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Growing in Faith, Love and Service to the God who loves us.

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Vacation Bible School

June 8 - 11

Monday - Thursday

6pm - 8pm

Adult Bible Study Too!





It is hard to believe that I am writing an article for the June/July newsletter today. May has been such a busy month with graduations and other end of school activities. I think I am ready for the lazy, hazy days of summer and a slower pace. It is time to relax and enjoy God's wonderful world.

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet on Tuesday, June 19th, noon at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 2550 South 138th Street. Program is Tangier Shrine Chanters. Project is the Salvation Army Fan Fund. Cost is \$6. Reservations to Mardelle by June 7th. Lutheran Women of Omaha does not meet in July or August.

School Kits for LWR

One of the mission projects of the women of the church has been to collect items for LWR School Kits. We plan to collect these items again this year. July is typically the month that school supplies go on sale for "back to school". A tree in the entry that will have decorations listing items for you to buy. We have found it more efficient to ask people to bring several of one item than each item to assemble an entire kit. On Sunday, July 26th, we will assemble the kits after worship as a congregational project. Items needed for the school kits are:

- ✓ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, no loose-leaf paper
- ✓ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ✓ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ✓ Five black/blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ✓ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- ✓ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ✓ One pencil sharpener
- ✓ One erase

We also can use fabric to sew backpacks. Suggested fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas, denim and twill. You can give your fabric donations to Phyllis Carlson or Mardelle Gocek.

Our Bible Study Circle continues to meet in the summer. June 23rd, 11:30 am our Bible Study Circle will have its annual picnic at Central Park in LaVista. Please bring a dish to share, your Bible and the June issue of "Gather" magazine. Chicken will be provided. We plan to eat at 11:30 am. Let Mardelle know by Sunday, June 21 if you plan to attend so we know how much chicken to purchase. In June we will begin a three month bible study on giving. Our June Bible study is titled "Giving in Secret." Mardelle Gocek will lead the Bible Study.

We will meet on Tuesday July 28th, 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our bible study continues the theme on giving, "Be Like the Widow." Bible study leader will be Jeri Lindauer. Hostess will be Ann Jordan. Note the change of dates.

Upcoming Events:

July 31-August 22 – Saved to Serve

Blue Valley Lutheran Home, Hebron
September 18-20 – NSWO Convention,
First Lutheran, Lincoln

Please continue to save UPCs from "Our Family" products, UPCs from Campbell soups (the entire label) and General mills "Box Tops for Education". A box for these items is located on the piano in the elevator room.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. *Colossians 3:12*

Grace and peace!

Clothe yourself... Paul is writing to the church in Colossae about how to go about living as disciples of Jesus and he gives them this image. The image is for us as well.

Paul is saying that when we wake up in the morning, we ought to get dressed spiritually and emotionally as well as physically. When we wake up in the morning and decide what to wear, we should also ask ourselves, "What kind of attitude am I going to wear today?" Paul says kindness is a choice. It is something we can choose to "put on" every day.

Kindness is an aspect of serving. It is "love in action" — a practical expression of love. It is visible and active, not just emotional. Finding where our help is needed and helping, finding where we can bring healing and wholeness into our broken world; that is kindness.

But why do we need be kind? Why should we be kind? Kindness can be risky. Our kindness could be misunderstood or misinterpreted. "Why is this person being so nice? What's in it for him? What does she really want?"

Besides, what about the people who might take advantage of us? What about those who feel entitled to help? Do they need our help? Really? What is what they are really thinking is, "Oh, here's a sucker. I'll bilk him for everything I can."

Yup. Those things can happen. But, despite the risks, we are to be kind for two reasons.

Because of his kindness you have been saved through trusting Christ.

Ephesians 2:8

Grace and kindness always go together. We are to be kind because God is kind to us. Jesus tells a parable about a man who is forgiven a great debt by a king only to find a man who owed him money and had him thrown in prison. The inconsistency is ludicrous. How can we not show kindness to others when God has been so kind to us?

