

United Methodist Church

June 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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Service Volunteers for June

| | 8:00 am Scripture | 9:30 am Greeters | 9:30 am Scripture | 9:30 am Liturgist |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| June 1 | Constance Anderson | Lorraine Rabe & Earl Jewel | Randy Olson | Rev. Don Jones |
| June 8 | Pat Bremer | Yvonne & Frank Lupton | Jean Templeton | Carl Wirtanen |
| June 15 | Sandi Mayfield | Dorothy & Jim Schenk | Paul Billingsley | Carl Wirtanen |
| June 22 | Merle Mahn | Idella & Al Larson | Joyce Moechnig | Ann Olson |
| June 29 | | Delores & Paul Moechnig | Vicki Raymond | Ann Olson |



Dear friends,

Is spring a wonderful season! It begins with the ducks of April. I saw them standing on ice floating on the lake eight weeks ago! But the sun has gradually gotten stronger. The Robins came. The chirping of birds began again in the evening. Finally, the flowers' shoots hesitantly broke through the ground. The willow tree became yellow and green. The grass began to revive. The tree sap began to run and the buds enlarge. The dandelions began to grow and bloom. Finally, the leaves began to appear on the maple trees.

Spring is the season of new life and growth. New energy comes from the sun. This is also the season of the Holy Spirit's energy. We call it Pentecost. Do we not each need new energy and life from God this spring?

I can remember so many times, when my energy level has run low. I have to produce a sermon or get some work done on something. You've probably had the same experience. You lie in bed in the morning. You need rest so desperately. You may dread what you have to get done or go through on this spring day. You don't have time to enjoy the day. You aren't sure you can even get through its demands.

One such time hit me at eleven at night on the Saturday night I'm running behind on my worship service preparation. I used to type detailed sermon notes. It was the hardest hour of the work week. But I had learned to look to God in these pressure-filled, demanding moments. This night, the editing process seemed to fly by. I could tell I was getting energy from somewhere. I attribute this to the Holy Spirit's assistance in my task.

The task doesn't have to be spiritual. If you need the energy just to wash five loads of laundry, God is ready with that energy. He loves us and sees us where we are.

Back home, I was asked to do the funeral for my second cousin, Troy Jones. I got the sudden call from my dad (the funeral director) that Troy's son, my third cousin, Paul wanted me to preach his dad's funeral. This was a total surprise, since Troy didn't go to my church. I said okay,

of course. But it was hard. Brooke had gotten the flu. I was very immersed in regular church activities. But tired as I was, I wrote the sermon and delivered it at our funeral home in Kevil.

The next night a woman called me. She said the funeral service touched her so much, we wondered if I could come to her apartment in Paducah and baptize her. She told me she'd been thinking about her relationship with Christ for years. She had grown up going to Sunday School at Bandana Methodist (my church) back before the war. Then she moved up north (probably to Michigan) and married a Roman Catholic who was not involved in his church. Now, the Holy Spirit was working on her at age sixty six. She was disabled and lived so far to come to my church, but she wanted me to baptize her.

It just shows that even a funeral sermon can lead someone to Christ through the Holy Spirit. It's never too late for us to make a spiritual change in our lives. God may be calling someone reading this to finally let go of everything and really give their life, their health, and their future to Jesus! That would be a glorious spring season indeed!

Apparently, that funeral service was the straw that broke the devil's back. Glen Dunn and I went to the Ritz Hotel in Paducah, where this lady was staying. There she made her Confession of faith in the presence of her sister. With Glen there representing the church, we conducted the sacrament of baptism. Glen said he knew her conversion was real. I read Rev. 3.20: "If any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and dine with him and he with Me." The lady said, "That's what I'm doing isn't it." I said, "Yes." She was SO HAPPY. The Holy Spirit made her happy that day. His statement was proof that she knew what she was doing. God had taught her that.

Let spring be your season for spiritual awakenings. "Cast your anxieties upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Don

LAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

May 13, 2008

Members present: Kathy Sanders, Mary Kay and Jim Paine, Angela Sprick, Betty Jean Burnham, Pastor Kristine, Joyce Moechnig, Al and Gay Thompson, Pastor Don, Randy Olson, Gloria Feigal, Clay and Ginny Ruggles.

Jim Paine called the meeting to order. Pastor Don opened the meeting with everyone reading I Cor. 5:9-13 and then had everyone break into small groups to discuss "What do you think about people who do not have Christian ways; how do we win them to the transforming knowledge of Christ?" There was much discussion with the consensus that we must be loving and Christ-like, patient, not pushy; welcoming and friendly. Developing relationships is very important.

Pastor Don also read a thank-you from the bloodmobile crew.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Kathy reported that we will have \$500 in the checking account after paying payroll this week. We have bills totaling almost \$5,800. Apportionments have only been paid for January.

Stewardship: Al reported that they are trying to figure out how to pay apportionments. They're working on a stewardship drive in the fall. They're looking at other alternatives to meet our needs, they don't want to short change our ministries for lack of funds.

