

United Methodist Church

July 2007 Monthly Newsletter

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150th Anniversary

September 23rd has been selected to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church. **Put it on your calendars and plan to party with us!** We plan to have a church service followed by an all church dinner and then a celebration service in the afternoon. Now, if you want to dress as they did in the olden days, we would see the ladies in hats and gloves and the men in starched shirts, ties and suits. So look in your closets and see if you have such things anymore. We are looking at other activities during the months to come so stay tuned.

Youth Group

We have been challenged to a softball game against 1st Lutheran on **July 15th** at 6:00 pm (5:30 warm up) for all youth (7th-12th) and ADULTS. We have youth that have signed up, now we need adults. It will be great fun and great fellowship. Please contact Valerie Loppnow @ 753-2065 or rloppnow@kmwb.net if you can play.

WOMEN WANTED!

July 5th @ 6:00pm

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Enjoy a potluck meal with us as we enjoy a program about "Aprons". Bring your own apron and story if you have one.

We'll learn about fabric, fashion trends and women's domestic roles.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your church Council has been working for several meetings on a definition of what it means to be a Christian leader in a local church. You don't have to be a spiritual giant to serve Christ. The Spirit takes ordinary people and uses them all the time. But the Council is working on questions like: What is needed in a leader at our church? What are the qualities that we aim at as leaders? How do we need to be examples to others, if we lead committees and teams or hold offices in the church of the living God? I have worked with the discussions of the council members and organized them into three areas. These discussions are still ongoing, and I invite your feedback before the July 24th meeting.

Area one: Spiritual Leadership

Leaders lead their area of the church by Christ's example, seeking to follow God's direction in Christian service. Leaders also have a prayer life: A regimen of prayer activity. They should turn to prayer as a first option, when a situation arises, trusting that prayer solves problems. Leaders also read the Bible regularly. They participate in group Bible Study from time to time and apply the Word of God to their daily life, living the message of the gospel.

The idea is that a leader of a function in the local church is not identical to heading a department in a business. Every leader should be aware that they are having a spiritual impact on others by the way they conduct themselves.

Area two: Stewardship Leadership

Leaders attend worship, when they are available to do so. Leaders should attend often enough to be aware of what is going on in the congregation. Leaders attend church-wide activities, when available. Leaders also consider financial support to the church to be as important as stewardship of time and talents. Leaders lead by example in keeping the vow of membership to support the church with our prayers, our presence, and our gifts.

Every leader is rightfully expected to contribute a reasonable portion of his/her time, talents, and money in pursuit of the goals of the group. A leader in a church also gives him/herself to God as an obedient servant.

Area three: Relationship Leadership

Leaders hold as high values: Respect, love, kindness, and the power of the Holy Spirit to form these qualities in us. In this way, leaders strive to serve God in harmony with fellow members. To maintain harmonious relationships, leaders are quick to forgive. They are willing to listen, to discuss issues, and to be understanding of others' opinions. Leaders understand that we all make mistakes and are willing to work together to overcome them. Leaders also understand that the goals of the church will frequently be in conflict with goals of the world, leading to difficulties in Christian relationships.

A leader must respect, forgive, and uphold others, or the world will have a hard time taking us seriously. To lead is to suffer some persecution for Christ. The leader doesn't respond with wrath but respect, caring, and ardent faith.

Every Christian is called to live for Christ according to scripture in a world that seldom does. But as leaders, we should try to uphold Christ's standards all the more!

Titus 2:7-8 says: ... in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Have a great month of July!

Rev. Don

**United Methodist Men's TLC Club
Would like to welcome you to breakfast the first
Saturday of every month at 7:30 am**

Knitting Group
Volunteers meeting every Monday in Rogers Hall @ 10:00 am.
Everyone is welcome to come anytime!

8th Annual Luncheon

Tuesday, July 10th from 11 - 1 pm

Cost = \$6.00 for adults

\$3.00 4 - 10 yrs (younger are free)

(all proceeds go to the Youth Group)

Please start collecting your recipes as sign up sheets are available in the Narthax. Cash donations are much appreciated to help defray expenses.

- ◆ Salads should be a minimum of 12 cups in a nice serving bowl. Please label your salads as to the type (tuna, shrimp, chicken, etc.). Also mark them if they contain onions or nuts as some people have allergic reactions to these foods.
- ◆ Desserts should be fancy and in a 9"X 13" or comparable pan.
- ◆ Please be sure to **MARK** all of your containers & pick them up after the luncheon.
- ◆ Members not signed up will be called and asked to contribute to this Youth fundraiser. **IT IS NOT A UMW FUNCTION.**
- ◆ The kitchen door will be open Monday evening, July 9th, until 8:00 pm and again on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:30 am for you to bring your food. Please put your food into the refrigerators. All food is needed by 10:30 am Tuesday.
- ◆ Containers will be available to pick up a lunch to take out. Deliveries **will not** be made.
- ◆ Tickets are available at the door. See above for prices.
- ◆ Be sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this delicious luncheon!

Any questions please call:

Joyce 345-2827

Angie 345-3625

Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation...

We wish to thank all the kind friends for their thoughtful considerations and prayers during Allen's illness & passing. Your heartfelt prayers and comforting words are greatly appreciated.

