

# United Methodist Church

## May 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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### Service Volunteers for May

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
<b>May 4</b>	Sandi Mayfield	Jerry & Kathy Koellner	Vicki Raymond	Rev. Don Jones
<b>May 11</b>	Merle Mahn	Donna Lafferty & Betty Jean Burnham	Joel Grettenberg	Gloria Feigal
<b>May 18</b>	Louise Rainey	Roger & Donna Erickson	Cindy Craig	Steve Eichhorn
<b>May 25</b>	Cathy Briggs	Carl & Pat Wirtanen	Clay Ruggles	Steve Eichhorn
<b>June 1</b>	Constance Anderson	Lorraine Rabe & Earl Jewel	Randy Olson	Rev. Don Jones



### Knitting Group

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

## *Total Prosperity*

Dear Friends,

Someone made an interesting comparison between four-year-olds and adults. In his study,

Four-year-olds laughed 400 times a day. The average adult laughed seven times a day.

Four-year-olds tested 90% creative in their approach to interacting with the world. Adults tested 10% creative.

Four-year-olds lived “in the moment” with maximum use of time. Adults lived more in the future and the past.

Four-year-olds asked “Why?” many times. Adults apparently stopped asking “Why?” altogether.

Four-year-olds expressed emotions freely. Adults tended to suppress emotions.

Four-year-olds were risk takers in their approach to situations. Adults were invariably risk avoiders.

This points out how adults tend to have less pleasure, creativity, productivity, and overall wholeness than four-year-olds, at least in the study.

That’s the big challenge for adults, isn’t it? I have a lot of potential in my life: I have a potential for intimate relationships; I can be productive at work and make money; I can have friends and fun activities in life; I can find meaning and purpose for the whole thing through Christ. **I can. But will I?**

Our specific challenges in the life cycle include:

Around age 30: The common task of people is to forsake superficial living and make a few key choices in life: To make permanent investments in people and society. You might say age 30 is the time to “get serious” about growing up. This requires the quality called “Prudence”: The ability to realistically assess oneself and others in the light of our values. Spiritually, this requires a solid faith and hope. The person asks: What have I done with my life? What do I want to make of it?

Around age 45: The common task for adults is to balance what one has been doing with what one wants to be. By this time, the adult realizes that they may not achieve all their life goals. Age 45 is the time to come to terms with one's dreams and ambitions and to care more deeply for others and actually to care more adequately for oneself as well. This requires the quality called "Temperance": The ability to place the demands of life in their proper order around a higher Purpose with serenity in the face of our personal limitations. Spiritually, this requires forgiveness of oneself for imperfections and humility to admit them. The person asks: What are my higher values (hopefully Christ creates these) and how are they reflected in my lifestyle?

Around age 60: The common task is to reduce our demands on God, self, and others and make them less absolute. By this time the adult seeks to channel their energy into the really crucial issues of life. Dropping unnecessary burdens, they might use their power and experience to assist others in their development. This involves making the really crucial choices of life and requires the qualities of "Justice" and "Agape Love" to discern what is right and apply the best means to help others discover it. Spiritually, this requires acceptance of universal truth higher than oneself. The person asks: Where do I go from here? What have I accomplished? What is worth accomplishing now?

Around age 75: The common task for adults is how to simplify life and accept the limitations of age while embracing its advantages. This involves the choice to continue to grow spiritually, intellectually, and relationally. Such a person has the power to live for values that survive death and have a new and invigorated purpose for each day, perhaps regaining the ability to live like the child, in the moment, creatively, taking appropriate risks, etc. This requires the quality called "Wisdom": The ability to put all things in their proper perspective and make choices that produce a maximum good impact. Spiritually, this requires the ability to apply universal principles to human situations as guided by God.

2 Cor. 5:17 says "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creature. The old things passed away, behold new things have come."

How well have you gone through life's transitions? Do you know people who are sixty years old who still foolishly behave like they're 30? To many people, pleasure and spirituality seem far apart, but in my life and the lives of millions of other believers pleasure and Christ are closely related. Following Christ actually produces the profound pleasure one might call "Total Prosperity": The experience of doing and become all that is possible and wise in relationship to our Lord. I yearn for that to be the result of activities at our church and in your individual lives. Being a "fully-devoted follower of Jesus Christ" can lead to these wonderful conclusions.

