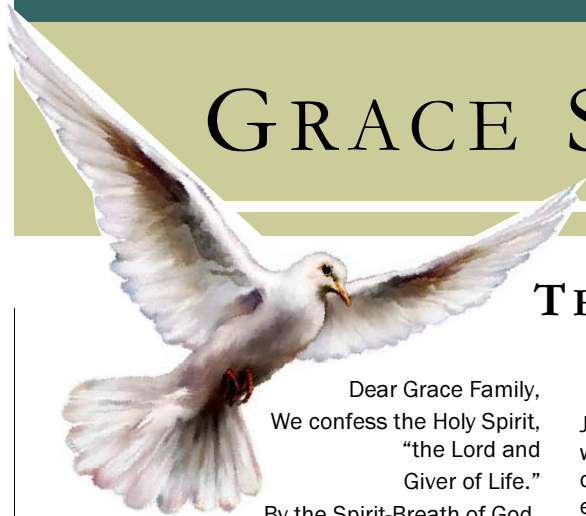


June  
2007

# GRACE SPOTLIGHTER



## THE LASTING GIFT OF PENTECOST

Dear Grace Family,  
We confess the Holy Spirit,  
“the Lord and  
Giver of Life.”

By the Spirit-Breath of God,  
we breathe; we have life. Is this not Christ’s  
dearest and sweetest Gift to us... the Gift of the  
Holy Spirit?

Jesus promised He would send us the  
Comforter—The Counselor to be with us forever.  
(John 14).

The Spirit and the Word always go together.  
The Holy Spirit is a preacher - calling, gathering,  
enlightening, sanctifying, stirring up faith,  
forgiving, producing the fruit of good works; all  
by the Word He causes to be preached.

When Jesus disciples gathered in Jerusalem  
in that upper room at Pentecost, there was the  
sound of rushing wind.

The Breath of Jesus was blowing over His  
church. And tongues like fire separated and  
rested on all the disciples. John the Baptist had  
said, “He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit and with fire.”

Fire like the pillar of fire that led Israel across  
the Sea. Fire like that on Mt. Sinai, a mountain  
ablaze with the Word of God. Fire as in a refining  
fire, burning away the waste and impurities in our  
sinful nature and refining the gold of your faith.

Wind and fire were elements of that first  
Pentecost.

The world was now reconciled to God in  
Jesus. Jesus had risen from the dead, was  
witnessed alive, and now Jesus had as-  
cended to the right hand of the Father—and  
even though he was out of sight, He was  
never absent. Jesus is present with us by  
Word and Spirit. Be assured of it.

The lasting gift of Pentecost is not  
rushing wind or tongues of fire. The lasting  
gift is the Word of God.

Jesus said, “All that belongs to the Fa-  
ther is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will  
take from what is mine and make it known to  
you.”

All of that which is of Christ is now ours.  
The Word you hear is “Your sins are forgiven.”  
That’s what was breathed over you on your  
own personal Pentecost— your baptismal  
day.

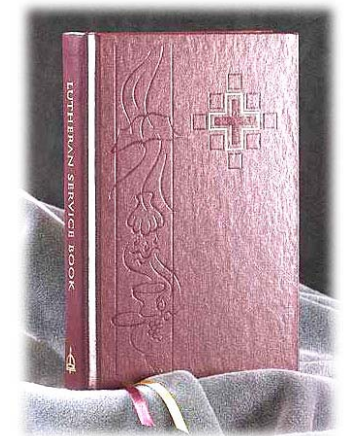
There you were joined to Jesus by the  
Word and Spirit in the water. And in a real  
sense, every Sunday is Pentecost when you  
hear your sins forgiven and Christ’s redemp-  
tion proclaimed.

In the Pentecost season which now  
unfolds, may your ears hear the Word  
breathed of the Holy Spirit, your lungs and  
mouths fill with the praises of the Lord, and  
your hearts be fired with his love for the  
church and world.

Pastor

As you receive this newsletter,  
Pastor Reed is in the middle  
of a sponsored bike ride along  
the length of the Lower  
Michigan Peninsula to  
encourage funding for the LSB  
here at Grace and for the  
Chapel of the Holy Trinity at  
Concordia University,  
Ann Arbor.

