



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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GOOD
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STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



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Dear Friends,

I write this after one of the best times I've had with you, or any faith community, ever. Last Sunday we had a very festive day of worship. It started with lots of people at both services. The mood was very up and the joy was palpable. After the first couple of songs in the first service, as we usually do, we had our sharing the peace time. I am used to that so it didn't seem so out of the ordinary. Tony, our lead musician, stands right behind me in the band. He said, "Hear that? That is my favorite sound ever." Then I heard what he was talking about more acutely. We looked out at many of you and heard laughter, saw friends who truly love each other, and it felt more like these are people who haven't seen each other in years rather than since just last Sunday. It was a picture of community that I guess I have seen so often I have gotten used to rather than appreciate at the level it deserves. Sometimes that happens to life's greatest blessings. We are so close to them we fail to see the level of their greatness. I replied to Tony, "Yeah, they really like each other. No, they even love each other!" I wasn't saying that in a hokey way. It was real.

The morning unfolded with true worship. I think that is one of the blessings of a church our size. You can't get lost in the crowd. It's not the kind of place where you come, tip your hat to the Lord, and are on your way. It's the kind of place where connections happen. It's the kind of place where people matter.

I grew up in big churches. My dad, who was my pastor, had a way of making churches grow in numbers very quickly so I was used to being able to getting lost in the crowd. And as a pastor's kid I liked that. But I have changed, and I think grown, in my way of thinking about that. I love the fact that what we have together is a community that cares about those we have known for years and also welcomes those who are new to us. I felt like last Sunday was a pinnacle in that the time we shared was about God, but a celebration of the gift we have in one another.

The day ended with a barbeque. Thanks to the Christian Education group for hosting it! The excuse for a barbeque was that some of us will be off to Fiji in a few days for two and a half weeks on the mission trip. Thank you for doing that as it meant a lot to those of us who are going. I saw long term members joking with people they had just met but are growing to know and appreciate. There was, once again, lots of laughter and the sense that these are people who really love being together. The barbeque unfolded with games and an acoustic jam. In my opinion it was a perfect day.

I guess the reason it hit me so hard is it was one of those days that felt like a vision of Heaven as we will one day experience it. Many of you have had a really tough time lately and are facing significant challenges. Some of us are facing tough challenges to come. But for a few hours we were able to set those things aside and immerse ourselves in the joy of being together. To me that is true worship. I bet it made God very happy to see the community here loving one another as the gifts that God has given to us to be to one another. It's not the kind of experience you can fake or plan for. It just happens in a very genuine way.

This is a different kind of newsletter article I know. There has been no mention of business related items or that kind of thing. But I wanted to share with you my thoughts in case you, like me, are so close to the blessings you have you have missed truly appreciating them. And in what we do loving relationships are the most important business we can be about anyway. Thanks for your being a part of it!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

June 2011

We pray the Holy Spirit would work among us at church and lead us forth in the tasks that God would have us do.

We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers and thank God for His goodness and the Good Shepherd Family for praying.

Pray for God's Healing Presence in the lives of:

Members:

- Jill D. Anderson
- Bill Kuester has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for his children and their families
- Kay Schumacher
- Richard Schumacher
- Tom Rogers and his group going to Fiji.
- Josefina Warner
- Jim Sanborn
- Carla Koll-Haugh, Elaine Koll's daughter, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Elaine, family, and friends.
- The Martens & Pruitt Families
- Owen Richards, Ruth's son, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Ruth, family, and friends.
- Kirk Fox, Paul Bolm's cousin, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's

Kingdom. Please pray for the Bolm family and friends.