Your Adult Ministries Team will be offering a variety of groups and experiences this year. They can help you find your way through the issues of life to hopefully find God's will for your life. Please take advantage of these opportunities to examine life, your life, and the issues of life. I believe the faithful seeking of God's will will lead you to the best outcome that is perfect for you.

"Now, to Him who is able to do far more abundantly, beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us: To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations for ever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Yours in Christ,

*Don*

### **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!

## Youth News

Are you hungry? Want a Saturday night off of cooking? Want to support youth? The youth group will be hosting their annual spaghetti feed to raise tuition for the S.T.O.R.M. mission trip. S.T.O.R.M. (Service To Others in Rural Minnesota) is about helping people. The youth each pay \$255 to gather with other youth from around the state for the week of July 20-26. During this week they will build, paint, clean, sleep in old cabins, share one bathroom (often cold showers), endure gnat infestations, mosquitoes, and have one of the most impacting experiences in their Christian walks. It is no glamour trip, but the worship and fellowship and service are incredible. Each youth and adult must raise \$255 to attend the camp. Almost all of the money goes toward campground rental and food, but the remaining money is used to help finance building supplies (like paint) when people can't afford the materials. Every year the youth bring this mission work back to Lake City in the form of S.T.O.R.M. in Lake City. We serve Jesus by serving others. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to be able send these youth on this trip. The youth have already paid the \$75 deposit out of their own pockets, but we are attempting to raise the rest through fundraisers. PLEASE join us on May 3rd from 5:30-7 p.m. for an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner. (Adults \$7, Students 10-18 \$5, and Children \$3 age 1-3 free). The youth are selling them, or you can buy them at the door

### Big Fish

Wednesday night Big Fish gatherings are meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and conclude around 8:30.

Prayer Warrior's please start praying for STORM Park Rapids July 20-26.

FORGIVEN (the youth band) has been asked to play in Patton Park again this year for Lake City Water Ski Days. Please mark your calendars to join us on Sunday June 29th



Dear friends,

We have recently become aware of two episodes of money being taken from people of the church. Last year, some cash disappeared from the church office. Several days back, some money disappeared from a purse in a classroom during a church activity. We all know that theft is a sin against God, is unjust, and weakens trust between people. Ephesians 4:28 says that taking is part of the old, unbelieving self. The new self loves to give: “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.” Our church should be a safe place for all the possessions of the followers of Christ. We should be focused on unselfish giving without concern about selfish taking. Regrettably, we cannot have that confidence at this time. So, we would caution everyone to secure your belongings all the time you are at church and pray that every participant at church will glorify Christ in all ways.

Rev. Don

**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

**Susanna Circle**  
**Monday, May 12, 2008**  
**@ 5:30 pm**  
**Jenny's Green House**

**Priscilla Circle**  
**Monday, May 19, 2008**  
**@ 9:15 am**  
**Carol Wickersham's Home**

**UMW Meeting - Thursday, May 1, 2008 @ 9:15 am**

**ANGEL FOODS**

**Distribution**

**Saturday, May 17 @ 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.**

**THE MATRIX**

The Matrix continues to be open every Saturday evening from 7-10 pm through March. Stop down and check it out. Bring a parent or guardian with you and get your paperwork completed. Its just that easy! Besides, what else is there to do in Lake City on a weekend?

**Address Changes**

**Jim & Mary Kay Paine**  
**201 E. Walnut Street #206**  
**Lake City**

**Bernice Mancilman**  
**500 West Grant Street Rm.226**  
**Lake City**

**Muriel Case - Zumbrotta**

## **Disciples in Action**

an outreach of  
Lake City United Methodist Church

No Income Guidelines  
If you eat, you qualify!

This program is not a fund-raiser.  
It's for anyone who wants quality groceries at an excellent value.

