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Reaching Out

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An evangelistic heart: Loves people and passionately desires to see lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ by committing themselves to leading congregations to reach the least, lost and left out, and inviting people on a journey towards radical discipleship resulting in people growing spiritually and the church growing numerically.

We have difficulty with numbers. Most churches don't like to be assessed based on their performance in numerical growth. We feel that the church grows in more ways than just numerically. There is spiritual growth, which is very difficult to put in a spreadsheet or bar graph. We grow relationally, which is almost impossible to count with numerical accuracy. We grow vibrantly, which is our enthusiasm and excitement about our Christian lives. Vibrancy is another area that is impossible to define with hard numbers.

Behind every number there is a person. When we count members, we are not just adding numbers, we are counting souls. An Evangelistic Heart is concerned with reaching out to lost and lonely souls who have not received the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As pastors, we have to see ourselves as evangelistic leaders. This means we help guide our church members to reach out to the areas and people of our communities where we can find the unchurched and they can find God's love among us.

As evangelists, all pastors are called to model what outreach looks like. I often hear pastors say that church growth is not their responsibility, they can't do outreach alone. Let me say that you are incorrect in that statement. As the spiritual leader of the church, you are personally responsible for inviting people to church and inspiring your congregation to do the same.

An evangelistic heart means we think so much of our church and our faith that we cannot contain the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. When was the last time you personally invited someone to church?

Blessings,
Mike Wuehler

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are times, when only God makes me feel better. Yes, even me! We all get low sometimes. Either no one is around to talk with. Or I am just perplexed at life. Or demands to perform are relentless. All occupations from parenting to military service have these demands. It may seem like reality is turning in on us, and we've lost our way. That's when God's goodness tastes wonderful!

Psalm 34:8: O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! God is so good. Let's taste of His Presence for a moment. When we lose our way, we can take shelter under His protection. This is one blessing of scripture. We can read God's mind through the Bible!

Psalm 139: highlights: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up... It's a great comfort to me to know that God sees me. God constantly watches me. He knows when I am sitting in my little recliner. He knows when I go off to work.

You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. God also hears my thoughts as clearly as I do. God notices things about my choices and motivations that I don't notice. He knows all about me (and you). He's an old friend!

Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. God knows what I'm going to say, before I say it. What I just thought, God knows it! God's attention is somehow fixed on me and on each person who loves Him. This must mean that I am of great importance to God. No more than you are, of course. But I clearly matter, or God wouldn't observe me like this.

For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. God ways we are His awesome creations. God knew about us, when we were growing inside our mothers. We are well-made! God has convinced me that something about me is wonderful and valuable. I have way too much value to squander myself on drugs or slavery to a hobby or a person. My soul knows that anything God makes on my level is wonderful and fearful. I've been given the ability to do great good or great harm.

SPRINGTIME

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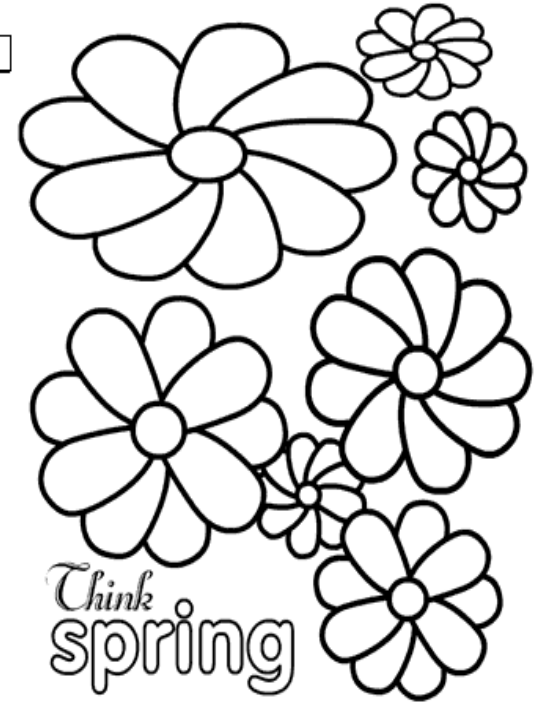
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POPULAR SPRINGTIME PHRASE

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First Lutheran Church of Lake City cordially invites you to attend a vocal concert presented by Menomonie High School Choir on Thursday, May 17th at 8:00 pm. Under the direction of Audric Buhr, Menomonie High School is well noted for their music. This performance is part of a tour that Menomonie High School Choir will be on. This concert has something for all who enjoy choral music. There is no admission to attend. A free-will offering will be taken to help with the touring expenses for the choir. First Lutheran Church is located at 100 Peace Ridge on Hwy. 63 South.



Gwen Comadoll is in need of some cheering up! She fell and hurt her shoulder and had to have it replaced. You may send cards to her home down in North Carolina. She will be there for another month or so.

Gwen Comadoll
141 Glendower Drive
Salisbury, NC 28144

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.

Lake City Food Shelf

April was a successful month for the Food Shelf in food and money donations. However, the needs continue to grow. And money is always a great donation! Thanks again for any contributions you can make. And for the ones you have made in the past!

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! When I think about God observing and knowing millions of people across the world, it blows my mind. "You are just too big, God. Too great and powerful. I can't get my mind around the concept of now you exist everywhere at the same time. You don't ever leave. Coming and going are foreign to you. You are unique and wonderful, and a part of me is like you. I think about you and worship you now. When I notice Your greatness and kindness, all I can do is worship."

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Because God is so interested in my thoughts and my life's journey, I want my thoughts to please Him. So, I invite the Holy Spirit to probe my conscious and subconscious mind. I want God to know my heart and thoughts. "Test me, Lord! If there's something destructive in my mind or on my lips, take it away. Let my journey not be hurtful. I follow you, not as a duty, but because I want to be near Your love."

