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OUT WITH THE OLD...IN WITH THE NEW!

It was new in the “old” church. It was moved and stored in the Stebbins building while the “new” church was being built. It was then moved to where it was used until recently. One can imagine that a 63 year old (or older, we are guestimating) stove would be starting to wear out. The ovens have quit working and parts have proven to be a challenge to find, and or course they are expensive. With help from our Funeral Committee and generous donations from many of our members, we were able to purchase a new stove!! Question is; do you think this one will last 63+ years??



**Mark and Izayah are making
 preparations for removal. As
 you can see, we have expert
 assistants!**



**BIG thanks to Mark,
 Steve, and Brodee for
 helping assemble and
 place the new stove.**



Delivery in a semi

**All done and ready to
 use. Looks great!!**



Vacation Bible School

Our Church will be teaming up with the American Lutheran Church this year! The dates are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday July 6th, 7th, and 8th. Please stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

*A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be
refreshed.*

~Proverbs 11:25

FACTS AND FIGURES

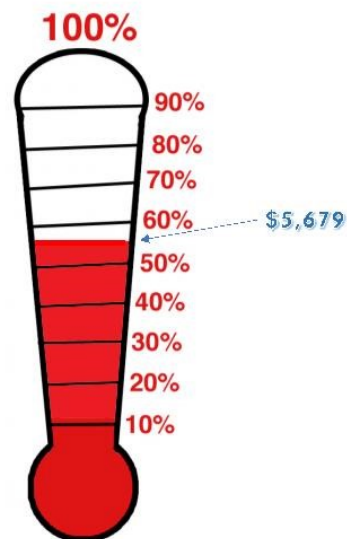
General Giving Thru May 27 Actual: \$81,566
Budgeted: \$88,570

Percent of Budgeted: 92.1%

Paid Apportionments Thru May 27
Actual: \$7,974 Budgeted: \$7,974

Percent of Budgeted: 100%

Furnace Fund



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

- 4– Aaron Abramson
- 5– June Blauvelt
- 6– Abigail Johnson
- 8– Connie Larson
- 12– Mary Ristine, Neil Davis, Esther Nelms, Ken Edson
- 14– Linda Loostrom, Shirley Schlichenmaier
- 15– Jodi Hinds
- 17– Alexandra Boson, Savannah Peterson, Sidnee Ostendorf
- 18– Linda Houborg
- 19– Isaiah Edson
- 20– Anne Ostendorf
- 21– Linda Block, Debra Haynes
- 23– Sheri Lamb, Tami Johnson
- 25– Mark Foster
- 26– Wanda Geiken
- 27– Gerry Phillips





From the Pastor's Desk

Summer greetings!

Like many of you, I was so thrilled the last couple weeks to check the two rivers health department COVID-19 risk dial and see it finally on green. It has been a long time coming. I have especially enjoyed meeting the 'unmasked' faces I had not met for almost a whole year, especially those at Hilltop and Stone Hearth.

Many families are already taking advantage of this time and going on vacations. This year especially, it feels like we have been hibernating for long months and suddenly set free. The long and warm summer days make it a perfect time for outdoor fun activities with family and friends, even for those not going on vacation. We all needed this change. It sure is refreshing in so many ways.

As a pastor, I have also observed another side to the summer holiday over the years. Unlike during other holidays, some people tend to take a vacation from church and church activities during summer. Others get too busy having fun and working and forget to practice spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, worship...

This can be a risky path for a Christian to take because a close relationship with God is the core of our Christian life. Christians should never take a vacation from what makes us Christians. My prayer and hope are that as we take days off from work, go on vacations, and have fun with our families, we shall be intentional about staying connected with God. Let's feed regularly on the word of God, set aside time for prayer, and make an effort to worship with our church family often.

Please make it a priority to stay connected with God and your church this Summer. As leaders, we will continue to provide opportunities for this to happen throughout the Summer.

Another area that often gets neglected during summer months is giving. I want to take this opportunity to thank those who continued to support the church financially during the pandemic months. I also implore you to continue this noble spiritual discipline of giving this summer.

This reminds me of a verse in the book of Hebrews 10:25. "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of the Lord is drawing near".

I wish you blessings this Summer. Stay safe and connected with God and other believers.

— Pastor Grace.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Retired Persons Lunch Bunch

We will meet Wednesday June 2 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be returning to our normal pot luck carry in. If you are 55 years of age or retired we invite you to join our group. This month we will be celebrating Father's Day and the coming of summer. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Contact Dennis or Carol if you have any questions. (537-2173)

Internship Available

A great opportunity to learn more about our local church and Great Plains Conference is available to you. If interested, please contact Robin Stevens at 402.615.4095 call or text. A faith based opportunity awaits!

Comeca At Church

All children and youth are encouraged to attend!! Sunday June 13 at 9:30 am will be another BIG DAY for our congregation. Justin Hoehner, the Camp Comeca Director, will be filling the pulpit and leading our worship. Other members of the Comeca staff will be joining him on this special day! Again, we encourage youth from not only our church, but also those who attended Family Matters, plus anyone far and wide to attend church on Sunday June 13 at 9:30 am.

From Amy Hoehner

I love sharing what Comeca is up to! Here's a chance for you to see yourself! Join us for Camp Day– FREE for all ages!

- ♦ Meet the Comeca Summer Team!
- ♦ Enjoy activities like canoeing, the pool, the milk-crate climb, hiking to the cross, and whatever else our program team has up their sleeves for the day!
- ♦ Eat our delicious food and enjoy connecting with families and friends!

Come and go as you please. It will all be open from 2-8 pm on Tuesday June 8th!

