

United Methodist Church

September 2008 Monthly Newsletter

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Service Volunteers for September

	8:00 am Scripture	9:30 am Greeters	9:30 am Scripture	9:30 am Liturgist
Aug 31	Constance Anderson	Dorothy & Jim Schenk	Randy Olson	Clay Ruggles
Sep 7	Pat Bremer	Pat & Carl Wirtanen	Cindy Craig	Pat Bremer
Sep 14	Sandi Mayfield	Donna & Roger Erickson	Clay Ruggles	Pat Bremer
Sep 21	Merle Mahn	Geri & Rodney Rabe	Randy Olson	Jim Paine
Sep 28	Louise Rainey	Delores & Paul Moechnig	Jean Templeton	Jim Paine

United Methodist Church has Opening for Choir Director

**If you know of anyone who has
experience with and
would be interested in this position,
please contact the church office**



1 Corinthians 13:1-4: If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous...

Dear friends,

Many thanks to all of you who worked and are working to finish up the Retreat on Spiritual Gifts! It was a great, growing weekend for all of us. It's good to see people investing in their spiritual life on a weekend in the summer.

Spiritual gifts are described in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14. Sandwiched in between is the love chapter of 1 Corinthians 13. Love is not a spiritual gift dealt out to certain people as the Spirit wishes. Love is part of the "fruit of the Spirit." Everyone who is touched by God in Christ through the Spirit has this special kind of love poured into them.

As a born-again, follower of Christ YOU have supernatural love from God poured into you. Romans 5:8.

Our job in the church is to assist the Holy Spirit in bringing that love to practical application in every follower's life. "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

This special kind of God-given love is called *agape*. We can exercise all kinds of personal talents that are worthless without this kind of spiritual motivation and feeling behind them. I can preach well and convince everyone that Jesus is Lord. But no one will turn to God unless they can feel that I care about them in the delivery. Without love, I am just another harsh-sounding speaker.

If I am the wisest person you ever met and can explain any question you have, but I do not really want to take care of people with this truth, I am nothing to God. The wisdom is wasted.

If I do wonderful, good works and give all my money away to worthy causes and bear good spiritual fruit that way, and if I stand up for the truth and get persecuted for it, but I do not really care about people, I haven't done anything worthwhile.

We can tell if we have agape love by the way we treat people. Patience goes along with love. I am impatient with those people closest to me. Like many people, I can have knee-jerk reactions that result from self-centeredness and lack of concern for others. We struggle with these things, because we haven't learned to walk in God's love. The love motivation is in us, but we are often still led around by impulses to fight or run away in relationships. Love is just an abstract concept to many of us. We struggle with expressing a real concern for others.

When we're concerned for someone, we are patient with them. We want them to grow and see the truth or see reason in some way. We are patient, because God has shown us

enough of His perspective. God sees outside the heat of the moment, when we would naturally lash out. God helps us see why the person acts the way they act. God gives us compassion for them. We don't need to defend ourselves and "win" the argument, as much as they need to have the right response from us. So, we respond patiently and carefully and kindly.

Love is kind. The Spirit puts in our minds that only kindness can win a person or change a person. That kindness has to get in their hearts through the Holy Spirit. God teaches us that we can overcome evil with good. When we are kind to our enemies, Jesus said it will "heap burning coals on their head". I interpret that to at least include "messing up their minds". God gives us an overwhelming desire to affect people for Christ with kindness. Kindness tears down walls. Kindness shows them that they don't know everything. Kindness proves that their neat formulas and cliché's don't work. Kindness forces them to evaluate themselves and see the empty void in their own hearts. Kindness may also cause them to lash out at the kind person and push him/her away. But kindness is a sure sign that you are growing in Christ, whether others accept it or not.

Finally, if we have love in our hearts, we don't envy what other people have. If eternal love is in our hearts, we have everything that matters. Sometimes, I want to earn my peace of mind by achieving something great for God. I have to guard against thinking my good works will make me happy. I can envy others who have done far more good works than me. I would like to be like Rick Warren or Billy Graham. I never will be. It's not my place. God is calling me to my own ministry.

With eternal love in my heart, I don't need what others have. I have all I need in Christ. So do you. Let's have the wonderfully simple lifestyle of enjoying what we have and sharing it with others. That is why we are all ministers. We have a wonderful love inside us that longs to express itself. Then, our spiritual gifts will work. My preaching will help people; our sacrifices will change the world. The agape love itself will make us complete.