- Penny Fey
- Karl Ritterbush
- Sue Brisendine

Friends & Family:

- Lee (friend of Jill Anderson)
- Ally Maxwell (niece of Debbie Wilk)
- Kent Rollin (nephew of Arlene Robbins)
- Vanessa (friend of Jill Anderson)
- Virginia Sanders (friend of Jill Anderson)
- Andy Brooks (friend of Diane Fake)
- Naseem Rad (daughter of co-worker of Jill Anderson)
- Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock (relatives by marriage of Ruth Richards)
- Phyllis Jopes (Marilyn Woodward's sister)
- Bradley Hernandez (relative of a friend of Adair Johnson)
- David Libeu (brother-in-law of Mary Pranzo)
- Amy Arstein and family (Carolyn Linn's daughter)
- Kay Fenton (niece of Laura James)
- Mechelle (cousin of Adair Johnson)
- Barbara Lester (mother of Debbie Wilk)
- Tracy Riddle (niece of Marilyn Woodward)

Ongoing Concerns:

Paula Schnee, Ruth Richards, Kirsten Linder and daughter Madelynn, Dorothy Brechmann, Alma Johnson, Jo Bitter, Louise Boyden, Sue Brisendine, Barbara Clark, Penny Fey, Karen Kubar, Jocelyn Miller, Vince Robbins Jr., Otis Strong, Zella Summers

Armed Forces:

Wendy Mendel (Pauline Ritterbush's niece in Iraq), Major Scott Rowley, Army; Major John Lemay, Army; Specialist Jonathan Elsasser, Army; Amanda Gookins, Air Force; Theresa Rojas, Army; Steve Rowley, Army National Guard; Alex Arnold, Army

Please contact the church office or fill out the Prayer Request Card in the back of the pews and place in our offering plate if you wish names added or taken off the prayer list. Please re-submit after three weeks to keep your loved ones in our church prayers. Call 225-2092 (church office) or 439-4237 (Diane Fake, prayer chain)



F U N E R A L

The funeral for Bill Kuester will be held May 21st in New Ulm, Minnesota. A Memorial Service will be held in Fresno at a future date.

- Debbie & Kathy, Family of Bill Kuester



Thank you to the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the meals gift card to the "Daily Grill" for Administrative Professionals Day. Also, thanks for the muffins & cards from members of the congregation.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS *June Birthdays*

Irene Bourzac	06/02
William Goodin	06/02
Sonja McManamy	06/03
Adolph Pierini	06/09
Millie Robertson	06/09
Hannah Clay	06/10
Katie Campbell	06/11
Debbie Konkol	06/12
Sean Wilson	06/17
Travis Wilson	06/17
Judith Smith	06/22
Stoney Dodson	06/24
Jacquelyn Miller	06/24
Rowene Zunino	06/24
Ian Maltos	06/28
Carly Martinez	06/28
Erika Showers	06/28
Vickie Farr	06/29
Mike Keller	06/29
Vickie Smith	06/29
Alexander Menton	06/30

ONE LORD. ONE FAITH. ONE BAPTISM. *June Baptisms*

Christine Carrillo ...	06/01
Ronald Nelson	06/01
Thomas Rogers	06/01
John Savona, Sr	06/01
Tyler Kessler	06/04
Azure Pellegrino ...	06/04
Chelsea Pellegrino ..	06/04
Brian Jenkins	06/08
Suzanne Jenkins	06/08
Courtney Bolm	06/13
Kevin Bolm	06/13
Henny Goodin	06/13
Kelly Fake Lemay ...	06/19
Christopher Swanson	06/19
Jocelyn Miller	06/20
Dane Fey	06/23
Jacquelyn Miller	06/29



Louise Boyden, Sue Brisendine,
Dorothy Brechmann & Zella
Summers.



June Anniversaries

Scott & Sharon Rowley	06/03/1995, 16 years;
William & Henny Goodin	06/04/1965, 46 years;
Terry & Linda Roberts	06/06/2009, 2 years
George & Marian Weber	06/19/1948, 63 years;
Wayne & Deanna Wilson	06/21/1980, 31 years;
Mark Grant &	Josanne Sonnier-Grant
	06/21/03, 8 years;
Steve & Janet McQuillan	06/29/1980, 31 years

OWLS

The “Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors” will meet on Monday, June 20th at 12N for a potluck luncheon



Affordable Chemical Dependency Treatment and Education Programs. (559) 454-1819. www.EleventhHr.com, 5639 E. Park Circle Drive, Fresno CA 93727. Pamphlets are available in our narthex and church office.