Trustees: Randy reported they are working on the latest leak in the furnace system. Harkins will try to fix it again. There are many projects that need repairing or refurbishing such as varnishing all the wood, painting, etc. Also need first aid kits and check out the smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations: Gloria reported that Pastor Don will be with us another year. A motion was made to hire Pastor Kristine for period June 30, 2008 - June 30, 2009 at one-quarter time at a salary of \$8,111 per year. Motion passed unanimously. D.S. Wuehler has approved of this position, but it must be approved by the Bishop. Our church secretary, Amy, has requested she be allowed to work 9-1 during the summer, which was approved by SPPR. This committee has discussed how to include more prayer in our 9:30 service. One possibility is to have 15 minutes before the service begins.

Youth: Angela reported that the spaghetti dinner was a success. 15 youth worked and earned \$700 towards STORM Camp. The Forgiven Band played at the motocross and more than 100 people attended the service. Next projects are the salad luncheon, car parking the Sunday of Water Ski Days and Forgiven Band will be doing a concert Sunday evening of Water Ski Days..

A.C.T.: It was reported that because of the asbestos at St. Mary's because of their remodeling, ACT has rented the former First Lutheran Education Bldg. for a year.

U.M.W.: Joyce reported that Spring Fling was successful. Half the profits will be given to the church, approximately \$900..

D.I.A.: Al reported that they are maintaining 6-7 requests each week. Angel Food Ministries has had a 25% increase in the last two months. Hastings UMC is applying to be a host site. They need a 15 cubic foot chest freezer that works (doesn't have to be beautiful).

Outreach: They continue to make bi-weekly visits to newcomers in the community. We need to find ways to reach young married people. Pastor Don stated that he and other pastors are working on an ecumenical 4th of July service.

Adult Ministries: Angela's reported that a 6 session Parenting Course is being offered beginning June 16th, a Summer Spiritual Growth Retreat will be August 15 and 16, Alpha will again be offered in the fall; as well as several other projects in the works.

Worship: Mary Kay asked everyone to thank Pat Bremer for the flowers that were given out on Mother's Day. May 25th will be Senior Recognition Day. Motion was made and passed unanimously that the church purchase a gift certificate for each of the 13 graduates at the Re Wing Christian Book Store. Tentatively set date of 8/17 for a service in the park.

Associate Pastor, Live Alive Service: Pastor Kristine reported that the service is growing and it's exciting. They have decided not to have services in the park this summer for several reasons.

Membership: Joyce reported that 5 new members joined our church; and one former member has transferred to a church in Mazeppa.

Young In Spirit: Ginny reported that the next event will be June 26th at lunch at Beth's. This committee will pursue the Nelson Grant project.

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Clay discussed the agenda for the Minnesota UM Conference.

1. The Conference has been extended to 4 days.
2. The cost per member is around \$525.
3. The agenda does not call for discussions on our declining membership.
4. The Lay membership doesn't have a session to discuss our problems.

Based on this information, Clay expressed his desire not to attend and save money for the church.

A motion was made to accept Clay's desire and not send him to Conference this year. It passed unanimously.

Old Business: Clay asked what this council can do about our financial problems. It was suggested that we publish a list of specific bills and maybe our members will step up and sponsor the bills. Kathy will make up the list.

New Business: Pastor Don will select a team to work on a church motto which would clarify who we are and where we're going and get us moving in that direction.

There were no reports from the following committees: Lay :Leader; Missions; A.C.T.; Children & Youth Ministry; Memorials; and Historian.

Next meeting: July 22, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Ruggles

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

Sunday

6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service
8:00 - 9:00pm Live Alive Service

Monday

9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service

Tuesday

12:00 - 1:00am Live Alive Service

Thursday

8:30 - 9:45pm Traditional Service
10:30 - 11:30pm Live Alive Service

Friday

4:00 - 5:00pm Live Alive Service

Saturday

1:00 - 2:00pm Live Alive Service

June 5th U.M.W. Meeting

We are meeting at the church at Noon on June 5th to car pool to the Frontenac Golf Club for lunch.

All ladies in the church are cordially invited. If you'd like to be picked up at your home, please call

Mary Kay at 345-5757 and we will be happy to make such arrangements. Hope to see you all then!

ANGEL FOODS

Distribution

Saturday, June 21 @ 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.

Openings for 2 positions at the United Methodist Church

We have a opening for a Band Director and we also have a opening for a Choir Director. If you know of anyone who would be interested and is qualified with experience for either or both of these positions,

Please contact the church for more information.



Welcome to new members who joined our Church family on May 4th

**Pam Bardwell
Amelia Burfeind
Curt Copley
Shane Davis
Donna Vining**

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

Do I have what it takes to be a good parent?

**Parenting - The Early years with Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott.
Best selling authors in the field of parenting.**

This course takes a Biblical approach into the traits parents want their children to have and what traits they want their children to see modeled in them.

**This six DVD series will begin June 16th @
7:00 pm -9:00 pm
here at the United Methodist Church**

There will be a small fee for this class to cover the cost of materials.