You can follow his progress  
on-line through the link on our  
Grace web site or go to  
[www.lutheranservicebook.blogspot.com](http://www.lutheranservicebook.blogspot.com)



## GRACE RECEIVES THE LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

The corresponding festivals of Pentecost (May 27) and Trinity  
Sunday (June 3) mark the end of one era and the beginning of  
another in the worship life of our congregation. The Lutheran  
Worship hymnal which has served The Lutheran Church—Missouri  
Synod and our congregation for twenty-five years was respectfully  
decommissioned on Pentecost.

The new worship book of Grace, Auburn, will be the Lutheran  
Service Book. It’s dedication and first use is scheduled for Trinity  
Sunday. Grace joins hundreds of other LCMS congregations in wel-  
coming the LSB.

Next to the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism, nothing has  
done more through all generations to shape the faith of Lutheran  
Christians than the hymnal. Hundreds or hymn texts present the

truths of Scripture in meaningful, artistic poetry, representing  
the theology of countless saints throughout the centuries.

The church today learns from the church’s song, both past  
and present. “Thumb” your way through the LSB and you will  
find timeless gems as well as fresh, new expressions of the  
Gospel.

Throughout the year ahead, we intend to acquaint you  
further with this beautiful new resource which uphold the  
finest in faithful Christ-centered worship.

Our thanks to all those who are so generously funding the  
hymnal through special gifts and memorials... or supporting it  
through the special initiative “A Song of Grace Abounding.”



The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies  
proclaim the work of his hands.  
—Psalm 19:1

Vacation Bible School  
July 16 - 19<sup>th</sup> 2007  
6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Preschool - Youth



**Come Celebrate!**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Parish Education at our morning worship service. The service is a culmination of a wonderful year of study and learning and will “have something for everyone.” We will also take a few moments right after the service to recognize those who taught the Adult studies or Sunday school, and also our outstanding students. Please plan on attending to help us give thanks to God for all His blessings through our Parish Education.

VENDOR	Unpaid Bills as May 17 of			
	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY
Valley Tuition	3,395.00			
Michigan Dist LCMS		3,378.00	3,378.00	3,378.00
Mileage Reimb	1,236.87			
Universal Build		606.00	606.00	606.00
Waste Management			79.42	
Midland Paper			62.25	
Pastor Reed			76.05	
I K O N			477.33	
Waste Management				159.03
Michigan Dist LCMS				868.00
Concordia Publishing				59.50
A T & T				195.85
Church Ex Fund				2,628.00
I K O N				477.33
Concordia Plans				1,247.24
	4,631.87	3,984.00	4,679.05	9,618.95
				<b>22,913.87</b>

**Thrivent Financial**  
**“Rocks the Park”**  
At Chippawassee Park  
(The Tridge)

**What:** Free family day and Christian Music Concert  
**When:** July 28, 2007  
2:00 pm -6:00 pm  
Skateboard demonstrations  
5 Inflatable units for children to young adults  
Local Christian Music performances  
Clowns, balloons, games  
Food Vendors  
6:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Christian Music Concert featuring **Todd Agnew, The Turning and Rush of Fools.**  
Come and enjoy this free day with your family. The only cost will be the food vendors.

# SUNSATI<sup>ON</sup>AL SUMMER FUN

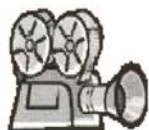
Come join us for some good old fashioned family fun throughout the summertime.

Grace Lutheran Church is hosting activities for the whole family through the summer months. We welcome our Auburn neighbors to be with us.

Mark your calendars with the following dates and times:

**Tues, June 12, 2007**

**8:30pm**



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a great family movie shown "under the stars". Concessions will be available.

**Thurs, July 12, 2007**

**7:30pm**

## OUTDOOR CONCERT & FIREWORKS SHOW

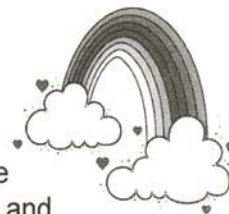
Come hear the *Eastern Michigan Music Makers* band with their "Old Time Country" music. Stay after the concert for front row seats to the Cornfest Fireworks Show. Concessions will be available.