***WE NOW ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS***

***Call 651-448-0107  
for ordering details***

Printed April 26, 2008 (Sample Menu)

- 1.5 lb. Bacon Wrapped Beef Filet (4 x 6 oz.)
- 16 oz. Green Beans
- 2.5 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Filets
- 2 lb. Fresh Onions
- 1.5 lb. Bone-in Pork Steaks (4 x 6 oz.)
- 29 oz. Pears
- 28 oz. Salisbury Steak Dinner Entrée
- 32 oz. Borden 2% Reduced Fat Shelf Stable Milk
- 2.5 lb. Beef and Bean Burritos (10 x 4 oz.)
- 9 oz. Breakfast Cereal
- 2 lb. Popcorn Chicken
- 8 oz. Corn Muffin Mix
- 9.5 oz. Stouffer's Flat Bread Pizza
- 16 oz. Bean Soup Mix
- 16 oz. Cauliflower & Carrot Blend
- 1 Dozen Eggs
- 15 oz. Corn Niblets
- 1 Dessert Item

***ALL THIS FOR THE LOW COST OF JUST \$30.00***

\*\*\*One or More Specials Available Only with the Purchase of a Regular Box Above\*\*\*

## How to Order

### Check each monthly menu for:

The last day to order (near the first of each month)

The exact day of distribution (usually the Saturday closest to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month)

## How to pay:

*YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD ON THE INTERNET!*

Mail the order form (attached to the each monthly menu) to PO Box 377,  
Lake City, MN 55041, or

Deliver the order form to the Lake City United Methodist Church office  
between 10 am and 2 pm Tuesday through Friday.

Make Checks Payable to:

**“Methodist Outreach”**

## Distribution Time

3:00 to 4:00 pm

at Lake City United Methodist Church, 213 N. Oak St., Lake City

You must bring your own box to pick up your food.

There is NO DELIVERY.

**Food remaining after 4:00 pm on May 17 will be donated to charity.**

# Need a break on food costs?

## Disciples in Action

Angel food Ministries is part of the Outreach Services branch of Lake City United Methodist Church called "Disciples in Action" Disciples in Action is a group dedicated to fulfilling the Lord's command to serve those in our church family and community in need of help.

Disciples in Action (or DIA) is a team of people like you who are available to serve others in practical ways.

The DIA Team provides many services including:

Yard work

Cleaning

Home repair

Painting

Carpentry

Driving to appointments, the doctor, church, shopping, etc.

Snow removal

Secretarial services

Short term meal preparation

Moving assistance.

If you have a need you can't fill, please feel free to call Al Thompson at 651-448-0107 (local call) for assistance.

1 John 3:16-18

We know love by this, that He (Jesus) laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

## Angelfood Ministries

### **Sympathy's to.....**

Robert & Carol Hanson and family on the death of his brother Jeffery, on March 27th in Rochester. His funeral was March 31st at Christ UMC.

### **CONGRATS TO.....**

Betty Jean Burnham on the birth of a great Grandson Lucas Allen Pagel, at the New Ulm Hospital. His parents are Heidi & Micah of Gibbon, MN.

**Johanna Ender and Derek Bremer - for taking 2nd place in the future problem solvers competition at state. They will go to Michigan State for the International Competition the end of May.**

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### **Lincoln Middle School - Senior High 3rd qtr. Honor Roll**

**Katie Loppnow  
Brad Leverrick  
John Anderson  
Christa Jones  
Carley Siewert**

**Zach Loppnow  
Kelsey Fick  
Ian Craig  
Taylor Siewert**

# **What would Lake City be like without the United Methodist Church?**

**We present the Jesus Christ of scripture the community through:**

## **-Four worship services:**

- One for those who get up and out early
- One for traditional worshipers
- One for contemporary worshipers
- One for middle and high school youth

## **-Help for families in Lake City**

- Regular prayers for God's help
- A Choir praising God in Christ
- Two adult Sunday School classes
- Two bands bringing Christ to young people
- Alpha training in the basics of faith
- Community Groups that are changing lives
- Many Bible Study and support groups
- Angelfood Ministries low cost food
- Hands on service and transportation help
- Four monthly training circles or groups
- Strong women's ministry and training
- Knitting prayer shawls for the needy

## **-Help for children and youth**

- Sunday School for ages 2 to 18
- Confirmation Classes
- Many Small Growth Groups for youth
- STORM Camp every summer and fall
- Many, many Christian growth events for youth, such as the 30 Hour Family and Simpson Shelter visits
- Association for Christian Teens

**Leave a  
Lasting Legacy**

**You can help make a difference in lives of people in  
Lake City.**

Be a faithful giver  
in support of those giving their time and talents to Christ's transform-  
ing work.

