

United Methodist Church

July 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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Service Volunteers for July

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
July 6	Merle Mahn	Charlene & Paul Billingsley	Joel Grettenberg	Rev. Don Jones
July 13	Kathy Briggs	Karen & Jerry O'Brien	Cindy Craig	Karen England
July 20	Constance Anderson	Geri & Rodney Rabe	Clay Ruggles	Karen England
July 27	Pat Bremer	Laura Bigelow & Kandy Olson	Randy Olson	Clay Ruggles

Lake City
United Methodist Church
213 Oak Street N.
Lake City, MN 55041



Knitting Group

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

Deuteronomy 6:4-7: Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Dear friends, loving God is the key to everything. If what I have written to you in prior newsletters makes no sense: If you have laid them all down and forgotten them: If you have lost any reality about the love of God and buried it in your past long ago, hear this!

Once you love God, nothing else is that hard.

Jesus called the above passage the First Great Commandment. It's also the first great secret. If you haven't experienced God's love, you haven't really "got it" about God and Jesus yet.

Why should I love God? Well, He created me in the image of God with the ability to be a subject-King or Queen of a significant part of a very beautiful planet. He has certainly gifted me (as a human) with amazing qualities that no other earthly species has. He has even given me the ability to reject Him, so that my love for Him is not forced. He has reached out to save me from my own broken nature. God gave me His law to guide me. God showed me what to do and that knowledge has directed me and encouraged me. I know what I can do and become now. But I fall short of that. So, God sent His son to die for me. I am that valuable.

You are valuable, my friends at church. You are incredible. You are special, because God meant for you to be born. You have a purpose. You have a dignity that no one can take away. You can begin to probe even the mind of God and understand mysteries that are beyond description. You can do things that change your world and the lives of others. Your existence matters to this world, to your children, parents, nephews, nieces, brothers, and sisters, to your neighbors, and to the eternal God.

God is interested in you. God cares how you act. God cares what you do with your day. Everything about you is significant. To those who haven't experienced this, it is only tiresome nonsense. To you, this is the frame and design for your life. This is your energy. This care of God is your inspiration.

I do so pray that you will assist in the teaching God's words to the next generation.

Young people deserve to know what they are capable of. They deserve to be inspired and thrilled to find a way that fills their souls with light. They deserve more than the dumbed-down, hopeless, boring existence that is promoted today as "freedom". They deserve to be free of the oppression of those who say, "There is nothing to live for." God's Son died so they could live!

Sometimes, kids are open to us teaching God's word, sometimes they're not. Let's take advantage of that time when they are. Let's each talk about the things of God in our households. Pray around your dinner table. Let your kids hear you talk about God with your spouse. Seek God with your loved ones. Let Him be part of the conversation of your house. They should have no doubt: "The Lord is our God."

God wants you to enjoy every one of his good gifts of life: The peach pie, the physical relationship, the promotion at work, the vacation on a sunny beach, the ceramic sculpture, the house with a sun-roof—whatever He has created for all people to enjoy in health and prosperity. Just don't forget Him, when you have many visible things to enjoy. He is the giver of them all. You only get to use them for a short time. God in Christ is the real treasure. Possess the Lord! Be possessed by Him. He alone will last forever. He is the legacy you want your children and grandchildren to carry on.

Don

Youth News

Wednesday night Big Fish gatherings are meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:30. As a congregation, you have been overwhelmingly supportive of this effort. Thank You!!!

FORGIVEN (the youth band) played in Patton Park again this year for Lake City Water Ski Days. Each year we enjoy this open air community worship event. It is the last scheduled event for this praise band and we graduate many of the youth. But, we are excited by the interest of our younger youth to fill band spots, so that we can continue to have a youth praise band. Be listening for the new band, with new faces, after the start of our next school year.



STORM (Service To Others in Rural Minnesota) is fast approaching. We will be in Park Rapids on July 20-26. Please be in prayer for the youth and adults attending. Prayers for their safety and experience are much appreciated. Our time there is often blessed by life changing work and worship. We look forward to sharing our experience when we return and have our thoughts already on STORM in Lake City.

If you want to support our youth mission trip to STORM, please volunteer to help with the salad luncheon and or attend on July 8th. Sign up is in the narthex.

Welcome to our New Church Secretary

Barbara (Barb) Roussopoulos.

Barb and her husband Mark retired from California, moved here in 2004. They have two grown boys, with families of their own. Barb & Mark also have two grandsons Jake 7 and Alex 3, with their third, Sam due in October. Mark's family lives in Lake City and they enjoy being close after so many years of being so far away. They love Lake City and feel truly at home here.