**Mon, July 16 – Thurs, July 19, 2007**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*From Raindrops to Rainbows* is the theme of this year's VBS. Children and adults will learn how God keeps His promises every time He turns raindrops into rainbows.



**Sun, August 19, 2007**

**Worship – 9:00am**

**Vintage Baseball – 1:00pm**



## ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & VINTAGE BASEBALL

Come cheer on the Amazin' Grace ball club as they take on the Bay City Independents, playing by baseball rules from the 1800's. Concessions will be available.

**All events are free of charge** and will be held on the property of Grace Lutheran Church and School (303 W. Ruth St, Auburn). For more information, call the church at 989-662-6161. See you there!

## Sibling Rivalries

Peter Fredrich, Principal

If you think you are the only parent who has to deal with sibling rivalry, remember Rebekah. Her children, Jacob and Esau, were already fighting in the womb (Gen. 25). Later, they probably argued over who got to sit in the front of the camel.

Sibling rivalry is not a new concept, but that doesn't make it easy to live with. Some days you gaze at that family picture, with the head of the younger sibling lovingly resting on the shoulder of the older, and wonder to whose family those kids belong. They can't be the same children who fought over everything from breakfast cereal to bedtime snacks the day before.

If it seems your children are fighting all the time, you may not be far from wrong. Research done at the University of Illinois shows that not only do siblings spend more time with each other than with anyone else in their lives, they fight on average 3.5 times each hour. Children fight, manipulate, tease, whine, and bargain as a way of developing social skills. They are learning how to resolve controversy.

How they learn at home will predict the skills they will use outside the family. The times when siblings play well together is also a training ground for future friendships. When children get to school they are merely practicing the relationships they have developed and learned at home in their families.

Just as Jacob learned to get what he wanted from Esau through trickery, he also tricked his father later in life. Children who manipulate at home will repeat the behavior as they grow up. Children who practice compromise and negotiations with their siblings will have those skills when they go to school or enter the work world.

Those annoying squabbles are an opportune time to help your children develop good conflict resolution skills. When they tattle, teach them how to work things out with each other. This way they feel more confident with their friends and still know that parent help is available.

Parent favoritism, whether real or perceived, is a strong issue for siblings. The need to counteract favoritism is the way children learn and practice manipulation. They quickly learn which parent is most likely to say "yes", and which sibling is most likely to receive a "yes". They use this to play one parent

off the other. This behavior is reinforced as children consider that what works at home is bound to work at school. As parents, we know that not two children can be treated exactly alike. But as adults, we are responsible for being as fair as we can in meeting the needs of all of our children.

Be careful when mediating a disagreement. The way you treat each child is how they learn to treat others and how they learn to be treated by others. Be sure to praise and recognize children for what they do well and avoid any comparisons to siblings. It is normal for second or third children to develop different personalities or interests from an older sibling. Observe your children and develop good relationships with each one. Celebrate each child as a unique gift from God. Take solace in the fact that most siblings who argue as youngsters grow to be very close as adults. The relationship of siblings is usually longer in years than the relationship with parents or spouses. It spans a huge time of growth and development – a growth from feud to friendship.

The end of our 47<sup>th</sup> year of Christian education has reached us. Our graduating eighth graders will receive their diplomas at the completion of the 9:00 service on June 3. Congratulations to our class Valedictorian, Andrew Balzer, son of Ann and Ron, and class Salutatorian, Kevin Feinauer, son of Kathy and Rob.



Andrew Balzer Valedictorian

Kevin Feinauer Salutatorian

Special Persons' Day was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>. After a worship service, a period of classroom observations, and a fine luncheon, our guests were treated to an afternoon presentation of the musical "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit." We followed it up with an evening performance for parents and friends. All of the students did an admirable job learning all of their lines and songs. A very special thanks goes out to Mrs. VanSickle who sewed and assembled all of the actor costumes and to her husband Bob who painstakingly provided all our props –

both of which were no easy task.

