

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



On Sunday, May 1 2022 we welcomed 5 new members into our congregation by the rite of confirmation. Back row L to R: Axel Jorgenson, son of Brad and Lisa Jorgenson, Boone Tederman, son of Mark Tederman and Lindsey Tederman, Ava Foster, daughter of Mark and Ann Foster. Front row L to R: Trey Bartels, son of Scott and Wendy Bartels, Pastor Grace, and Lyndsay Anderson, daughter of Mike and Sarah Anderson. Congratulations to you!

WHAT DOES CONFIRMATION MEAN?

United Methodists use the term “confirmation” to mark the first time a baptized Christian publicly “confirms” their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The United Methodist Church.

Even adults can be confirmed if they weren’t as youth. Typically youth go through a class over several weeks or months. However, as an adult, confirmation is simply the first time you, as a baptized Christian makes their public commitment to live out the baptismal and membership covenant among us and so becoming a professing member. You can be confirmed at 16, 60, or 92!!

The Beat

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June 5 is Pentecost Sunday. We will celebrate the birthday of the church and holy communion. On that Sunday, wear a color that represents fire for you – red, yellow, orange and so on. We may even eat a red birthday cake after worship.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

~Acts 2:1-4

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

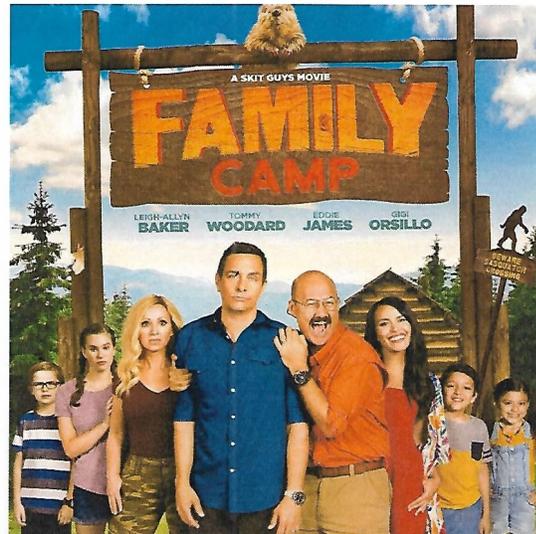
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| 4– Aaron Abramson | 26– Wanda Geiken |
| 6– Abigail Johnson | 27– Gerry Phillips |
| 8– Connie Larson | |
| 12– Mary Ristine, Esther Nelms, Ken Edson | |
| 14– Linda Loostrom, Shirley Schlichenmaier | |
| 15– Jodi Hinds | |
| 17– Alexandra Boson, 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 | |

SPECIAL SHOWING OF FAMILY CAMP

The Gothenburg First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a special showing of the new movie Family Camp.

For \$5 you get a ticket, a pop, and a small popcorn.

Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00pm at the Sun Theatre in Gothenburg, NE



Join us for a family comedy sure to touch the heart and tickle the funny bone of all from 8 to 80. A family film with a powerful mix of faith, a twist of humor, and a ton of heart.





From the Pastor's Desk

Summer Greetings,

I had in mind a brief message wishing all of us a fun and safe summer holiday. But as I write this message today, I am watching the unfolding tragedy of a shooting at the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. My heart is broken for the people of Uvalde. I pray for peace and comfort for all those impacted. Last week we prayed for another community and other communities before that. It has become all too common. Every time it happens, I hear people in grief say, “we never thought this could come to our small and quiet community.” Evil finds even those communities. This should unsettle all of us and stir us to do whatever we can to change this cycle of violence, and alter the current course of behavior once and for all. We are not helpless. We all can and should do something.

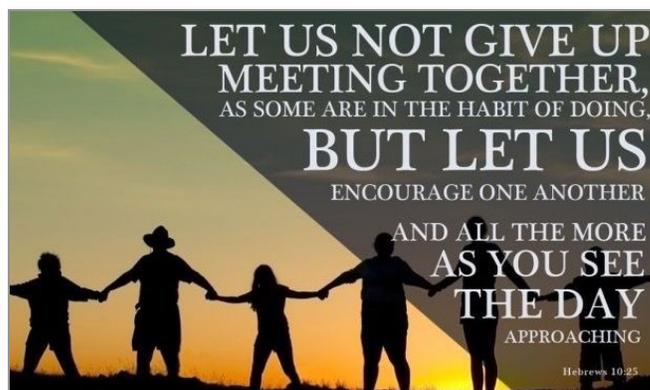
Ahh, summer. For some of us life slows down, for others it speeds up. Whether we're juggling children home on summer vacation or have a jam-packed schedule of family activities (or both!), summer is a time when it's natural for our relationship with God to slip to the back burner of our lives. Always remember God doesn't take a backseat while we go on summer break.