9th Annual Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, July 8th

11 am to 1 pm

*Delicious Homemade Salads & Desserts
Of Every Kind!*

\$6.00 adults

\$3 kids 4 to 10

Children 3 & under are FREE

**All Proceeds Going To
Youth Activities
Including STORM Camp**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
213 North Oak Street, Lake City**

**United Methodist Worship Schedule To Be Viewed On
Cable Channel 18 Schedule**

<u>Sunday</u> 6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service 8:00 - 9:00pm Live Alive Service	<u>Thursday</u> 8:30 - 9:45pm Traditional Service 10:30 - 11:30pm Live Alive Service
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service	<u>Friday</u> 4:00 - 5:00pm Live Alive Service
<u>Tuesday</u> 12:00 - 1:00am Live Alive Service	<u>Saturday</u> 1:00 - 2:00pm Live Alive Service

ANGEL FOODS

Distribution

Saturday, July 19 @ 3:00 pm

(volunteers needed at 2:15)

Please let Al Thompson (448-0107) know if you plan on working on the distribution team that day.

Summer Music

During the summer we invite you to share your talents in worship. If you sing or play an instrument, have a group or have family coming from our of town that would like to perform special music for the 9:30 service on a Sunday, please call:

**Debbie Eggenberger @ 345-2347
or the church office.**

There is also a sign up sheet on the choir room piano

ESTATE PLANNING

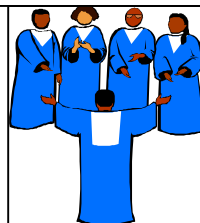
Please remember your church in your will.

A helpful brochure is available in the hallway display
or call 651-448-0107

Openings for Band Director and Choir Director

United Methodist Church

If you know of anyone who would be interested in either or both of these positions and is qualified with experience please contact the church office



**United Methodist Men's TLC Club
Will not be holding breakfast this Month as it will occur the day after Independence day
We look forward to seeing you next month!**

Summer Sunday School for Adults at Lake City United Methodist Church

The Holiness of God - by R. C. Sproul

Please bring your Bible to each session

<u>Sunday @ 10:30</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Leader</u>
July 6	<u>The Trauma of Holiness (continued)</u>	Pastor Don Jones
July 13 & 20	<u>Holiness and Justice</u>	Pastor Don Jones
Jul 27 & Aug 3	<u>The Insanity of Luther</u>	Carl Wirtanen
Aug 10 & 17	<u>The Meaning of Holiness</u>	Pastor Don Jones
Aug 24 & 31	<u>The Holiness of Christ</u>	Pastor Don Jones
Sep 7	<u>Summary Lesson</u>	Pastor Don Jones

Bingo

Each month Disciples In Action plays bingo with the nursing home residents on the 4th Saturday. We need some volunteers to support this program. What a great way to let them know that we still care about them. Will you help?

Call Al @ 448-0107 (local call)



Lake City Food Shelf

The Food Shelf, unfortunately, is still in need of your willing donations. Remember, that includes **fresh vegetables and fruits** as well as **packaged foods**. If you have some fresh foods you'd like to send, you can call Evie Dahling at 345-3698 or Frank and Yvonne Lupton at 345-9911. Otherwise, the canned food we have chosen for **July** are **canned beans of all kinds**. Thanks for your donations.

A message from the District Superintendent

Thank You

It has been my pleasure to serve as your district superintendent for the past seven years. I have had the opportunity to serve with some of the most effective clergy in our annual conference.

I have also had the pleasure of being in all of our churches in the Southeast District. We have some very beautiful and splendid churches. I can see the love and devotion that has been placed in building and maintaining our churches.

I have been blessed to know so many gifted lay persons. As a district, we have been truly blessed with so many skillful lay people who are willing and able to serve in our churches, the district, and in leadership roles in our annual conference. I am very thankful for each lay person and the gifts they employ for the local church.

We all need to be thankful for the ministry of Charlene Gerads. Charlene has been a blessing to three superintendents. Charlene is a very talented and dedicated assistant that holds the entire district together while the superintendent is driving around the district. She is a gift from God to each and every pastor and church in our district.

It was also a wonderful, growing experience to work with all the outstanding people on the cabinet. To experience the gifted leadership of both Bishop Salley Dyck and Bishop John Hopkins was a blessing to me. And, to have support and encouragement of my superintendent colleagues, was both helpful and beneficial. I was honored to be a member of the Cabinet.

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I hope you will all take the opportunity to welcome Clay Oglesbee as your new River Valley Superintendent. Clay is a wonderful pastor with many gifts for ministry and Christian service. Transitioning from the parish to the district is not always an easy task. With your help and support Clay will be a very effective superintendent and leader and will serve our new district well. Please pray for Clay and his wife Mary Lynn as they come onto the district.