The following day, May 25<sup>th</sup>, our classrooms journeyed to Williams Township Park for our annual school picnic followed by fun and games. This is a tradition that was begun over 20 years ago by Grandma and Grandpa Schmidt. J. Elmer and Gladys Schmidt are no longer with us physically, but they were with us in spirit. We thank the Schmidt Foundation for continuing to sponsor this event.

Our faculty has reviewed our language arts curriculum. We have decided to remain with the A-Beka series. With the ever increasing cost of teacher resources, student books and consumable workbooks, our total textbook order will be well over ten thousand dollars. The Board of Elementary Education has had to raise the registration fees for the next school year. For 2007 – 08, each child's fees will be \$285.00. Tuition fees charged to non-members of Grace Congregation remain for the first child \$1250 with additional children in the same family paying \$1050. Members are not charged tuition. It is expected that contributions to our church cover at least the same amount that is charged to our non-member families.

Looking forward to August, school registration will be Thursday, August

23<sup>rd</sup>. To help make the transition between classrooms easier, our teachers will be visiting the homes of any students that will be new to their classrooms. The teacher will be bringing the registration materials as well as many other things that will help our students get started on the right foot with a new teacher. Students who will have the same teacher next year that they had this year will not receive a home visit. Registration materials for these students will be found in their church mailbox early in August.

I should be in the office most days during the morning

hours. Feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. As of this writing, we have not received the Bay City Public School's Calendar for next year. Our Board has set the first day of school in the fall as Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. When we receive the BCPS calendar, we will then set our calendar. They will certainly be available by registration day. God's blessings be with all of our children and families throughout the summer.



**Grace Lutheran School Class of 2007**

**5th & 6th Grade Happenings**

It is hard to believe that we are looking at the end of another school year. We have accomplished so much with our time together. The class is looking forward to our end-of-the-year fieldtrip to the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse in Harrisville, Michigan. We will tour the lighthouse completed in 1869, as well as a hundred year old school house on the grounds where we will learn about students lives at the turn of the century. Our trip will conclude with a picnic and games at the Harrisville State Park on beautiful Lake Huron. To prepare for this journey we are viewing a film on the lives of lighthouse workers in Michigan

to gain an appreciation for those who served in this maritime vocation.

We concluded our unit on life in medieval Europe. Small groups created castles, with a description of their design, the function of all elements, and an oral report on their structures. Each student also created a sword and shield for a simulated "battle" between knights. They learned about the role of knights during this era of history and the code of honor by which they lived. The Middle Ages and the Renaissance really came to life for the children!

Our musical, "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit," was the focus of much of our time and energy during the month of May. The students in grades 5-8 did a fine job retelling the story of David and Goliath in this production. Sincere thanks go out to Mr. Fredrich for his assistance with directing, Jesse Kalitta and Haleigh McNally with sound, Ms. Rudick helping us along with songs, Mick Klann provided helmets, and Bob, Emily and Kevin VanSickle helped Mrs. VanSickle with the props and costumes. Our lead roles were played by: Andrew Balzer as David; Connor Peil and Travis McNally as Goliath; Emily Brandt as Princess Mikal; Nolan Morford as King Saul; Cory Liberocki as David's brother Eliab; Mick Klann as the Commander of the

Israelite army; Katie Clare and Diondra Heading as Sentries; Bradley Lewis as the Shield Bearer of Goliath; and Jessica Ruff, Haleigh McNally, Rebecca Hunt and Allyse Fiebke as Philistines. The entire 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class participated as chorus members, with Diondra Heading, Rebecca Hunt, Melissa Vennix, Katie Clare and Danielle Balzer taking small solo parts in various musical numbers. All-in-all the experience was a great one, filled with drama and fun! We hope you were able to see our show and enjoyed it. All glory to God!

We pray that you have a safe and fun-filled summer. Take a vacation in Michigan – God's country. Mrs. VanSickle



**Travis & Brendan painting their castle.**



**Allyse, Becca, Brad & Diondra during the dress rehearsal**

## Miss Rudick's Classroom News

What an awesome school year we have had! We have been so busy that the school year just flew by us. Here is a recap of what we have learned this year.