The other reason we should be kind is that we want people to be kind to us. We want to be treated right. Probably since Kindergarten we have heard about the Golden Rule, even in public school, though it may not have been attributed to Jesus.

Do to others what you would have them do to you. *Matthew 7:12*

If you are rude to other people, they are going to be rude to you. But if you are kind, most people will want to respond the same way.

Be kind and honest and you will live a long life; others will respect you and treat you fairly. *Proverbs 21:21*

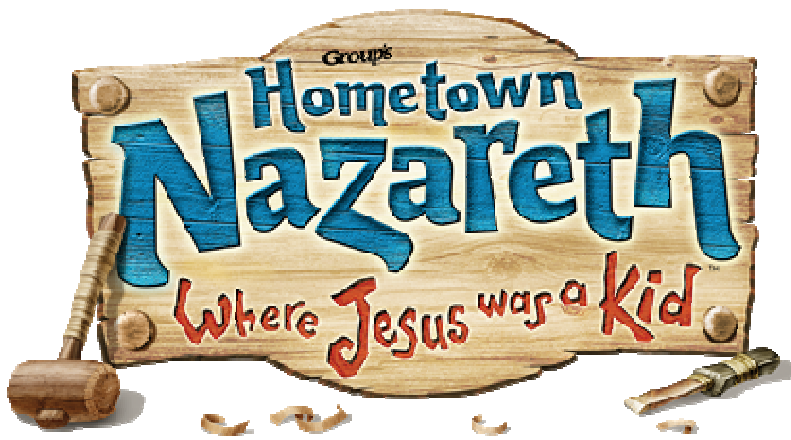
Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel.

Proverbs 11:17

So when we are kind, we are really doing ourselves a favor. So why then do we excuse ourselves when we are unkind or rude? "Just who exactly do they think they are? They deserved what I gave them." "She just annoyed me." "If I'm kind, he will just keep coming back. If I help them I'm really just making things worse." "Besides, I don't even know them. I'll probably never see them again anyway."

As we go about the summer walking with Jesus — at the baseball park watching kids play, traveling on highway for vacation, going to the zoo, our interactions with our neighbors, greeting visitors who come into the church — let's ask the Spirit to point out to us when we're unkind and how we can respond with the kindness of Jesus instead, and pay attention to what he reveals. That way we can truly enjoy all that he has given us.





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Hear stories about Jesus' childhood from the best source of all...his mom, Mary!

Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell? Take your kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that the carpenter's son is really God's son.

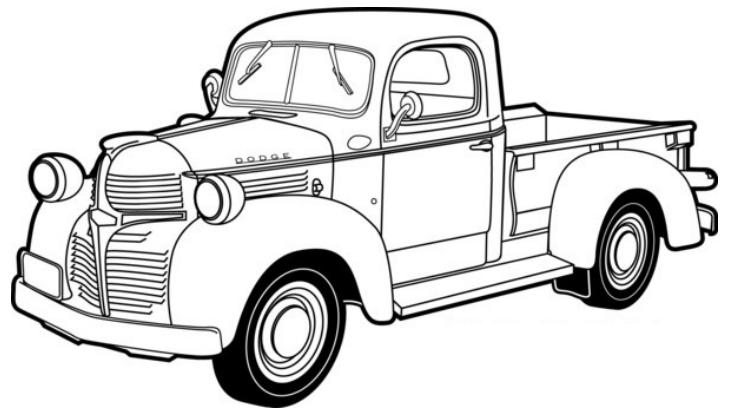
We're praying that this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. Join in the mission of helping kids in our community discover that God is with us!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Men's Breakfast **June 13 and July 11** **8:00am**

Men's Breakfast meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. where men of Christ the King unite in fellowship, dialogue and service to others. Come yourself and bring a friend!