I leave you with a great deal of hope for the future of the United Methodist Church in our wonderful part of the state. This is a beautiful place to live with a number of growing areas. We have exceptional clergy and lay people in leadership roles to help move us forward. More importantly, the Spirit of God continues to move across the face of our district. May God continue to bless us all.

Blessings,
Mike Wuehler

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Fourth Quarter Lincoln Middle School - Sr High honor roll:
Taylor Siewert, Carley Siewert, Katie Loppnow, Zach Loppnow, Brad Levenick, Ian Craig, John Anderson & Kelsey Fick

Alyssa Rolbiecki graduated with honors from Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School May 31. At their annual awards night on May 28th, She was awarded the People's Cooperative Scholarship as well as being recognized for her involvement in the Cougar Club.

Ben Roberson—Graduated from MN State U—Mankato with a degree in Math Education and a minor in Corporate Fitness. He will be teaching at Mayo High in Rochester this fall. He lives in Byron with his wife Amy!

SYMPATHIES TO...




Lexi Haneka & Gigi Miller on the death of Lexi's grandfather, John Haneka on June 7. His funeral was held June 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City with burial in the church cemetery.

THANK YOU (from a recent graduate)

Dear LC UMC,
Thank you so much for the card and Gift card. I really appreciate all that you have done for me both in school and in spirit

Thanks—*Zach Loppnow*

July '08 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Elmer & Donna</i> <i>Herbst</i> <i>22 years</i>	<i>2</i> Laurie Voorhees <i>Ivan & Eunice</i> <i>Flater</i> <i>55 years</i>	<i>3</i> Greg Schwanbeck Kathy Sanders Hailey Reckmann	<i>4</i> Kathy Holst Etta Mae Dirks Paul Stambaugh	
<i>6</i> Wallace Abbott 97th Birthday Ivan Flater	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Wayne Glander	<i>9</i> Isabelle Dwelle	<i>10</i> Shavondra Pratt	<i>11</i> Gordon Cox Maria Voorhees	<i>12</i> <i>Larry & Dianna</i> <i>Flater-28 years</i> <i>Dick & Jean</i> <i>Templeton-44 years</i>
<i>13</i> Al Thompson-65 <i>Larry & Sandi</i> <i>Mayfield-33 years</i> <i>Pat Dwelle & Lisa</i> <i>George - 22 years</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Paul & Areta</i> <i>Stambaugh</i> <i>18 years</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Roger & Debbie</i> <i>Eggenberger</i> <i>30 years</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Dale Sanders <i>John & Virginia</i> <i>Solem</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Pat Wirtanen
<i>20</i> <i>Rann & Val</i> <i>Loppnow</i> <i>23 years</i>	<i>21</i> Lyle Domke- 80 <i>Shawn & Kerrie</i> <i>Welles -7 years</i>	<i>22</i> Ryan Fick-20 <i>Stephan & Beth</i> <i>Hoefs -8 years</i> <i>Jerry & Kendra</i> <i>Krusmark - 8 years</i>	<i>23</i> Dorothy Wilde 82nd Birthday	<i>24</i> Muriel Case 55th Birthday	<i>25</i> Ruth Weber Hunter Hoefs 5th Birthday	
<i>27</i> Hallie Willers Dave Bremer-75 Pat Mathews Jed Adler	<i>28</i> Merle Mahn	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Irene Brundis	<i>31</i>		

Sunday Schedule

8:00 am - Early Worship Service
 9:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
 9:45 am - Young Adult Class
 10:40 am - Folk Mote
 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

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Wednesday Evening Events

7:00 pm - Big Fish Youth Worship
 8:00 pm - Live Alive Band Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Al-Anon - 7:00 pm UMW- 1:00 pm	4 	5 NO Men's Fellowship Breakfast See you in August!
6 Class Holiness Video - 10:30 am	7 Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm	8 Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Committee 6:00 pm	9	10 Al-Anon - 7:00 pm	11	12 Kutina - Guinn Wedding
13 Class Holiness Video - 10:30 am	14 Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm	15	16	17 Al-Anon - 7:00pm Network Seminar Presenter Training (at Villa Maria)-7pm	18	19 Angel Foods Distribution 3:00 pm
20 Class Holiness Video - 10:30 am	21 Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm	22 Church Council 7:00 pm	23	24 Al-Anon - 7:00 pm Network Seminar Registration Deadline	25	26 DIA BINGO Live Alive Backyard Party
27 Class Holiness Video - 10:30 am	28 Prayer Ministry 6:00 pm	29	30	31 Al-Anon - 7:00 pm Iowa Men's Emmaus - 7:00 pm		Knitting Group Volunteers meet every Monday at 10:00 am In the Parlor