A lot is offered in our church and community to keep us active in our faith during the summer break. Send your kids to vacation bible school, summer camps and other faith building events. Join us for

worship on Sundays to stay nourished spiritually. We're told in Hebrews 10:25 not to neglect meeting together with other believers. The reason for that isn't some legalistic regulation. We are always the most encouraged in our walks with God when we are meeting with believers in our local fellowship. Be intentional about staying connected with Jesus this summer.

I am sincerely praying that we will have a fun, and safe summer break.

~ Pastor Grace Gichuru ~





Retired Persons Lunch Bunch

Honoring and remembering Fathers will be the focus for this month's Retired Persons Lunch Bunch. We will gather on Wednesday June 1 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come, bring a dish to share, and enjoy the pot luck meal along with fellowship and of course, TRIVIA! Hope to see you there.

Fellowship Time

Fellowship Coffee following the worship service has been a great success. As a result, several people have indicated that they would like to see it continue. This is strictly done as a result of people volunteering to make coffee and furnish a light refreshment. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex if you would like to be a part of this. We will continue as long as people are willing to be a part of this event. BIG thanks to all who have generously provided the wonderful refreshments. It has been a blessing to be able to fellowship together!

FACTS AND FIGURES

General Giving Thru May 23
Actual: \$64,663 Budgeted: \$72,356
Percent of Budgeted: 89%

General Expenses Thru May 23
Actual \$66,206
Budgeted \$76,255
Percent of Budgeted 87%

Paid Apportionments Thru May 23
Actual: \$7,445 Budgeted: \$7,445
Percent of Budgeted: 100%

Budgeted Checking Balance \$7,118

EVENING COOKOUT



Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, and dessert will be served curbside at the Gothenburg Senior Center on Wednesday June 8th from 5-7 pm. A suggested donation of \$10.00 would be appreciated!

2022 SUMMER CAMPS

Availability Subject to Change. This graphic will be updated on Mondays at Noon.

AVAILABILITY	SESSION	DATE	AGE	COST
6 SPOTS REMAINING <small>BOYS ONLY</small>	Survivor Camp	June 2 - 5 <small>4 Days / 3 Nights</small>	Grades 7-12 <small>BOYS ONLY</small>	\$440
BOYS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY) 6 GIRL SPOTS REMAINING	Connect Camp #1	June 6 - 10 <small>5 Days / 4 Nights</small>	Grades 1 - 5	\$440
11 BOY SPOTS REMAINING 4 GIRL SPOTS REMAINING	Connect Camp #2	June 10 - 12 <small>3 Days / 2 Nights</small>	Grades 6 - 12	\$220
1 BOY SPOT REMAINING GIRLS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY)	Connect Camp #3	July 5 - 7 <small>3 Days / 2 Nights</small>	Grades 1 - 5 & Grades 6 - 12	\$220
BOYS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY) 1 GIRL SPOT REMAINING	Connect Camp #4	July 7 - 9 <small>3 Days / 2 Nights</small>	Grades 1 - 5	\$220
ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE <small>WITH AN ADULT GUARDIAN</small>	Guardian Angel Camp	July 11 - 12 <small>2 Days / 1 Night</small>	PreK - 2nd Grade <small>WITH AN ADULT GUARDIAN</small>	\$110 <small>PER PERSON</small>
ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE <small>WITH AN ADULT GUARDIAN</small>	SonShine Camp	July 12 - 14 <small>3 Days / 2 Nights</small>	PreK - 2nd Grade <small>WITH AN ADULT GUARDIAN</small>	\$220 <small>PER PERSON</small>
BOYS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY) GIRLS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY)	Connect Camp #5	July 18 - 22 <small>5 Days / 4 Nights</small>	Grades 1 - 5	\$440
1 BOY SPOT REMAINING GIRLS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY)	Connect Camp #6	July 25 - 29 <small>5 Days / 4 Nights</small>	Grades 6 - 12	\$440
5 BOY SPOTS REMAINING 4 GIRL SPOTS REMAINING	Connect Camp #7	Aug 1 - 5 <small>5 Days / 4 Nights</small>	Grades 6 - 12	\$440
4 BOY SPOTS REMAINING GIRLS FULL (WAITLIST ONLY)	Connect Camp #8	Aug 5 - 7 <small>3 Days / 2 Nights</small>	Grades 1 - 5	\$220

Register Campers for the grade they will be entering Fall 2022.

All Camps check in from 1-2pm on Opening Day & check out from 10-10:30 on Closing Day.
For information about Scholarships and Financial Assistance: visit www.comeca.camp/scholarship

MAKE WAVES

with Vacation Bible School at American Lutheran Church

Youth learn through story, music, art and games how to grow their faith as they understand how they can make waves and share God's love with the people around them.

6-7:30 pm Monday, June 13, through Thursday, June 16.
A meal will be provided.

Ages 3 years to those going into 5th grade
Registration cost is \$25; assistance is available.
Registration forms can be picked up at American Lutheran, 1512 Avenue G

If your child is interested in attending, please register on your own. Then contact Lynnette Stevens for a full camp scholarship⁴ to attend VBS.