Pickup Party! **June 27th at 10am**



Gene Schneiderman has a number of things he would like to donate to the Timberlake Center... several loads full. If you have a truck or SUV and could spare the morning it would be a great help. We'll arrive, he'll point the stuff out, and we load it and take it to the donation site. Easily done by noon!

From the Finance Committee

Every once in a while it is good to talk about the Funds of the Congregation. To talk about the *funding of the Congregation* is different than talking about the Funds of the Congregation. The Funds of the Congregation are the different ways we account for contributions given in different ways and for different reasons. Since we are in the process of an improvement project, Sanctuary carpeting, we thought it was a good time to talk about the different funds so that when we use these words people know what we are talking about.

General Operating Fund

Our congregation's Mission Plan (budget) is approved at the annual meeting in January each year. The General Operating Fund is used to pay the day-to-day operating expenses of the church. For example, these funds cover the payroll, utilities, building and office supplies, and minor building maintenance. Unless otherwise designated, offerings go into this fund.

Memorial Fund

Memorials are financial gifts given to the congregation in memory of someone who has passed away. Typically happening around the time of a funeral, families and friends will make such an offering. The Memorial Fund is used for special needs of the congregation in conversation with the family of the person who is being remembered. Paraments, the lectern bible, a major contribution to the elevator project, the Automated External Defibrillator, and flags, are a few examples of how memorials have been used recently.

Mission Endowment Fund

The Mission Endowment Fund is an investment fund set up by our constitution in which regular withdrawals from the dividend income of the invested capital are used for specified purposes such as, new ministry opportunities, community outreach, missions of the ELCA, and scholarships or grants. Contributions to this fund can be made at any time.

Capital Fund

When contributions are made to fund an improvement project, such as tile in the Fellowship Hall or carpet for the Sanctuary, these contributions go into the Capital Fund. Money from this fund will only be used for the purchase of approved items that become fixed property of the congregation. Examples are, floor covering, rest room restoration, elevator, stained glass windows, and the sound system. There are members of our congregation who have pledged, during the Stewardship Appeal, a regular weekly contribution to this fund. Regular contributions to this fund help in that there is already some money available at the time of a special appeal.

Contingency Fund

The Contingency Fund exists to provide a reserve for the General Operating Fund. This reserve will become valuable if and when operating income fails to meet operating expenses during a budget year. This fund will provide a reserve equal to approximately 30 percent of the annual operating budget.

We hope that this description is helpful. We want you to know that we take very seriously the responsibility with which you as a congregation have entrusted us. If you have any questions at any time, feel free to talk with any of us. We are more than happy to help explain something or get an answer to your question.

Finance Committee

Jon Butler, Nick Christy, Dick Lindauer

An Ordinary Day with Jesus

**An invitation...
and an event for our
young people.**

**Ordinary time is an occasion to
become attentive to the call of
discipleship both outer and inner.**

Let's face it. None of us gets very excited about anything that's considered "ordinary." If we stop to think about the word, our mental thesaurus will come up with synonyms like "common," "average," "mediocre" and "mundane," all words that are very uninspiring.

So it can feel like something of a let down when, after Pentecost Sunday, we enter into the season of the Christian year traditionally known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is the longest season of the year, running from early June through late November. But Ordinary Time is "ordinary" only by way of contrast to the "extraordinary" nature of the other seasons of the year. That only means that it is not oriented around one of the church's primary "holy days" – the most important events in the life story of Jesus. Instead, Ordinary Time is a season that is oriented around the basic ideas of life and growth in the Spirit.

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the birth of the church through the outpouring of the Spirit on all who believe in and follow after the risen Jesus. The Season after Pentecost is a time for the church to reflect on the reality of the Spirit's presence with us, transforming our lives and empowering us for mission. The Spirit is present with us, enabling us increasingly to live like Jesus lived, love like Jesus loved, and serve like Jesus served.

