

Lake City
United Methodist Church
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June 2007 Monthly Newsletter

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Class of 2007

Graduation Open House

You are invited to an Open House for Sarah Flater in honor of her high school Graduation.

Saturday, June 9th

2:00 - 5:00

1005 West Center Street

UMW

UMW Day Trip To Rochester Masque

We will be car pooling from church Thursday, June 7th @ 9:30 am. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Afterwards we will be having lunch (cost is on your own)

If you have any questions you may contact Mary Kay Paine

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, summer is upon us! Many in our congregation are traveling and enjoying some days of perfect Lake City summer weather. Some people are depressed by cloudiness and buoyed by sunshine. A psychiatrist can even prescribe a “sunshine box” with a special glow to combat winter depression.

I’ve been preaching from George Hunter’s book, *Church for the Unchurched*. Hunter describes ten Payoffs from being a Christian: From giving our hearts to it. Dr. Hunter compared it to going bowling. Bowling has ten pins that you aim at. Being a Christian disciple is ten experiences to aim at.

The first pin is called The Discovery. Christian disciples discover God sees you. God knows you. God is absolutely for you, like no one else that ever did or could. God thinks about you, right now. The Discovery is: “I matter to God.” “The Discovery” is not that Moses matters: Not that the church matters: Not that the lost matter. “The Discovery” is that you matter to God. What happens to you matters. What you say matters. What you do with your life matters. Your relationships matter. Your faith matters. Your talents matter. Your lifestyle matters.

Pins two and three are “The New Relationships”: Pin Number Two is A New Relationship with God. I only thought God didn’t care. God’s will for me is based on who I am. God is not going to make me someone else. God wants to make me the best me I can be.” *Jeremiah 31:3: I have loved you with an everlasting love.*

In spite of your mistakes God is right here now, loving you. God accepts how you’ve turned out. God still has a plan for you. You’re coming to realize that whatever God wants is probably best. Christ died, so you could have forgiveness. God’s not going to take your personality or your freedom away. God’s taking your isolation away. God’s taking your wasted effort away. God’s taking your despair away. God is here to talk to. God is here to listen to. God is here with wise advice. God is here with energy. God is always here. “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”

God is also improving you. But if you matter to God, he’s not going to harm you. He’s going to enhance you. You become the real you: All you were created to be. And you were created to be awesome.

Congratulations To...

John Moechnig on the arrival of a new grandson, Joseph Tyler Mackinac. He was born May 15th. Parents are Cheryl & Rich of Inver Grove Heights.

Aaron, Rachel, Hannah, Luke, and Isaac Foss on the arrival of Julia Rachel Lynn. She was born May 11th.

Bernice Mancilman on the arrival of a new great-granddaughter, Rayn Marie Mancilman. She was born May 8th. Parents are Josh & Bobby Mancilman.

Alice Cox on the arrival of a new great-granddaughter born May 9th in the Twin Cities.

Youth receiving awards at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Lincoln High
Legion Aux, Scholarship = Sarah Flater
School Board Scholars = John Anderson; 11th grade, Katie Lopp
now; 9th grade, Carley Siewert; 8th grade

Stephanie Flater on receiving the Excellence in Leadership Award at St. Cloud University.

Zach Loppnow commissioned to serve as a Peer Minister after completing a course at First Lutheran Church on May 20th.

Ben Roberson on being a recipient of \$650 Olgo Olsen Scholarship & a \$350 Maurice Nelson Scholarship from College of Education at MN State University Mankato for the 2007-2008 academic year. Also, to his wife, Amy Roberson on being the recipient of a \$1,000 Clarice Joan Amundson Nursing Endowment Scholarship and a \$750 Melba Leichsenrig Nursing Endowment Scholarship from the School of Nursing at MN State University Mankato for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Laurie (Bigelow) Weyant on earning professional certification in the field of Correctional Health Care.

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

Committee Chairpersons

In the event that you would need to speak to a specific committee you may contact the following person and they will be glad to try and help you.