Spencer & Grandpa

Our Kindergarten students came in knowing most of their letters and numbers. Now they are reading short stories in their reading books and adding and subtracting! Many of them also had trouble writing even their first name. Now they are writing their first and last name. They are also telling time, counting money, counting by 2's 5's and 10's, finding and making their own patterns, and counting to 100! What a huge accomplishment! Our kindergarten students are now ready for 1<sup>st</sup> grade!

At the beginning of the year, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students were still having mom and

dad read books to them. Now all of them are reading their own Accelerated Reader books and taking their own tests! They were just learning their addition and subtraction facts at the beginning of the school year and now they are adding two- and three-digit numbers! They worked hard to even write one sentence. Now they are writing short stories! Yes, gentlemen, you are ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade!

Then there are our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Standard spelling has become a big part of writing in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. They began the school year spelling the words the way they sounded. Now they are able to spell most of their words the standard way (the way you would find them in a dictionary). They learned that sometimes you must memorize how to spell a word. Many words do not follow the phonics rules. They are also reading longer stories in their reading book. The questions about each story are always answered using complete sentences now. Yes, you are ready for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade!

So many things happened at the end of the school year. Special Persons' Day was a lot of fun! We really enjoyed the 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade musical! We

also enjoyed making Friendship Bread in the classroom. Mrs. Reiss gave us a starter. We followed the directions very carefully and made some very delicious bread!

The end of the school year has now come and we are ready to rest our brains for a while. Before you know it, September will be here and we will be back in school in a brand new grade! Have a wonderful summer!!!



Molly & Grandma

Nolan & Emily Performing During Special Person's



## From Ms. Schroeder's Class Looking Back at May's Main Events

Spring has finally sprung and the room 4 students have been very excited to get outdoors to participate in many spring activities. Some of these activities include soccer, track, softball, kickball, and baseball. It is very encouraging to see so many students becoming actively involved with extra curricular activities.

Education doesn't only happen within the classroom walls. With the warmer weather, students have been able to get outdoors and enjoy the

## Outdoor Art



fresh air and God's spectacular creation with science, physical education, and art class.

*On Friday, May 11, we held art class outdoors. Students created a masterpiece on the sidewalk that was not only colorful but had a spiritual message.*

Every year I encourage students to submit a piece of writing to the newspaper. A few of our students made it into the Bay City Times! On Monday, May 7, Morgan, Lucas, and Bailey had a writing piece published in the Young Times. If you missed it, you may check it out on our door.

On Monday, May 14, we had a jazz concert in the afternoon. Students from Valley Lutheran came and performed several songs. It was quite an experience and stimulated some interest in band and the instruments that students may want to play when they get into fifth and sixth grade.

*Other memorable times students look forward to near the end of the school year include Jump Rope for Heart, Special Persons' Day, and the school picnic.*

Students are full of energy, and we used that energy to raise money for the American Heart Association on May 4. Several students participated in "Jump Rope for Heart." It was a lot of fun. We jumped rope to music and had snacks and punch afterward. On Thursday, May 24, Students cele-



## Afternoon at Bay City

brated Special Person's Day. Students and their loved ones worshiped, learned, and ate together. After lunch we watched the upper grades perform a musical titled "The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit."

*The very next day we headed over to Williams Township Park for the all school picnic. We played games, built sandcastles, and had a water fight. Students enjoyed playing on the playground and eating grilled hotdogs, chips, and other picnic foods.*

On Wednesday, May 30, third and fourth grade students helped lead our worship service. They created, edited, and performed a script on the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God Bless – Enjoy the summer!

Ms. Schroeder

# Grace Youth News

JUNE 2007

## Youth of Grace

In your youth, did you ever have the experience of having many friends that shared your same Christian beliefs? Did you look forward to seeing them during Sunday school? Would you have formed such a strong bond that you would spend 5 days in close quarters to confess your faith among strangers? The Youth of Grace actually get to do these things every single day.