This is being sponsored by the Adult Ministries Team

**For more information please contact
Angela Sprick @
507.838.5600**

United Methodist Women

Help is needed for the Birthday/Bingo Party on June 11 at 2:00 at the Lake City Nursing Home.

Four cakes and 6 helpers are needed. Please let Sandy Grettenberg know if you are able to help.

This is a fun afternoon for all. We are usually there for about one hour.

Thanking you for whatever help you can give.

Sandy Grettenberg

YOUNG IN SPIRIT GROUP WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS LUNCH

THURSDAY, JUNE 26,2008

We will have lunch at Beth's Café in Nelson, Wisconsin. Please meet at the church by 11:00 to car pool.

Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal is on your own.

Reservations are needed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or Contact Mary Kay Paine if questions. Reservations need to be in by Sunday, June 22.

After our lunch, we will gather for dessert at Joel and Sandy's home. We look forward to our time together with Food, Fun and Fellowship

Summer Music

Today is the Choir's last Sunday until fall. They've provided inspirational music and now it's your turn to help for the summer. If you sing or play an instrument, have a group or have family coming from our of town that would like to help out, please call:

Debbie Eggenberger @ 345-2347 or the church office.

There is a sign up sheet in the choir room on the piano.

*Remember, if you want summer music, Please help out. **Thank You***

Graduation Celebration

Rev's. Donald Jones and Linda Grounds proudly announce that there will be a celebration of the High School Graduation of Christa Renee Jones on June 1, 2008, from 4 pm to 7 pm. The Open House celebration will be at Christa's home at 1107 N. Garden St., Lake City, MN. All our Methodist friends are invited to share our happiness as Christa approaches the end of one phase of life and her transition to the next. Thank you all for your steadfast support of Christa throughout her time in Lake City!

Diamonds In The Rough

Women's Group

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3rd @ 7:00 pm.

Meeting at the Church—Everyone is welcome!

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

Lake City Food Shelf

There are more hungry, so there is more need. The Food Shelf will appreciate any **fresh garden vegetables and fruits** that you can share. Also, in **June** the food products we are concentrating on are **canned beans, all kinds**. Your continuing generous support of the food shelf is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!!!!

From Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School-

Allyssa Rolbiecki, daughter of Scott & Lori Rolbiecki

From Lincoln High School, Lake City-

John Anderson, son of Pen Seepaya and Frank Anderson

Christa Jones, daughter of Pastor Don Jones and Linda Jones

Chris Krusmark, son of Jerry Jr. & Kendra Krusmark

Zack Loppnow, son of Rann & Valerie Loppnow

Alex Martin, son of John & Greta Martin

Also seniors active with the United Methodist Youth Group graduating from Lincoln High--

Emily Berkeland, Courtney Cronin, Shawna Duffney, Alex Fricke

Marissa Holst, Amber Lewis, Logan McCarthy, Taralee Morgan

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

**Jonathan Speltz, son of Andy & Tina Speltz, who was
Christened on April 27.**

**Nicholas Hanson & Cathe Vrieze who were married on May 17 at
the Stewartville UMC.**

**Derrick Bremer & Johanna Ender (Granddaughter of Clay &
Ginny Ruggles) & the Bluff View School Future Problem Solving
Team who will be competing at the International Competition at
Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan on May 29th**

**Danielle Krusmark 1st out of 58 in the female category at the
adapted Bowling State Tournament held in Eden Prairie.
Also to her brother Chris, who took 4th of 77 in the male category.
Their team placed 8th out of 32 teams.**



Knitting Group

Volunteers meeting every

Monday in Rogers Hall @ 10am.

Everyone is welcome to come anytime!

Our Sympathy's To...

Gerri & Rodney Rabe on the death of her father
Adolph Lichtblau,
who passed away May 19 at his home.
His funeral was May 24th at St. John's Lutheran Church with
burial in the church cemetery.

Eric Eggenberger graduated from Northwestern Iowa Community College in Calmar, IA on May 15 with a degree in John Deere mechanics. He is employed by SEMA (John Deere dealership) in Plainview, MN.

Students awarded at the annual Lincoln High awards night

Katie Loppnow-school board scholar for 10th grade.

Senior scholarships to--

John Anderson- National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship
♦ Louis Armstrong Jazz Band Scholarship

Zach Loppnow--George W. & Mary B. Patton Memorial Scholarship

- ♦ Stephan A. Ritzenthaler Band Scholarship
- ♦ Zumbro Falls Lions Scholarship
- ♦ Zumbro Falls Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship
- ♦ Cargill Community Scholarship
- ♦ Horizon Milling Technologies Scholarship
- ♦ Lake City Lions Scholarship
- ♦ Hearth & Home Scholarship
- ♦ Water Ski Day Community Pride Scholarship

Amber Lewis----Doughty Family Foundation Scholarship

Courtney Cronin- Lake City Education Association Scholarship
♦ Woody Herman Jazz Band Scholarship
♦ Choir Scholarship