Church Women United Information

Six scholarships were given to high school students who all earned 4.0 averages or above. Two of the students were from Bullard High School. They were valedictorians in spite of handicaps and giving much time to needed volunteer service.

Church Women United Human Rights Celebration Luncheon will be Saturday, August 20th. Our motto is “Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve.” This year’s theme is “Living Our Legacy, Driving the Moment”, particularly honoring those who worked on human rights issues. If you know someone who fits this category, contact Lois Green as soon as possible.

Three Rivers Retreat is September 23-25. The theme is “Recipe for Faithful Living” with Pastor Cindy Beck. Scripture is Ephesians 5:1-2. The cost is \$185⁰⁰. A deposit of \$85⁰⁰ is due by July 15th. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Get a carpool together and have fun!



Please submit all names of recent graduates & those receiving promotions for posting to our bulletin, newsletter & web site. Thank you!
(High School, College, University, Junior College, Graduate school, Armed Forces, Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, Seminary, Medical, Nurses, Technical, Service special training, etc.) [Immediate family, extended family, friends, etc.]

Ministry Assistants June 2011	June 5	June 12	June 19 Fathers' Day	June 26
Deacons - at 10:30 am	Mary Pranzo, Helen Stewart	Open	Helen Stewart	Open
Deacons - at 9 am	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn
Lectors - at 10:30 am	Mary Pranzo	Dee Wright	Helen Stewart	Mary Pranzo
Praise Band Song Leaders - at 9 am	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann
Praise Band Instrumentalists at 9:00 am	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig
Coffee Hosts - 9 & 10:30 am	Sullivans	Diane Fake	Open	Dee Wright
Counters	Sandy Terstegen, Lois Green, Adair Johnson	Alan Hofmann, Brenda Hofmann, Marilyn Woodward	Ken Green, Lois Green	Diane Fake, Ken Green, Lois Green
Altar Guild	Set up: Ruth & Jim Thompson Take down: Tessa Novell	Set up: Lois & Ken Green Take down: Open	Set up: Lois & Ken Green Take down: Open	Set up: Lois & Ken Green Take down: Open
Altar Flowers	Open	Open	Open	Open
Ushers <i>Traditional Worship at 10:30 am</i>	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan
Ushers <i>Praise & Celebration Worship at 9:00 am</i>	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein
Sound Design	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan
PowerPoint - 10:30 am	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan
PowerPoint - 9:00 am	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson

Stewardship of Worship and Offerings	Attendance	General Fund	Special/ Memorial/ Altar Flowers (designated funds)	ELCA World Hunger (designated funds)	Community Center Capital Fund (designated funds)	Building Fund (designated funds)	Special Mission Gifts (designated funds)	Behavioral Intervention Association Contribution	Total Offerings
April 22, 2011 <i>Good Friday</i>	Traditional at 7 pm: 59	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
April 24, 2011 <i>Easter Day</i>	Sunrise Worship 7:30 am: 38 Contemporary at 9 am: 100 Traditional at 10:30 am: 77	4,183 ⁵⁰	811 ⁰⁰	—	460 ⁰⁰	—	BULA 158 ⁰⁰	—	5,612 ⁵⁰
May 1, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 64 Traditional at 10:30 am: 48	7,482 ⁶⁸	66 ⁰⁰	—	475 ⁰⁰	—	BULA Mission 200 ⁰⁰ ELCA Disaster Response 500 ⁰⁰	—	8,723 ⁶⁸
May 8, 2011 <i>Mothers' Day</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 69 Traditional at 10:30 am: 48	2,653 ⁵⁰	110 ⁰⁰	—	25 ⁰⁰	—	BULA Mission 20 ⁰⁰	—	2,809 ⁵⁰
May 15, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 61 Traditional at 10:30 am: 41	2,421 ⁵⁰	54 ⁰⁰	—	—	—	Fairmont Private School 300 ⁰⁰ Praise band 75 ⁰⁰	2,900 ⁰⁰	5,750 ⁵⁰
May 22, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 79 Traditional at 10:30 am: 87	4,747 ⁵⁰	231 ⁴⁰	25 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰ Recycled Cans, glass, plastic 34 ⁴¹	—	BULA Mission 245 ⁰⁰	—	5,293 ³¹