Grace Lutheran Youth Group is a community of young high school aged people that grow and share their faith together. Each Sunday morning, the Youth gather in the Youth room/Nursery at 9:30 am to learn more about Christ in their lives and sharing it in the lives of others. Every high school aged teen, whether a member of Grace, friend of Youth member, or complete stranger are welcome to attend this learning experience.

Many members are kids who have grown up together in our Christian school here at Grace. They have formed such lasting bonds that they look forward to hanging out with each other at church. Isn't this an exciting thing for a parent and other older people to see in this age of uncertainty among teens!

What a blessing that Christ brought them together and formed such strong bonds to create positive peer pressure in their lives!

The Youth group, many times, may be seen doing services in the church or community. In years past, they have spent time caroling at Christmastime, collected personal items to send to soldiers, and raked leaves at elderly Grace members houses and others in the community. They have served at a soup kitchen, built a Habitat



for humanity shed, and the list goes on and on. These Christian teens are sharing God's love through their services in the church.

Exciting events are in store for these teens and teens to come! God has truly given Grace a very special group of kids and with God's grace, Grace will continue to support their growth in faith.

### 2006-2007

#### OFFICERS

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Alyssa Bebeau
- *Vice President*  
Drew Schmidt  
Kevin Whalen
- *Secretary*  
Kye Sugden
- *Treasurer*  
Kirstin Meyer

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Gathering Bible Study 9:30 am	<b>June 3</b>
Freshmen Welcome Mystery Dinner-5 pm	<b>June 3</b>
Gathering Bible Study 9:30 am	<b>June 10</b>
Grace Movie Night Concessions 8:30 pm	<b>June 12</b>
Gathering Bible Study 9:30 am	<b>June 17</b>
LCMS Youth Gathering ~ Orlando, FL	<b>July 28</b>

## Freshmen Welcome ~ It's a Mystery!

Last year, we welcomed our new members with an excellent Hawaiian feast surrounded by palm trees and leis. This year no one knows what may be in store for a lovely Sunday evening of fun and fellowship.

The Youth would like to invite all of the 2007 eighth grade confirmands and any high school aged teenagers that are excited about Christ and love to have fun in serving and just hanging out together.



Even if you are not sure if you would enjoy the group, come and hang out with us for one night and then decide. We are meeting in the church library on Sunday, June 3rd at 5 pm.

So bring yourself, an open mind, and an excitement for some fun with others your age. It is going to be an excellent time, and you may even get some good food, but that is just a mystery you will have to wait to solve.

Hope to see you there!

Please direct any questions to any board member at any time:

- Angie Meyer
- Sarah VanTol
- Pam Whalen

# +++ **CHOSEN** +++ ~ LCMS Youth Gathering 2007

Every three years, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod organizes an event that brings Christian teenagers from around the country together for five days of worship, learning, and fun. For many years, the youth gathering has moved from city to city. It has been located in Denver, San Antonio, New Orleans, and Orlando. 2007 was expected to be held in New Orleans. However, with the tragic destruction of New Orleans in 2005, the gathering committee quickly relocated this year's gathering to Orlando.

At the gathering, 35,000 youth from around the country will come together to learn and worship in one location.

Grace's eleven

youth members will participate in many mass gatherings, including a communion service, study God's word, and making new friends together in Christ.

"Chosen" is the theme for the 2007 gathering. For five days, the youth will explore three themes about being "chosen." In worship, Bible studies, Christian music concerts, and speakers, they will explore being chosen in Christ, chosen with others, and chosen in the world. They will return with a greater understanding of who they are in Christ and who they need to be.

The gathering will help to answer three questions that these youth may come to ask now or in the future, "Who am I?", "Am I alone?", and "Where am I going?" They will be involved in nu-

merous Bible studies. Some will be personally with their own Youth group, while others will be with 12,000 other teens. What a great impact this fellowship will give to our teens!

