Bethany Lutheran Church

"To grow so deep in Christ through worship, education, and fellowship that we celebrate by reaching out to others."





"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." - Romans 12:4-5

IMPORTANT DATES

06/04 Hope Chest meeting 7:00 pm 06/22 4th Sunday free community meal

06/29 Worship Service will be in the Great Hall

07/27 4th Sunday free community meal 07/28 - 8/1 Vacation Bible school

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Greetings people of God!

I wanted to take a moment and thank those serving on the church council for their continued commitment to the call they accepted to be leaders here at Bethany and express my gratitude to them (and Jill Taylor, Financial Secretary) for

taking time out of their busy schedules and attending a council retreat on Saturday, April 26th. Those serving on the council are listed elsewhere in this newsletter and I invite you, if you have not done so in a while, to tell each of them "thank you" for answering the call God set before them and to continually lift them up in prayer.

With that said, I want to provide a brief recap of our time together, which began with breakfast and was followed by some fun, getting to know one another better, dwelling in God's word, prayer, and beginning a process of discernment at where we are now and where God may be calling and leading us into the future.

Much of our time was spent reading, studying, and discussing chapters 2 and 3 of Revelations. I urge each of you to read through John's letters to the 7 churches found there. In reading these letters we gathered in groups and talked about the strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and promises found in each one. Though written to congregations in a completely different context we all agreed they were facing similar challenges as we do yet today and the same promises God made to them hold true for us today.

After these discussions each participant was asked to write a letter they think Jesus would write to "the angel of the church at Bethany." We were invited to reflect upon what our church's strengths were Jesus would lift up. What are our weaknesses to which Jesus would say "I have this against you" and what challenges would Jesus put forth to us? We were invited to name the promises that God makes to us.

Based on those letters we pulled out some of the repeating themes we each heard and listed them on paper and left those pages hanging in the Great Hall for all to see. I am sure some of you have noticed them and looked them over but if you haven't here is what they say. *(Cont. on page 2)*

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Strengths/Joys Care for Others Age of Bethany Congregation (Pillar in the community) Good base of members and financial resources Mission Outreach Hospitality/Welcoming Weaknesses Complacency and Apathy Education Challenges Getting people involved Living our faith Continuing outreach Continuing to be welcoming Being open to change Uniting (in Christ) Council feels alone at times Promises We are not alone Love of God Strength through Christ Eternal Life Resurrection and new life now!

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Moving forward the council would like to share the letters written with all of you and we will be presenting one or two letters in this and upcoming news-letters. These letters were written after much discernment, prayer, and through them I believe the Holy Spirit was at work and guiding the thoughts and words that are conveyed. God is alive here at Bethany and it shows in many ways from the new members we have welcomed, to the Fourth Sunday Free Community Meal that is providing an arena for fellowship and a free meal to those who may need it, to the beautiful faith stories of our 7 youth confirmed last Sunday, to the children who will walk through our doors shortly for VBS, and in many more ways.

There is no doubt we have challenges as any community of faith does. But through it all we live in the hope that Christ is with us. We are God's faithful people, called, set apart, made holy, and are precious in God's sight because we are God's children! May we also cling to and live by these words penned by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Rome, *"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same func-tion, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."* (Romans 12:4-5)

In peace,

Pastor Chad

Letters from the Council Retreat

Letter #1

To the Church of West Branch,

I know your works: you are a long established congregation. Traditional worship and deep rooted faith are pillars of your church community. You are blessed with a wide variety of talents and adequate resources.

Beware – don't allow yourselves to become complacent – do not let apathy grow – involvement dwindle. Remember the pillar or foundation upon which the church is built. Love one another. Care for one another and be faithful. Work together – do not let small issues become major divisions within you. Rekindle the fires of involvement, stewardship, and mission. Through these things you will honor God and receive his promise of salvation.