The prayer chain welcomes and encourages your requests for prayer with your concerns. To initiate a prayer request, call Diane Fake (439-4237) or the church office (225-2092). Please state the nature of the request, name of the person, if desired, and any other pertinent information.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans “Choice Dollars” GSLC contributions

Date	Amount	Total
Mar 8, 2011	280 ⁰⁰	280 ⁰⁰
Apr 6, 2011	694 ⁰⁰	974 ⁰⁰
May 6, 2011	340 ⁰⁰	1,314 ⁰⁰

Bethel Lutheran Home
Independent Living
“Keep Us In Mind”

*We have several vacant cottages at **The Village**, our senior independent living part of Bethel’s campus. If you are interested in an active senior lifestyle where you can put aside the “cares,” such as cleaning, yard work and general maintenance, which a home demands, The Village is a great choice for retirement living. **We offer a lovely setting** which encourages your independence. There is a wide variety of activities and social opportunities. The Village is fully fenced and entry is via an electronic gated entrance. Each day a full course meal is served at lunchtime in the Commons Building. Each cottage has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, and dining area, kitchen with range, oven, disposal, microwave and dishwasher, as well as washer/dryer hookups. There are large closets and storage space. There is an emergency call system throughout each cottage. You can furnish and decorate your cottage in a way that reflects your own tastes and needs.*

Enjoy retirement living in “Quiet Elegance and Affordable Luxury.” For complete information, or further details, to schedule a tour and have a complimentary lunch, call Richard Danielsen, Village Services Coordinator, any Monday thru Wednesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at (559) 896-4900 ext. 202.

Thank you for keeping Bethel Lutheran Home in your thoughts and prayers.

Thoughtfully Yours,
Keith D. Gibson
Bethel Lutheran Home
Board Member
(559)431-6775

Help Japanese Children!

We need Toys (infant through elementary school) and Girls Hair Pins and Bands!!

Dr. Ryouichi Hosokawa is requesting help for the children of Sendai Ishinomaki, the area devastated by earthquake and tsunami.

Dr. Ryouichi Hosokawa of Touhoku University Hospital is a dentist in Sendai. He, his wife and two children survived the disaster with their family intact. However, many families were not as fortunate.

As of March 14th, it had been verified that at least 141 children lost both their parents. This does not include the additional children who lost one parent and suffer from the traumatic break up of their families. It is difficult for them to understand what has happened. Some are still awaiting the arrival of their parents.

Forty-three schools in the Sendai area have been converted into disaster shelters. Shockingly, three of these schools may never re-open as most of their students were killed in the disaster. The displaced students, many who are now homeless, must travel daily to distant schools. They eat meager and cold bento box lunches every day.

While the necessities of food and clothing are being addressed internally, many other basic daily items are hard to get, such as girls hair pins, hair bands, and toys (especially crayons).

Dr. Hosokawa and his team set up delivery schedules and personally ensure that all items received from the USA reach the hands of the affected children.

Please ship your items by airmail to:

Dr Ryouichi Hosakawa Miyagi-Pref. Kurokawa-gun, Tomiya, Akaishidai 5-43-12 Phone:022-706-5201 P.S. Even one stuffed animal would be much appreciated and greatly comfort a devastated child. If you would like to purchase a new toy, then please save the shipping cost by selecting from Japan's biggest online shopping website: <http://en.rakuten.co.jp/> You can order from the USA and have your gift delivered directly to Dr. Hosokawa.