This massive gathering offers so many experiences for Christian growth that these Youth may never have seen. Our group will join with thousands of other kids from around the country to serve the Orlando area in service projects. They will enjoy 13 Christian bands that will play throughout the days. (Check out their sound at [lcmsgathering.com](http://lcmsgathering.com). Our favorite, "Lost and Found" will be there many days.) 35,000

• BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE BELONGING TO GOD THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT • 1 PETER 2:9 •

people will worship together every evening and on the last day, they will receive the Lord's Supper as they would at their own churches. This is just a fraction of what these Youth will get to enjoy.

This would not be possible without the support of our congregation. The Youth routinely give thanks for all of the help that has been given to them to make this trip happen. We will look for growth in their faith, passion for Christ, and excitement in their Christian walk in the future. After all, they are God's "chosen" people just as we all are. This gathering is an additional tool to bring them closer in their daily Christian walk.

## Stewardship Corner

In June we celebrate the beginning of summer. The first day of summer is a time when we enjoy the longest day of the year in contrast to the first day of winter when we observe the shortest day of the year. That can be a reminder that there are also equal parts with Christian stewardship—Law and Gospel.

From God's Word we know what good Christian stewardship should be. We also have principles that guide our stewardship life. But at the end of the day we realize, with sorrow, that we have failed over and over again in our stewardship. We have not managed all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. We have not lived out our stewardship with the reality that God is the Owner of all things and we are simply managers. We have used our possessions as if they belong completely to us—not acknowledging that God has simply entrusted them to us for wise management that brings glory to Him and blessings to others. And the list of stewardship failures could go on and on. That's bad news! That's what the Law says to us!

However, for us as Christians, there is also some very good news. Moved by sacrificial love, Jesus came into our world and took upon Himself our sins—yes, also the sins of poor stewardship—and gained God's forgiveness for us by going to the cross to suffer the death penalty that we deserved. What good news that God does not treat us according to what we deserve; instead, in Christ, He loves and forgives us—daily and richly.

That loving forgiveness of God has moved Christians throughout the ages to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes—and to do it freely and joyfully. That loving forgiveness of God is also the proper motivation for our stewardship. It moves us to share and give freely and generously of our time, talents and treasure for the work of the Lord and to make life sweeter for others. What a place this world would be if we all practiced faithful stewardship. It would be heaven on earth!

The sad reality is that we have not only sinned in the past, but we have also sinned in the present and will continue to sin in the future. Yet there is hope and new life. We confess our sins to God with sorrow in our hearts and minds and flee to the cross of Jesus Christ to find full and free forgiveness for every sin. We have the added blessing of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to help us live in new and different ways. That's what the Gospel says to us!

When it comes to our stewardship, it is not possible for us to bring about heaven on earth. But, by God's power, we can make our little corner of the earth a better place because we are here!

***"Maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!"***



**Given in Memory**

**Raymond Krueger**

By  
Al & Edie Ousterhout  
Gordon & Faye Schroeder  
Ken & Jan Reisig

**Beatrice Brandt**

By  
Roy & Pauline Behmlander

**Jim Behrendt**

By  
Roland & Ellen Reiss

**Ira Schmidt**

By  
Charles & Marion Gray  
Bob & Olive Schmidt

**Ella Stieve**

By  
Roy & Polly Behmlander  
Bob & Marge White  
Bill & Bonnie Thomas  
Bonnie Cole & Kelly  
Ronald Martin  
Robert Hansen  
Mary Jane Newman  
Louise Taylor  
Eva Larson  
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Roy & Polly Behmlander  
**Clinton Herbolshiemer**  
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**Notes**

**SUMMER QUILTING:** Since we have a cooler place to work, we will be offering the opportunity to quilt through the summer this year. The dates will be June 12, July 24, and August 21. The times will be the same as always – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please consider coming to the Gengler home at 1625 Wilder Rd. for this worthwhile and fun activity during the summer. The regular schedule will resume in the fall.

**Great Lake Loons**

The CPTL has been contacted by the Great Lake Loons organization to work some of their games. The first dates we have are June 17 and June 21. We will be working the pavilion area; keeping is clean and filling up the serving dishes. We will get paid \$25.00 per person and the proceeds will go for our athletic equipment needs and fees. Please Let Karla Weiss know if you are interested and she can give you all the details. What a fun way to see a Loons game.