Letter #2

I know your faithfulness and love for the community. The hospitality and support you show is outstanding, but I have these things against you: you struggle to engage your members in education and the importance of knowing the Bible and what it means to be a child of God. You are aware of the needs, but the congregation has become complacent when it comes to these matters. You want to move forward, but find the changes challenging.

I challenge you to not hold back when it comes to trying new things – to URGE people to be present and to participate – to be open to change and moving forward – to accommodate new members and ways of doing things - to make things more exciting.

I promise to be with you every step of the way and make sure you know that you are on the path I chose for you.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

On Sunday September 7, 2014 Bethany will join together with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the second annual "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This will be a dedicated day of service. We will gather for worship and then go forth into the West Branch community.

Last year we did project around the church building and grounds, spread mulch at the cemetery, and did yard work for an West Branch individual in need. Plans are underway to do something

similar this year. Everyone is invited to once again wear their yellow shirt from last year. If you did not purchase a shirt last year or desire a new one please see the table in the Great Hall for order forms and more information on this event. The shirts will be of the same design this year.

We hope to see you there!



June Birthdays

06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen 06/02 Ethan Fetzer 06/03 Katherine Lipes 06/05 Cora Lipes 06/06 Stacy Beyer, Gavin Hierseman 06/07 Richard Madsen 06/09 Shay Kinsinger 06/11 Lee Cassabaum 06/12 Alicia Grimm 06/13 Annika Olson 06/15 Amanda Whaley 06/17 Curt Casper 06/18 Jennifer Leslie 06/20 Lon Liebergen 06/21 Camden Marshall 06/27 Janet Friis 06/28 Joyce Pedersen 06/30 Sue Hughes

July Birthdays

07/02 Diane Hougen 07/05 Kim Colvin, Phyllis Hack 07/07 Tara Langley, John Roth, Mason Sweat 07/08 Lynn Snyder 07/09 Tim Shields 07/10 Jerry Dodds 07/12 Millie Anderson, Dan Holstad 07/13 Peggy Jeffries, June Madsen 07/14 Herb Friis 07/15 Claudia Beyer, Dale Swenson 07/16 Dan Haub 07/17 Anna Bruns 07/19 Roxanne Bahnsen 07/20 Kristin Black, Matthew Paulsen 07/22 Sarah Villhauer, Adam Villhauer 07/23 Kelsi Fryauf 07/29 Chris Marshall 07/30 Elizabeth Smith 07/31 Derek Fetzer, Margaret Lipes



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books for Adults

We have a number of books by Beverly Lewis, who writes about the lives of the Amish in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. We have the Home To Hickory Hollow series, the Heritage Of Lancaster County series, the Courtship Of Nellie Fisher series, as well as *The Postcard* and *The Crossroad*. This month the five books of the Abram's Daughters series is being added to our collection. Thank you to those who donated four of the five volumes of this set. *The Covenant*, unveils the layers of deeply rooted Amish tradition as seen

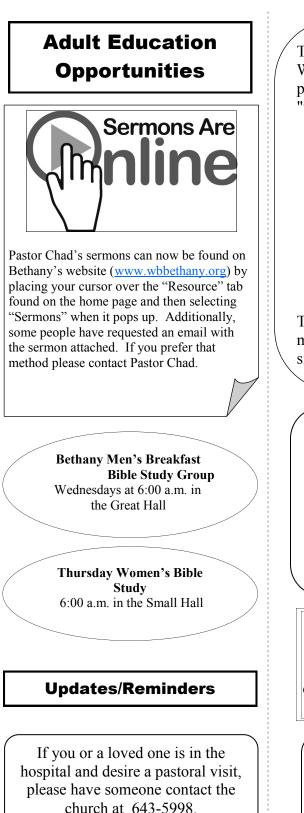
through the eyes of Leah and Sadie Ebersol, two courting-age sisters. It begins with Sadie's resistance to the Plain life and its tragic consequences. The second book, The Betrayal, continues the journey, with Leah and her beloved Jonas now separated by hundreds of miles. Book three, The Sacrifice, continues with Leah believing the worst, that Sadie and her own beloved Jonas has betraved her. Life in Gobbler's Knob was all Leah wanted until her older sister Sadie abandoned faith and family. Loyal neighbor Smithy Gid patiently waits and Leah finds herself on the verge of accepting his courting invitation. But then tragedy one more strikes the Ebersols, and Leah has to choose between her own happiness and her family. Leah Ebersol knows that the truth can be thorny, even heartbreaking. When a secret is brought to light, she must make another difficult choice, one that could be further complicated by the unexpected return of The Prodigal (book four). The Revelation is the conclusion of the series. It is a story of long-awaited forgiveness, undying love, and elusive second chances in Pennsylvania Amish country in the twenty years after World War II.