USA credit cards are accepted. Please do not send toys which need extensive English instructions. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me: lisakoda123@gmail.com or call @559-801-1865 Thanks, Lisa



Brennan Boyer will graduate in May from Christ Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and will attend El Dorado Elementary School in the fall. Brennan is the grandson of Gordon and Diane Fake.

Scott Rowley will be graduating from Fresno Pacific University Biblical Seminary on May 9th.

Jordan Dixon will graduate from Fresno State on May 20th with a double major in English and Political Science. He is still undecided upon which law school he will attend in the fall. Jordan is the son of Julie Dixon.

Alec Crivelli will graduate from Arizona State College May 20th. He is the grandson of Anne & Earl Mose.

Shannon Walker, 2011 Senior Class Valedictorian, will graduate from Bullard High School on June 6th, 2011. She will attend CSUF in the fall with a 4.3 GPA and major in Psychology. Shannon is the daughter of Sean & Suzanne Walker.

Forrest Verde-Green graduated from Columbia College in Sonora on April 29th. He plans to attend UC Santa Cruz on scholarships. Ken and Lois Green are his grandparents.

Tyler Kessler is graduating from Central West High School June 9. Parents are David & Melanie Clay, aunt is Elaine Koll & sister is Hannah Clay.

Stephanie DeGiovanni will graduate from Clovis West High School on June 7, 2011. She will attend CSUF in the fall. Stephanie is the daughter of Dave & Lori DeGiovanni.

Ryan Hofmann will graduate on May 28th from Sonoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business (Wine Business emphasis). He intends to relocate to the central coast and pursue a career in the wine industry. Ryan is the son of Alan and Brenda Hofmann.

Greetings Good Friends!

The High School Graduates Luncheon for graduates from our Lutheran congregations is fast approaching. As you know, the event is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, June 5
TIME: 1:00 - 2:45 p.m.
PLACE: Hope Lutheran Church Community Center
(corner of Fresno St. and Barstow Ave.)

I will be calling you on Wednesday, June 1, to see how many graduates and family members will be attending from your congregation.

If you are still in the process of contacting the graduates to invite them to the event, please remind them that there will be a complimentary lunch for everyone, and each graduate will receive a special gift, including two \$200 cash gifts -- one for a female graduate and one for a male graduate.

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to email me or call the LCM office (224-9051).

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Ted's e-mail is currently inactive. There will be a new address set up in June.










FATHER'S DAY
Sunday, June

June 2011

Summer begins
Tuesday, June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 7th Sunday in Easter</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise & Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>(transferred from June 5)</i> Commemoration: <i>Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, 754</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center Commemoration: <i>Seattle, Dncamish Confederacy chief, 1866</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - Bible Study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark" Commemoration: <i>Justin, martyr at Rome, c. 165</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Festival: </p>	<p>3</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886; John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, 1963</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 am - 11 am: Rooding Saturday Sports & Crafts  3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>12 Day of Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise & Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II 6 pm - 8 pm: Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm - Esther Circle 6 pm - 8 pm: Vacation Bible School  <i>(transferred from 06/14)</i> U.S. Army Founded (1775)</p>	<p>14 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United 6 pm - 8 pm: Vacation Bible School 7 pm - Christian Ed Committee Flag Day Commemoration: <i>Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nissa, c. 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Macrina, teacher, c. 379</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 4 pm - 5 pm: Hinds Hospice in Jacobson Hall 6 pm - 8 pm: Vacation Bible School  Full Moon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 pm - Columbarium committee 6 pm - 8 pm: Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group  Festival: <i>Barnabas, Apostle</i></p>
<p>19 The Holy Trinity Father's Day</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise & Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p>	<p>20</p> <p></p>	<p>21</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center Commemoration: <i>Onesimos, Nestis, translator, evangelist, 1931</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1 pm - Staff meeting  5:30 pm - Hinds Hospice Memorial Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:35 pm - Lutheran night at the Grizzles Festival: <i>John the Baptist</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group 1 pm - 6 pm: Wedding Commemoration: <i>Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the Church, 1560</i></p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise & Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4 pm - 5:30 pm: Hinds Hospice in Jacobson Hall Commemoration: <i>Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, 444</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center Commemoration: <i>Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice Festival: <i>Peter and Paul, Apostles</i></p>	<p>30</p>		