But the primary "context" for this transformation is ordinary life lived out in the midst of our daily rhythms and routines. Becoming more like Jesus isn't an experience reserved for the über-spiritual, only available to those who have the luxury of being able to retreat from the realities of life to encounter God. Instead, it is an experience that is at the heart of God's desire for each of his children. And we find ourselves being changed as we learn what it means to spend an ordinary day with Jesus, to pay attention to God and open ourselves up to his work in the midst of our day-to-day lives.

Actually, to call the longest season of the liturgical year "Ordinary Time" is a profound way of recognizing that the daily, ordinary rhythms of our lives are sacred; there is something holy to be found in the midst of what often feels like the daily grind; that God is just as present in the grittiness and glory of an ordinary day as in the great celebrations of Christmas or Easter or Pentecost.

So the invitation...

As we journey with Jesus and with one another through Ordinary Time, let's pray that we would learn to be attentive and open to what God longs to do in and through our ordinary days. Let's take "flat Jesus" along with us. And mark those times and maybe even share where Jesus was at work to make your ordinary day extraordinary.

The event...

On July 28, 2015 I'd like to take our young people, going into sixth grade and up, and spend an ordinary day with Jesus. We'll start at church at 8am. We'll make breakfast together, do some service work at the church, and have devotions. Then we'll go to the Joslyn art museum and see how artists have shared their faith. We'll walk to the Gene Leahy Mall and play a bit and then walk to Table Grace Café for lunch and learn about that ministry. We'll Go get ice cream at Ted and Wally's and then head to the elder Rice's to swim in their pool. So, a full day... with Jesus. If you have or know a young person who would benefit from this event, please give me a call and we can talk about how you can encourage them to be a part of this event.

June Anniversaries

- 3 John & Angie Wicklander
- 4 Jay & Diana Welshonse
- 4 Pastor Bryan (Ordination; 2000)
- 6 Gary & Tammy Morrow
- 9 Ray & Judy Fink
- 12 Rich & Greta Carlson
- 17 Paul & Becky Dawkins
- 21 Gene & Shirley Schneiderman
- 25 Norm & Jean Grob
- 27 Bryce & Jill Kennon

June Birthdays

- 1 Nathan Heldt
- 1 Jocelyn Heldt
- 1 Dave Johnson
- 3 Emma Dawkins
- 3 Eli Drummond
- 5 Marlys Tengvall
- 10 Carol Galaska
- 13 Colleen Schwalm
- 16 Jay Welshonse
- 18 Ann Kennon
- 19 Randy Andresen
- 20 Randy Schultz
- 22 Sharon Webb
- 22 Joe Schultz
- 24 Jasmine Taylor
- 27 Samantha Myers
- 28 Judy Taylor
- 30 Phyllis Carlson
- 30 Ken Sirnes

CELEBRATE
God's gift of Fathers
Father's Day is June 21st!

**Is your birthday or anniversary missing?
Email heidick@gmail.com or
send a message to the office
from the web page.**

Celebrate Freedom Special Service July 5, 2015

July Anniversaries

- 11 Bill & Sharon Webb
- 28 Del & Lois Smith

July Birthdays

- 7 Brittany Morrow
- 6 Lynn Schultz
- 9 Erika BenSalah
- 15 Debbie Cline
- 16 Edna Keffer
- 17 Sheli Rice
- 19 Mardelle Gocek
- 20 Bryan Rice
- 20 Tomas Velazquez
- 20 Wanda Haack
- 23 Jacob Carmine
- 23 Joshua Carmine
- 24 Harper Palm
- 25 Gabriel Voss
- 31 Bryce Robalik
- 31 Colin Palm

**Breakfast at LUMS!
NEW DAY! FRIDAYS!
June 5 and July 3
at 8am!**

June and July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	2	3 6 pm Fitness Club 7:30pm. AIAnon	4 6pm Fitness Club	5 8am LUMS	6
7 9am Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship VBS LEADER MEETING	8 VBS 6-8pm	9 VBS 6-8pm	10 7:30pm. AIAnon VBS 6-8pm	11 VBS 6-8pm	12	13 8am Men's Breakfast
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