Book For Children

We Love Our Dad! By Jan and Mike Berenstain is a timely book for Father's Day. Papa Bear is the best dad that a cub could ask for. He's always there to help the cubs bait their hooks when they go fishing, throw a ball to play catch, and pull their sled to the top of Dead Bear Hill. So for Father's Day, the cubs decide to do all of Papa Bear's work for him.

Other books added this month include:

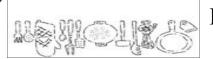
Forces Of Faith World Religions: Buddhism World Religions: Islam Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul Chicken Soup For The Teenage Soul II God's Little Devotional Book For Moms WWJD: the question everyone is asking The Fun Bible Search Book: Find Rupert The Sacred Acre: The Ed Thomas Story



The Adult Choir has recessed for the summer. We are so grateful for their dedication as they bring praise to God. Please give them a pat on the back and a "thank you" when you see them:

> Deb Anderson Kevin Blaalid John & Linda Black Anne Fetzer Eulyn Frostestad Beth & Claire Kaufman Chris & Neil Korsmo Sharon Schubert Deanna Weismann, director Elizabeth Gotlund, Accompanist

The choir will re-convene after Labor Day and you are most welcome to join us. We are always looking for new singers!



Kitchen Kapers

Please recycle your clean, used butter tubs, Cool Whip and cottage cheese containers at Bethany's kitchen. We will use them to send any leftover food home with those who attend the 4th Sunday Suppers. Thanks---and come join us on the 4th Sunday.



We are missing some red hymnals from the sanctuary. If you have borrowed a hymnal please return it to the sanctuary. Thank you

Church equipment use:

Please remember to check with the Administrative Assistant before taking any church property out of the building. Thank You!

Stewardship Spotlight

I have talked before about how Stewardship was not about giving the Church money. Stewardship is really about the prayerful management of God's resources—time, possessions and the resources God has placed on this good earth. I have gone on to lecture that "free will" means that we as Christians are free to make judgments (good and bad) about how we manage those resources. Hence, I don't preach that you should not spend money. I don't preach that you give more money to the Church or become better stewards of your available time and talents. What I do preach is that you think about, seek God's guidance and pray about how you decide and which choices you make in everything you do. Do you need a new car or can you drive the old one another year and commit what would otherwise be a new car payment to the Church? Do you need to go to the mall on Saturday morning or can you can you help the EPIC group with a project? Do you need to sleep in on Wednes-day morning or can you join the men for prayer breakfast? You and I will each have to decide and we need God's help in deciding—This is stewardship. I ran across the following blog post that illustrates what I mean and hope you enjoy reading it:

"A group of us would go out every Friday night for dinner at a local restaurant. Nothing flashy, just some good food and time together. When we started questioning how we could spend our money differently to raise funds for missionary work, we agreed that instead of going out for dinner every Friday night, we could maybe go out one Friday a month, and then go to someone's house for egg on toast on the other Friday nights. Thus, without changing much, and without spending more money, we could save money for God's kingdom. This small sacrifice is a reflection of our commitment to Christ, and to those out in the mission field in need of our support. **The idea is not to spend more money, but simply to spend our money different-ly.** So nothing really changed – Fridays remained non-flashy, food was still good (sometimes better), and we still spent time together. The upside, though, was that we now had money to give back to God.