~ Rainey Family

Thank You...

For all your prayers, concern and cards during my time of illness.

~ Gwen Comadoll

Financial News

As we near the end of June we are experiencing a shortfall in the checking account. We started 2007 with a \$6,000 balance in the checking account. Those funds are gone. The funds coming in are not enough to meet all our obligations and we keep getting farther behind. So as you get out and enjoy summertime activities, remember our church and its financial responsibilities. Stop and reflect and give thanks to God for all He has provided!

~ Paul Moechnig
Chairman of Finance Committee

June Flowers

- ⇒ 2 Geranium planters outside in memory of Harold Schmidt given by his family
- ⇒ Peony bouquets given by Gladys Linder in memory of loved ones
 - ⇒ 3 arrangements from the funeral of Alan Rainey
 - ⇒ 2 bouquets in honor of Katherine Mancilman's 80th Birthday given by her children

YOUTH NEWS

We have had a busy summer already. Water Ski Days we parked cars in the church lot to raise money for STORM Tuition. The effort raised \$100 and will help us meet our goal of \$250 per youth attending STORM.

Sunday night of Water Ski Days, the youth band Forgiven was the entertainment for an hour long praise time in Patton Park. Approximately 150 members from our community came to listen to the band and praise God in a very public way.

June 29th Forgiven will travel to Cannon Falls to perform in a Battle of The Bands. They will be one of eight groups performing on this night. Forgiven will be the only Christian band, so this will be a huge outreach opportunity for them.

July is a busy month for the youth group.

Forgiven has been asked lead worship at First Lutheran on Sunday, July 8. Several of the band musicians are from First Lutheran and this will give them another opportunity to play for their own church family. While we have diversity of doctrines, we still celebrate a common faith in our Savior and King Jesus.

July 10th is the Salad Luncheon to raise money for STORM Vans and adult tuition. Already a huge thank you should go out to Joyce Moechnig for organizing the event. Please come and support this effort.

The contemporary band has made several trips to the Spring Creek Motocross track for their special church services. Now Forgiven will have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful outreach program that John & Greta Martin have put together. July 14th Forgiven plays at the Motocross.

July 15 – Forgiven has been asked to give the Live Alive band a Sunday off. They will play for the 11 a.m. service (in the park, weather permitting).

WE NEED SOFTBALL PLAYERS. On July 15, First Lutheran has challenged the United Methodist Church to a softball game. It really isn't about winning. It's about fellowship and fun. The game will take place at 6:00 p.m. and we could also use a hardy cheering group. Adults & Youth 7-12 grade are all playing together. It should be a lot of fun! Please call Valerie Loppnow if you can play or join us to be our cheering squad.

July 22-28 is STORM in Park Rapids. We have been working on tuition and preparing for this camp for seven months. A lot of planning has been done, but without the presence of God, the camp would not succeed. Please pray for the Youth and Adults attending. Safety is our biggest concern as they use power tools, climb ladders, and work in hot, buggy environments.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED & APPRECIATED!

SPPR Committee

There will be a 15 minute "Open Listening" time at the beginning of every meeting for anyone to come in and talk blessings and/or concerns regarding our church.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 12th @ 7:00pm

Deepest Sympathy To...

Louise Rainey and family on the death of her son, Alan Ray Rainey, who died on June 8th at his home in Rochester. His memorial service was at the LCUMC on June 13th with interment at Hillside Cemetery in St. Charles, MN.

Congratulations To...

Class of 2007 Graduates from Lincoln High...

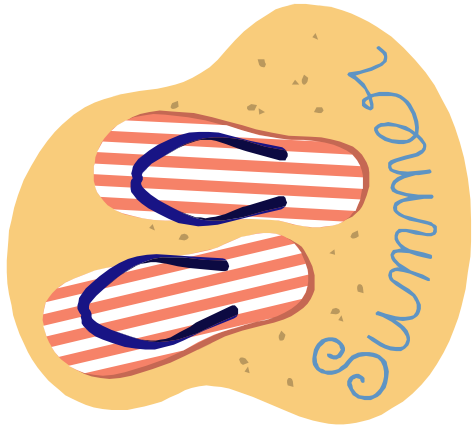
Sarah Flater, Casandra Gentry, Amanda Hilsman, Michelle Gonzales, Jon Pridemore, and Christina Smith

Also to Sarah Flater on her graduation from RCTC in Rochester with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts on May 10th. She will be attending St. Cloud University for Elementary Education in the fall. Sarah also made the Dean's List for Spring semester at RCTC. Stephanie Flater on her graduation from St. Cloud University on May 12th with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Science and Disorders. She will be attending Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, MI for a Doctoral Degree in Audiology this fall. Dianna Flater graduated from Southeast Technical College - Red Wing Campus with a degree in Supervisory Management.

4th Quarter Honor Roll for Middle School & Senior High...

Carley Siewert, Jake Eichhorn, Jennifer Martin, Kathryn Loppnow, Ian Craig, Bradley Levenick, John Anderson, Zach Loppnow, Amanda Hilsman

Bernice Mancilman on her new great-granddaughter, Brelyn Michelle Boldt, born June 21st at Rochester Methodist Hospital. Parents are Derek & Raeanne of Rochester.



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