spicer. In case of rain, meet at Peace.

Call Patrick (YFC) if you have any questions - 320-905-6313.

On Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 AM, Q102 and Willmar Area Faith @ Work present the **Second Annual West Central Lakes Wellness Event** to benefit West Central MN Youth for Christ. This is a bicycling event along the Glacial Lakes State Trail beginning at the Willmar Civic Center and ending at the Lions' City



Park in Spicer (6.5 miles). Registration is at 9:30 AM and the event starts at 10 AM. The cost is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. Pre-register by July 20 and receive a T-shirt. Check the

Information Desk for registration forms.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16 at 3:30 PM (or 30 minutes after the Vikings game) for Peace's 10th Annual Golf Tournament, a fund raiser for our Youth Program. (The Vikings play away at noon, so no excuses not to play!) This will be a 4- or 5-person scramble at Little Crow Country Club. The cost is \$25 for Little Crow members and \$40 for non-members. There will be food after the event. If your family would like to form a team, we have some sponsorship money to offset your cost.

We are also looking for sponsors. Hole sponsorship (with your name at the Tee Box) is \$100. Last year, we had about 20 fantastic sponsors! Talk with John Hartley if you are able to sponsor a hole.



Start getting your team together.

This is a fun event, and a great way to kick off the school year and support our young people! Watch for more information in the August newsletter.

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Sidney Bleess, Suzannah Bonham, Roger Ellingson, Jed Hengel, Becky Iverson, Andrea Ninneman, Chuck Nolting, Jeff Rosendahl

2 - Courtney Hanson, McKenzie Kemmet, Chad McBroom, Caleb Schmitz, Erica Schwaegerl, Hannah Wendlandt

3 - Del Chesness, Steven Czcalla, Logan Dohmeier, Lynzie Halvorson, Dennis LaPoint, Sue Sweep

4 - Beverly Nelson, Chuck Roelofs

5 - Jessica Dresser, Timothy Shumaker, Ann Stehn, Jared Williamson

6 - Sue Anderson, Joyce Barber, Al Fiskness, Gary Pickle, Joshua Shumaker, Lynn Vossen, Judy Worth

7 – Tesla Gilbertson, Verna Johnson, Diane Rupp, Lacen VanDenBerg, Janet Ziesmer

8 - Dottie Hawkinson, Tim Helgeson, Annette Larsen, Carrie Sharp, Amanda Tanner

9 - Espi Austvold, Daphne Evenson, Jeremiah McBroom, Aerial Serbus, Harlow Skindeliem

10 – Mike Andreen, Andrew Bernstein, Rose Bestland, Mykala Blomker, Lane Christensen, Ashley Hanson, Andrea Iverson, Kaylee Thorson

11 - Tom Gravley, Don Lungstrom, Stacy Peterson, Kay Rosendahl, Cynthia Ruff, Joseph Swanson

12 - Mandy Amundson, Jason Bengtson, Brea Braegelman, Brent Brekke, Eli DeSchepper, Joe Hanzlik, Lisa Kastel, Linda Lagergren, Julie Monson, Lloyd Nelson, Kristen Pierce, Nicholas Rutledge

13 – Ben Beekman, Jack Doschadis, Scott Jones, Kathy Reese, Heidi Salonen

14 - Adeline Olson, Marlys Olson

15 - Jane Benson, Kathy Hanson, Morgan Kalevik, Tammy Rudningen

16 - Gavyn Anderson, Eric Anderson, Samantha Arvila, Eleanor Bidwell, Shelby Nelson, Hope Palmquist, Robert Plumley, Blake Roberg

17 - Mike Olson, Kay Peterson

18 - Michael Gerke, Harley Johnson, Linda Nelson, Tim Parsons, Judy Thompson, Jared Voge

19 - Vincent King, Signe Maguire, James Raddatz

20 – Mikkell Conover, Ruth Gjerde, Allison Herrmann, Philip Holland, Kaden Iverson, Lois Sarsland, Jayden Sweep, Rachel Vraa

21 – Aubrey Ahrendt, Betty Dale, LaVonne Gronli, Travis Gronli, Micki Larson

22 – Sage Doty, Joseph Kotzenmacher, Allan Roberg, Kelsey Samuelson

23 - Matthew Bernstein, Jamie Dresser, Dennis Gerke, Brandon Meyer, Matt Tanner, Steven Van Meter, Skip Wright

24 - Sara Gerke, Trista Miest, Rhonda Motzko, Nancy Skindeliem, Thomas Stageberg

25 - Kayleen Johnson, Jonathan Kaelke, Carol Walker

26 - Raea Cordes, Taylor Daucsavage, MacKenzie Dohmann, Lewis Foley, Ashley Haney, Dan Houk, Kyle Manson, Maddex Nelson, Isaac Olson, Roger Refling, Rick Swenson

27 - Wendell Dietrich, Joan Schultz

28 - Mike Flesland, Spencer Mast

29 - Brenda Allen, Kaileigh Beug, Blake Piipke, Jackie Renstrom, Dan Schneider, Sam Tait

30 - Charline Bengtson, Ashlyn Grabhorn, Tim Lucas, Robert Thompson

31 - Donny Grom, Jessica Johnson, Sarah Nelson, Mike Skindeliem, Pam Tanner, Lee Wendlandt

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

1 – Bob & Sue Anderson, Don & Sue Anderson, Troy & Jennifer Templer

2 - Bryan & Jill Blomker, Dan & Kathy Johnson, Norm & Jan Wrase

5 - Antonio & Michelle Tejada

7 – Marion Fester & Cindy Guse Fester, Dan & Betty Harrier, Greg & Ann Stehn

8 - Brett & Sheri Chesness

9 – Jason & Mikkell Conover, Erik & Rita Nazarenus, Richard & Ruth Palmquist, Doug & Deb Wessling

10 - Darrell & Diane Rupp

11 - Chad & Melissa Straus

12 – Michael & Crystal Dahlberg, Jeremy & Heather Kalevik

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## Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help collect fresh produce with **Second Harvest Heartland**. Second Harvest works with soup kitchens, food shelves and pantries in 59 counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin to help our neighbors. This harvest season, they hope to glean agricultural surplus. They need volunteers “at the ready” to help because they don’t know until the last minute when crops will be ready. Anyone who is interested can sign up at [www.2harvest.org/volunteer](http://www.2harvest.org/volunteer) to receive information about volunteer opportunities. Click the button that says, “Help collect local, farm-fresh food.” A one-time commitment of three to four hours will make a difference!
- **Green Lake Lutheran Ministries** - if you have talents and time that you would like to share with the camp, please contact Sonya at (320)796-2181 or [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org). They are currently seeking volunteers to help in these areas: 1) Volunteers to answer phones, greet guests, stuff envelopes and other tasks as assigned. They are looking for people willing to commit to one morning or afternoon per week. They are also looking for people to volunteer to be subs for our weekly volunteers, when they need to be gone.  
2) Lefse! Several of their lefse makers have retired, and the camp is in need of lefse for the Country Store at the Quilt Auction. Baked goods are also needed along with homemade pickles and jams. Items should be dropped off at the Bible Camp by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 27. Call Sonja at 796-2181 for more information.