They pitched the idea to more friends, and thus birthed the Egg on Toast Fund – a fund where people contribute the cash they have 'saved' through lifestyle changes, and the money is divided to support designated missionaries each month. In its first year of existence, the Egg on Toast fund supported four missionary families – in Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Cape Town – on a monthly basis.

Besides having egg on toast with friends, here are some more lifestyle ideas generated and put into practice by those participating in the Egg on Toast fund:

- Riding a bicycle or running to work and using the money saved on gas to put into the fund
- Inviting a friend over for coffee instead of going out for coffee
- Using secondhand car parts instead of new parts

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Stewardship Spotlight cont...

What simple changes could you make in your own life to have more money available to give to the Lord and His purposes?

• What if you sold one of your vehicles? The monthly car insurance payment on your second or third <u>family</u> car could become a regular contribution to support missionaries.

• What if you downsized your SUV for a more economic car that guzzles less gas? You could use the money saved on fuel to give away to those in need.

- What if you cut your cable service, and took out free DVD's from the library instead?
- What if you canceled your landline service at home, or downgraded your cell phone plan?
- What if you started buying generic grocery items instead of brand name?

What if you weaned yourself off that daily Starbucks run, and only indulged in a Grande Frappuccino once a week?

These may seem like drastic measures at first glance – and maybe they are. But maybe it's time that each of us asked the Lord to alter our thinking, shift our worldview, change our mindset, so that we might truly live as though "the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it ..." (Psalm 24:1).

We tend to think that we earn the money we have, and therefore it is ours to spend. As the Egg on Toast founder observed, "Giving is just not enough of a lifestyle. We think we deserve our salaries rather than seeing them as gifts from God."

Ultimately, it's God's cash. Thank Him for the privilege of using it. Then find creative ways to use less of it for yourself, and give more of it back to Him."

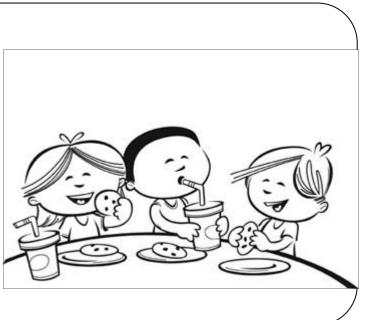
Kate Motaung <u>@k8motaung</u>.

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Jon Twing, Stewardship Team Member

SUMMER FOOD ROCKS!!

For many kids, summertime means food, friends and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful and family budgets have to be stretched even further. Free summer meals, funded by the USDA, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at summer meal sites at Hoover Elementary in West Branch, Iowa. Available to daycare providers and only \$3 for adults. Please use the playground entrance.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 17, 2014

Members present: Pastor Chad, Dave Bahnsen, Claudia Beyer, Bonnie Conner, Courtney Heid, Del Hughes, Kent Kaufman, Candy Madsen, Laura Twing

Members Absent: John Black

Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayers/Devotions: Discussion regarding spiritual practices, everyday activities that help facilitate talking or listening time with God (i.e., golfing, running, journaling, website devotions, spiritual advisors). The devotion was closed by using the "Jesus Prayer" as a way to center ourselves.

Pastor's Report: Pastor expressed some frustration with the low attendance this year for Wednesday Lenten services, and the message that it sends to the confirmation students. It was reiterated that council meetings are to be a safe environment for idea exchanges. He encouraged council members to be intentional about welcoming visitors as well as praying for them each time we see them.

Secretary's Report: Kent Kaufman moved for approval of March 10, 2014 minutes. Courtney Heid seconded. All ayes.