- ◆ Church Council Chairperson = Jim Paine 345-5757
- ◆ Lay Member of Annual Conference = Clay Ruggles 345-4265
- ◆ Lay Leader = Paul Moechnig 345-4372
- ◆ SPPR Chairperson = Gloria Feigal 345-4232
- ◆ Finance Committee Chairperson = Paul Moechnig 345-4372
- ◆ Financial Secretary = Gay Thompson 345-4903
- ◆ Trustees Chairperson = Al Larson 345-4994
- ◆ Membership Secretary = Joyce Moechnig 345-2827
- ◆ Historian = Pat Bremer 345-3423
- ◆ Youth Director = Rann Loppnow 753-2065
- ◆ Children & Youth Ministry = Cathy Briggs 507-753-2367
- ◆ Worship Ministry Chairperson = Mary Kay Paine 345-5757
- ◆ Memorial Chairperson = Louise Rainey 345-2506
- ◆ Missions = Ginger Holm 345-3458
- ◆ Outreach Team = Al Thompson 651-380-5365
- ◆ Stewardship Team = Al Thompson 651-380-5365

Deepest Sympathy To...

Ron & Janice Suntken on the death of Ron's mother, Anna "Ruth" Suntken who died May 22nd at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. Funeral was at Macken Funeral Home in Rochester with burial in Graceland Cemetery, Rowan, Iowa.

Dick & Jean Templeton on the death of Dick's cousin who died in Iowa. Funeral was May 23rd in Riceville, IA

Doug Blondell on the death of his brother, John Blondell, who died at Season's Hospice in Rochester on May 29th. Funeral was June 1st at Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester with burial in Oakwood Cemetery.

Pin Number Three is The New Relationship with God's People. We experience new relationships in united worship of a common Lord Jesus and in smaller groups. Whether it's the Trustee group or a Community Group, we can enjoy "The New Relationship with God's People" there. In groups, people know each other. They pull for each other. They draw strength from each other.

Romans 12:10-15: Be devoted to one another in brotherly love... Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. You can find happiness in a small group. You can find friends there. People can be there for you, in a small group. In a group, you matter not only to God. You matter to your friends. We take care of each other in ways a family can't. Healthy churches use the power of groups.

Bruce Larson is a world renowned Christian author. He claims, "It is just as important that you be involved in a small group, as it is to believe the Jesus Christ died for your sins." It's the third payoff for following Jesus. We choose interdependence over independence. "I am a social being. God made me for relationships. I find them at church."

Have a great summer, but stay involved with your friends at church!

Rev. Don

Financial Update

As we near the end of May we are experiencing a shortfall in the checking account. We started 2007 with a \$6,000 balance in the checking account. Those funds are now gone. The funds coming in are not enough to meet all our obligations. So as you get out and enjoy summertime activities, remember our church and our financial responsibilities as a congregation.

Stop and reflect and give thanks to God for all He has provided!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tuesday, July 10th is the date of the **SALAD LUNCHEON**. It will be hosted by our youth. They will be needing much help with salads, deserts, set up and clean up. When the sign up sheets are available, please sign up wherever you can help. Also, please tell your family and friends so they can "Mark the Date"!

More info to follow -- watch the Sunday bulletins. Any questions, please call Joyce Moechnig @ 345-2827.

St. Felix Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, June 6th. We will be car pooling from the church parking lot and leaving around 10:30 am.

May Flowers

- ⇒ Arrangement from Kirtz funeral
- ⇒ Lilacs from Gladys Linder and Pat Bremer
- ⇒ Red Geraniums from Katie Schmidt

A HUGE THANK YOU...

To Pat Bremer for her years of service as the pianist at the Lake City Nursing Home! You will be missed!

If you would like to volunteer your services as pianist at the Lake City Nursing home please contact Pastor Don or Mary Kay Paine.

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

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

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



Women's Group

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5th @ 7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information contact Dianna Flater @ 651-345-5297

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, June 7th @ 6:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US...

To celebrate Katherine Mancilman's 80th Birthday!

Sunday, June 17th

1:00 - 4:00

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**Hosted by her children. Katherine has requested no gifts,
your presence is her gift!**