When we experience the greatness of God, we want to be near Him and like Him! If He is great, I will seek greatness in whatever He gives me. This is the joy that overrides the pressure of life—and heals us.

Rev. Don

Financial Update...

The finances of the church are in better condition this year as compared to last year. We started 2007 with about \$6,000 in the checkbook. This has slowly been used up over the winter and now we are looking at times when we could be short of funds again. Thank you to everyone who has helped support our church financially in the past. Your continued support will be appreciated. Our income and expenses are about the same as last year. As our seasons change take time to thank God for all He has provided

~ Paul Moechnig

Young In Spirit...

Date Change ←

“Welcome Home Snowbirds” lunch May 24th

Lunch at Beth’s Café in Nelson, Wisconsin. Meet at the church by 11:00 to car pool.

Lunch will be at 11:30. The cost of the meal is on your own. Reservations will be needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Mary Kay Paine by Sunday, May 20th.

We look forward to our time together with food, fun and

Thanks For The Easter Lilies

- Susanna Circle
- Priscilla Circle
- Joyce Moechnig in memory of loved ones
- Joel Grettenberg in memory of his mother, Bernice Churchill Grettenberg
- Marilyn Chant in memory of her parents, John & Hazel Oliver
 - The family of Ina Holden in memory of Ina
- Katie, Constanace & Dan and families in memory of Harold Schmidt
 - Gladys Linder in memory of Roger (Tuberous Begonia)
 - Douglas Blondell & Louise Rainey in memory of loved ones

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

Sunday

6:45 - 8:00pm Traditional Service
8:00 - 9:15pm Live Alive Service

Monday

9:00 - 10:15am Traditional Service

Tuesday

12:00 - 1:15am Live Alive Service

Thursday

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

Friday

4:00 - 5:15pm Live Alive Service

Saturday

1:00 - 2:15pm Live Alive Service

Congratulations To...

Taylor Siewert & the entire 6th grade Traveling Basketball Team on finishing 2nd at the Lake City tournament.

Joel & Sandy Grettenberg on the birth of their 1st great-grandchild, Anthony Edward Sherwood, born April 14th at Rochester Methodist Hospital. Parents are Sara & Steve of Rochester.

Paul & Charlene Billingsley receiving UMW Special Mission recognition pins & certificate last Sunday.

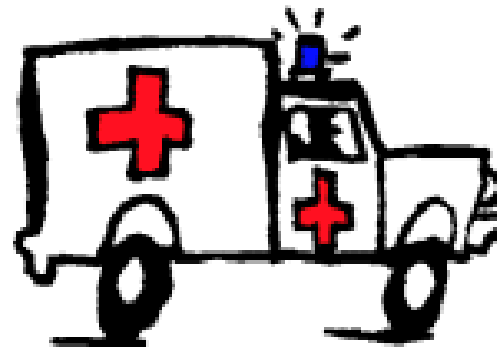
Dianna Flater on the completion of a AAS Degree in Supervisory Management at Southeast Technical Red Wing campus on April 6th.

Stephanie Flater received St. Cloud University Award for Excellence in Leaderships on April 22nd.

Third Quarter Honor Roll: Carley Siewert, Kathryn Loppnow, John Anderson, Zach Loppnow, Amanda Hilsman, Jake Eichhorn, Ian Craig, Christa Jones, & Cassandra Gentry.

Welcome To New Confirmand Members...

- Jennifer Martin - daughter of John & Greta Martin
- Shavondra Pratt - daughter of Barb Pratt
- Marissa Dather - daughter of Kevin & Heather Dather
- Carley Siewert - daughter of Todd & Wendy Siewert
- Kathryn Loppnow - daughter of Rann & Val Loppnow
- Jake Eichhorn - son of Steve (Ike) & Beth Eichhorn



Red Cross Bloodmobile @ United Methodist Church

Thursday, May 10th
1:00 - 7:00

Friday, May 11th
9:00 - 2:00

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

Congratulations To...

Cassandra Gentry for being named March Kiwanis Student of the Month.

Zach Loppnow for being awarded the 2007 Lincoln High EXCEL (excellence in community, education, & leadership) Award. He also received the following honors: All HVL Conference, Academic All Conference, most pins (20) during Wrestling season, Gold certificate for GPA's of 3.6 - 4.0 (top academic honor with grade point average of 3.96). GREAT SEASON, ZACH!!

Jennifer Martin & Carley Siewert, & the entire 8th grade Junior Olympics Volleyball Team on a 1st place tournament win in Goodhue & 3rd place at the St. Charles tournament. The girls were coached by Sara Flater.

Susanna Circle
Monday, May 14th
GIRL'S NIGHT OUT!

Priscilla Circle
Monday, May 21st
@ 9:15 am
Pat Bremer's Home

Knitting Group

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

Diamonds In The Rough

Women's Group

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st @ 7:00 pm.
Everyone is welcome!
For more information contact Dianna Flater @ 651-345-5297

COMMUNITY GROUP

We will be meeting every other Thursday of the month @ Gloria Feigal's home. The study theme is "A Life Worth Living".
A study of Philippians.

May Meetings:

Thursday, May 10th & Thursday, May 24th

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

New Addresses...

Lorraine Rabe - Earl Jewel
909 W. Lakewood #43
Lake City, MN 55041

Kathy Roberts
909 W. Lakewood #60
Lake City, MN 55041

Steve Eichhorn
400 N. 6th St.
Lake City, MN 55041

Peter Anderson
Zumbrota, MN 55992