Treasurer's Report: The Temporary Memorial Fund has provided the final payment of the recent pew reupholstering project. Del Hughes asked about this past winter's utility bills, and suggested the possibility of adding insulation above the Sanctuary. The Pastor's pretax pension fund through Portico is caught up now. Candy Madsen moved for approval, and Bonnie Conner seconded. All ayes.

Building and Grounds: Spring yard work day will be April 12th. The frozen pipes in the Small Hall have thawed, but the water is running a little rusty.

Education: VBS – Save the date cards have been mailed out (July 28-Aug 1). The theme this year is Seasons of the Church Year. Kristin Niles said she will help. Courtney and Pastor are looking at a new Sunday School curriculum for the younger children based on the lectionary readings. There was also discussion about

recruiting teachers and switching Sunday school rooms.

Missions: no report

Fellowship: Confirmation will be on May 18th. 7 students will be confirmed. The church will buy flowers and parents will provide the cake. Also, this is Bethany's year to host fellowship following the community Baccalaureate service at the Methodist Church on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. Each congregation is to supply 4 dozen cookies. Bethany has 6 students graduating from High school this year.

Stewardship: Quarterly newsletter has been sent out.

Youth: Dave Bahnsen brought up question of eliminating this position. After some discussion it was decided that all council members pray about this prior to the next meeting.

Worship: Palm Sunday and Easter preparations going well. There will be Easter services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wayne Frauenholtz has provided 2 new flags for the sanctuary.

Old Business:

* Each council representative was asked at a prior meeting to provide a list of potential ministry ideas to use memorial funds for. Kent Kaufman suggested: large print hymnal, gifts for the confirmation students, stained glass, a television, a nursery shelf, as well as a handicapped accessible pew area.

New Business:

- * Forth Sunday dinners a turkey has been donated for the next one from North Dodge Hy-Vee. There was also discussion about committing to these dinners for a certain time frame, and needing more volunteers.
- * Candy Madsen will put out signs regarding the Hospice Walk for Dignity taking place soon.

Claudia Beyer moved to adjourn, Bonnie Conner seconded. Concluded with the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. **Daily Bible Readings**

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. The complete Daily Lectionary is also found on pages 1121-1153 of our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

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June 1 Sunday	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	June 16 Monday	Psalm 29 Job 38:39-39:12 1 Corinth. 12:1-3
June 2 Monday	Ps. 99 Lev. 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6	June 17 Tuesday	Psalm 29 Job 39:13-25 1 Corinth. 12:4-13
June 3 Tuesday	Ps. 99 Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11	June 18 Wednesday	Psalm 29 Job 39:26-40:5 John 14:25-26
June 4 Wednesday	Psalm 99 1 Kings 8:54-65 John 3:31-36	June 19 Thursday	Psalm 131 Proverbs 12:22-28 Philippians 2:19-24
June 5 Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:1-9a	June 20 Friday	Psalm 131 Isaiah 26:1-5 Philippians 2:25-30
June 6 Friday	Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:16-25	June 21 Saturday	Psalm 131 Isaiah 31:1-9 Luke 11:14-23
June 7 Saturday	Romans 8:14-17 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 20:1-21	June 22 Sunday	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matt. 10:24-39
June 8 Sunday	Matt. 5:1-12 Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinth. 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	June 23 Monday	Psalm 104 Deut. 32:1-14 Hebrews 10:32-39
June 9 Monday	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24	June 24 Tuesday	Psalm 104 1 Kings 17:1-16 1 Corinth. 4:6-21
June 10 Tuesday	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b Ezek. 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27	June 25 Wednesday	Psalm 104 Isaiah 66:7-13 Luke 12:22-31
June 11 Wednesday	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39	June 26 Thursday	Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Jeremiah 25:1-7 Galatians 5:2-6
June 12 Thursday	Psalm 8 Job 38:1-11 2 Tim. 1:8-12a	June 27 Friday	Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Jeremiah 25:8-14 Galatians 5:7-12
June 13 Friday	Psalm 8 Job 38:12-21 2 Tim. 1:12b-14	June 28 Saturday	Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Jeremiah 28:1-4 Luke 17:1-4
June 14 Saturday	Psalm 8 Job 38:22-38	June 29 Sunday	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 17-18 John 21:15-19
June 15 Sunday	John 14:15-17 Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinth. 13:11-13 Matt. 28:16-20	June 30 Monday	Psalm 119:161-168 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Thessalonians 4;9-12