**Our Ministries are Christ-centered**

We believe in the divine, resurrected, Son of God, the Savior and Lord

**Jesus Christ**

Our mission is to use innovative methods to transform people into  
fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ according to the plan of Scrip-  
ture.

You can help.

Give a special gift to the church that serves Christ in so many ways!

**Give a living gift to support the work of Christ.**

Enjoy seeing your gift of giving improving the lives of people right  
here in Lake City.

**Pentecost Sunday is next Sunday, May 11th. Wear Red or bring a Red  
Geranium on Saturday, May 10th for the altar  
( to be taken home after the services May 11th).**

## **Remember the work of Christ at your church in your will.**

Know that your estate will have a lasting impact on people long after you've gone to be with Christ.

**Methodists have been blessing Lake City for 150 years!**

**Please help keep this tradition of Christian service growing.**

**To Create Your Estate Legacy in Christ**, you may add one of these statements to your will or trust:

### **To bequeath a percentage of your estate:**

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Lake City United Methodist Church, to be used for the general purposes of the church, \_\_\_\_% of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal.”

### **To bequeath a specific dollar amount:**

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Lake City United Methodist Church the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the general purposes of the church.”

For use with wills and trusts our Tax ID number is available upon request.

These are merely suggestions as to content and should be written or adapted by legal counsel to fit your situation.

**To Give a Living Gift for Christ's work in Lake City:**

### **Gifts in Memory of a loved one**

Someone your love may have died and you wish to remember them with more than flowers or other perishable gift.

Why not give their families a blessing by receiving our notice that you have given a gift to the church in loving memory of them? This is gift truly keeps on giving!

### **Gifts in Honor of a loved one**

You may wish to give to the church as a way to express your appreciation for someone who is living. It is a wonderful expression of love to find the notice in your mail that a friend has honored you in this way.

Please send such Gifts to “Memorial Committee, Lake City United Methodist Church, 213 N. Oak St., Lake City, MN 55041”

**For help in writing or updating**

**a will:** Please consult with your legal counsel. If you do not have such counsel, you may call Al Thompson, Leader of the Stewardship Team, 651-448-0107 for assistance.

All conversations are confidential and intended as a service to you.  
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**We would like to extend a sincere heart felt Thank You to all of you who helped with getting the Spring Fling ready. Your time, energy, hard work, and all of your help was greatly appreciated.**

**Louise Rainey and Joann Loppnow**

**Missions Committee has selected new mission to fund, Hiawatha Homes in Rochester.**

**Hiawatha Homes provides residential, in-home, and community-based choices for people with disabilities.**

**While the basic needs of food, shelter and medical care, are met, most residents at Hiawatha Homes are on a fixed income that allows them only a few dollars a month for personal needs and recreation.**

**The Missions Committee is asking the congregation to help us raise money for items such as a gas Barbeque grill for residents to enjoy this summer as well as several other items from games to a wheelchair glider swing.**

**We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.**

**Thank you from the Missions Committee**

**Sincerely,**

**Ginger Holm, chairperson**

***Pancake Breakfast***

**Sunday, May 4th**

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm @ the**

**American Legion Club (224 S. Washington St. Lake City)**

**Cost: \$6.50 adults**

**8 & under \$3.50**

**Pancakes, scrambled eggs, fruit cups, li'l smokies & beverages.**

*Proceeds used for care packages for our troops & scholarships for local seniors*

# Diamonds In The Rough

## Women's Group

Meeting for Bible Study and Fellowship

**Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th @ 7:00 pm.**

Meeting at the Church—Everyone is welcome!

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

## United Methodist Men's TLC Club

**Would like to welcome you to breakfast the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 am**

The question is not why Christ's followers suffer. They should. The question is why they have so little joy. Not only can joy coexist with sorrow and suffering, joy can and should make sorrow and suffering, enduring and holy.

## Bingo

**Each month Disciples In Action plays bingo with the nursing home residents on the 4th Saturday. We now have six members of our congregation there and 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)**

**Thank You**