Also, Karla is taking names for people interested in working at future games. Call Karla at 671-1711, or e-mail at [ekweiss@prodigy.net](mailto:ekweiss@prodigy.net).

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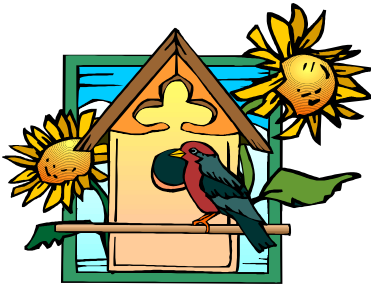
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*June & July*

## **June & July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1 Jennifer Taglauer, Harry Wegener, 2 Courtney Alexander, 3 Rose McNally, 4 Adam Liberacki, 5 Richard Frank, 6 Amanda Burch, 6 Todd Gray, 7 Zachary Varner, 9 Pauline Behmlander, 9 Betty Herbolsheimer, 9 Angela Meyer, 11 Matthew Feinauer, 12 Ronald Balzer, 12 Scott Korman, 12 Ernest Weiss, 15 Donald Hundley, 15 Debra Schmidt, 18 Susan Ralph, 19 Sharon Pickelman, 20 Ramon Garcia, 21 Stephanie Burch, 21 Thomas Robson, 21 McKenna Wisniewski, 22 Crystal Cole, 22 Reid Robson, 22 Margaret Seaver, 23 Scott Rauschenberger, 24 Jacqueline Feinauer, 24 Shirley Gray, 26 Henry Kolm, 26 Susan Reed, 26 Matthew Wolf, 28 Matthew Klann, 28 Janice Klimaszewski, 28 Brandon Walter

### **June Anniversaries**

3 Henry & Beverly Kolm, 10 David & Susan Reed, 13 Bruce & Judith Lance, 13 Donald & Darlene Pfannes, 15 Paul & Sally Netkowski Sr., 15 Edgar & Loretta Wegener, 17 Herb & Judy Pfundt, 20 LeRoy & Cherye Krueger, 20 Thomas & Ruth Anna Wegener, 21 Gary & Susan Roth, 24 Donald & Karen Rauschenberger Jr., 30 John & Constance Gengler

### **July Birthdays**

1 Alyssa Bebeau, 1 Amie Keidel, 1 Gary Roth, 4 Kenneth Weber Jr., 5 Andrew Balzer, 5 Lucille Koehler, 5 Paula Ruff, 6 Marcella Anderson, 6 Stacey Jezowski, 6 Corinne Schroeder, 7 Megan Borchard, 8 Morgan Harrison, 8 Ellen Reiss, 9 Debra Lindstrom, 10 Kevin Feinauer, 10 Rodney Feinauer, 10 Terry McNally, 11 Carol Mularz, 13 Paul Netkowski Jr., 15 Jerry Lynch, 16 Jim Wegener, 17 Judy Eichman, 17 Kristen Glasser, 18 Catherine Sugden, 19 Cassidy Bachman, 19 Christine Fiebke, 19 Rachel Kozuch, 19 Amy Lynch, 19 Phillip Pierce, 21 Brendan Harrison, 21 Roland Reiss, 22 Wade Seaver, 23 Mary Keidel, 23 James Ralph, 24 Kelly Robson, 25 Robert Feinauer, 25 Cherye Krueger, 26 Evan Bickham, 26 Brett Keidel, 28 Khristel Netkowski, 28 Patsy Schroeder, 28 Hunter Steward, 29 Cory Liberacki, 29 Kirstin Meyer, 29 Julie Stark, 29 Donna Wegener, 30 Shannon Gray, 31 Eugene Roberts

### **July Anniversaries**

3 Gilbert & Barbara Bartz, 6 Steven & Debra VanTol, 7 Robert & Jeanette Harper, 17 Kenneth & Joy Marotzke, 19 Peter & Cynthia Fredrich, Wilmar & Elaine Schmidt, 22 Dallas & Judy Eichman, Gregory & Laurie Kozuch