Seder Supper

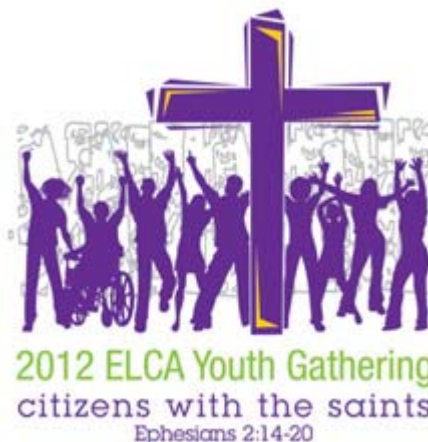
The Seder Supper on Maundy Thursday was a very meaningful event where we were reminded anew of God's faithfulness and love for His people. Some of us who attended were talking about how it made the Last Supper take on more reality for us. To repeat the words of the Passover Haggadah made us feel connected to a tradition that has continued for thousands of years amongst Jewish people, and the very same tradition that Jesus celebrated with his disciples just before he died, making it a part of our heritage as well.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped prepare food, set up, clean up, and also to all who attended. In particular, thanks to Janet Mehl, Janet McQuillan, Paul Werfelmann, Lois Green, and Susan Linder, who purchased and/or prepared food and to Pastor Ted for leading us.



Roeding Saturday Sports & Crafts

We are back to meeting in the mornings for the warmer months ahead. We will be on site at the school at West and Dakota from 9-11 a.m. on the first Saturdays of the month, except in July and September due to holidays. The next dates are 6/4, 7/9, 8/6, and 9/10. Thanks so much to our loyal regular volunteers and contributors. If you haven't been out there yet, mark these dates, and make an appearance—you'll be blessed!



New Orleans 7/18-22/2012

Treasure Seekers!

Our VBS this year will take place from Sunday, June 12—Thursday, June 16, from 6–8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6–6:30, and classes for adults and children will run from 6:30–8 p.m. Our kids' theme this year is Treasure Seekers—come search with us! Mark your calendars now!

EASTER JOYS: A HUGE thank you to all who gave of their time and money to prepare for Easter! Thanks to the band and choir for the beautiful music; to Janet McQuillan for buying all the food for the breakfast; to Marty Klein, Austin & John Hays, Chris Trask, and Paul Werfelmann for cooking it; to all the youth who helped serve and who hid Easter eggs; to Woody & Debbie Wilk, Will Hayes, Sue Hays, Lori DeGiovanni, Stacy Lairson, Jimmy Sanborn, Francis & Carol Sullivan, & Penny Fey for coming in on Saturday to decorate and stuff the eggs; to Pastor Ted for leading the worship services; and to all who donated eggs and candy for the egg hunt. Alleluia! He is



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“Return Service Requested”

Pastor Ted Niemi

Carolyn Linn: Assistant Lay Minister

President of the Congregation: Paul Bolm

Organist: Susan Berg Praise Band Leader: Anthony Craig

Youth Ministries: Julie Dixon

Office Assistant: Cecile Bachar Office Coordinator: Randy Nelson

President of Mission Coalition: Pastor Bob Crabb



Praise & Celebration Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School for Children at 10:00 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School at 10:30 am & 11:40 am

Nursery care available for infants and toddlers

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12 noon Lunch: 12 noon - 1:30 pm

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Mission Statement

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