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Come hear the

Travelin' Shoes Gospel Choir

Sunday Sept. 7, 2008 at 7:00 pm

First Lutheran Church

100 Peace Ridge, here in Lake City

A free-will offering

will be collected to benefit the Lake City Food Shelf



ANGEL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, September 27 @ 3:00 pm

(volunteers needed at 2:15)

Please let Al Thompson (651-448-0107) know if you plan on working on the distribution team that day.

14th Annual Turkey Dinner

Buffet Style ~ Includes Homemade Pies & Beverages

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Serving from 4:30 to 7:00pm

Tickets available at Church office

Adults~\$8.50 Children(4 to 10 yrs)~\$4.00

Under 3 yrs~FREE



Take-Outs Available ~ Free Meal Delivery

call 345-3909, leave message, deliveries end at noon Saturday

Please pick-up & deliver Turkey Dinner Posters* to local stores as soon as possible. (*Posters located in the Narthex)

*******Help is needed, please sign-up*******

see agenda for details

Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, Sep 16th @ 6:00 pm

Susanna Circle

**Monday, Sep 8th @ 7:00 pm
Hosted by Dorothy Schenk**

Diamonds In The Rough

**Tuesday, Sep 2nd @ 7:00 pm
Hosted by Diana Flater**

ESTATE PLANNING

Please remember your church in your Will
A helpful brochure is available in the
hallway display or call Al Thompson
at 651-448-0107

Priscilla Circle

**Monday, Sep 15th @ 7:00pm
Hosted by Delores Moechnig**

Women's TLC

**Tuesday Sep 16th
@ 6:30 pm**

MEN'S TLC

**Thursday Sep 4th
@ 8:00 pm**

Singers Alert Choir Practice

~ JOIN US! ~ Every Wednesday

5:30-6:30 pm @ the Church Choir room

Is your garden overflowing?

If you have some fresh foods you'd like to donate,
you can deliver it to the Food Shelf on
Tuesdays between 1:00 and 3:00pm,
or Thursdays between 9:00 and 11:00 am
or call Yvonne & Frank Lupton @345-9911
or Evie Dahling @345-3698.

There is still a need of regular food items.
It is all so appreciated, Thank you

Lake City Food Shelf



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

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>
Aug 31	<u>The Holiness of Christ</u>	Pastor Don Jones
Sep 7	<u>Summary Lesson</u>	Pastor Don Jones

Thank you to all who participated in special music during the summer months. Your music helped to make our worship services more meaningful and we enjoyed your sharing of your talent.

~ God loves a cheerful giver ~
Thank you for volunteering:

- Pat Bremer
- Jean Templeton,
- Sarah & Than Chester
- Debbie Eggenberger
- The singing group from the cities
- Erica Eggenberger
- Choir members & Nightengales
- Scott, Merri & Daria Koon
- Cindy Craig
- Amanda Eggenberger
- Howard, Patti, & Ryan Lehman
- Katie Loppnow

Debbie Eggenberger & the Worship Committee

14th Annual Turkey Dinner AGENDA

*******Help is needed, please sign-up*******

Wednesday, Sep 17th....6:00pm—Set-up tables MEN NEEDED!

Thursday, Sep 18th.....9:00am—Bread cutting for dressing

Friday, Sep 19th.....9:00am—Potato peeling with Pat Bremer, “Eye diggers & Cut-Ups” needed. Have tomatoes here

Saturday, Sep 20th.....9:00am—Dressing mix with Arlene Fick

Saturday, Sep 20th.....9:00am—All turkey, juice & broth, must be at the church ~ ALL kitchen helpers report ~

Saturday, Sep 20th.....11:00am—Cook & Prepare potatoes

Saturday, Sep 20th.....12:00pm—All unsold tickets & money turned into Joyce Moechnig

**Saturday, Sep 20th.....2:00pm—All pies should be in the nursery
Surgery will begin on tomatoes & green peppers.
Delivery People get organized**

Saturday, Sep 20th.....3:15pm—Pie cutters gather in nursery.

Saturday, Sep 20th.....4:00pm—All servers/waiters and table setters gather for jobs

Saturday, Sep 20th.....4:30pm—Let the Lines begin!

Saturday, Sep 20th.....7:00pm—Clean up crew report

We will need all kinds of help once again to serve our community with a delicious turkey dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign-up promptly. We would prefer you to pick ‘n choose a job, rather than our having to call!

**WE NEED DONATIONS OF
GREEN PEPPERS & TOMATOES!**

Your Turkey Committee Members

Debbie Eggenberger, Arlene Fick, Joyce Moechnig, Jean Templeton, Dorothy Schenk, Ginny Ruggles, JoAnn Loppnow, and Sandy Grettenberg