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July 2 Wednesday	Psalm 119:161-168 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Matt. 11:20-24	July 18 Friday	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20
July 3 Thursday	Psalm 145:8-14 Zech. 1:1-6 Romans 7:1-6	July 19 Saturday	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matt. 7:15-20
July 4 Friday	Psalm 145:8-14 Zech. 2:6-13 Romans 7:7-20	July 20 Sunday	Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25 Matt. 13:24-30,36-43
July 5 Saturday	Psalm 145:8-14 Zech. 4:1-7 Luke 10:21-24	July 21 Monday	Psalm 75 Nahum 1:1-13 Rev. 14:12-20
July 6 Sunday	Zech. 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a	July 22 Tuesday	Psalm 75 Zephaniah 3:1-13 Galatians 4:21-5:1
July 7 Monday	Matt. 11:16-30 Psalm 131 Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22	July 23 Wednesday	Psalm 75 Daniel 12:1-13 Matt. 12:15-21
July 8 Tuesday	Romans 1:18-25 Psalm 131 Jeremiah 28:10-17	July 24 Thursday	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:28-37 1 Corinth. 4:14-20
July 9 Wednesday	Romans 3:1-8 Psalm 131 Jeremiah 13:1-11	July 25 Friday	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:38-48 Acts 7:44-53
July 10 Thursday	John 13:1-17 Psalm 65:9-13 Isaiah 48:1-5 Bomens 2:12 16	July 26 Saturday	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 2:1-4 Matt. 12:38-42
July 11 Friday	Romans 2:12-16 Psalm 65:9-13 Isaiah 48:6-11	July 27 Sunday	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39 Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52
July 12 Saturday	Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 65:9-13 Isaiah 52:1-6	July 28 Monday	Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 3:16-28 James 3:13-18
July 13 Sunday	John 12:44-50 Isaiah 65:9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23	July 29 Tuesday	Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 4:29-34 Ephesians 6:10-18
July 14 Monday	Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thess. 4:1-8	July 30 Wednesday	Psalm 119:121-128 Prov. 1:1-7, 20-33 Mark 4:30-34
July 15 Tuesday	Psalm 92 Deut. 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-5:2	July 31 Thursday	Ps. 145:8-9, 14-21 Proverbs 10:1-5 Philippians 4:10-15
July 16 Wednesday	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matt. 13:10-17		

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June 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Synod As- sembly - Coralville 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	2	3 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	4 6:00 AM Men's Break- fast and Bible Study 7:00 PM Hope Chest Meeting	5 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	9 6:30 PM Council Meet- ing	10 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	11 6:00 AM Men's Break- fast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle	12 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	16	17 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	18 6:00 AM Men's Break- fast and Bible Study	19 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 29 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship in the Great Hall	23 30	24 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	25 6:00 AM Men's Break- fast and Bible Study	26 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	27	28

July 2014

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	30	1 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	2 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	3 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	4	5
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13 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	14 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	16 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	17 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	21	22 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	23 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	24 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	28 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School	29 9:00 AM VBS 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	30 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM VBS	31 6:00 AM Women's Bible study 9:00 AM VBS		

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April 13 - 114 April 20 - 8:00 am 49 10:00 am 79	Total Receipts	Actual	Budget	Actual 49,462	Budget 41,000
April 27 - 81	F	13,774	10,250		,
•	Total Expenses	11,647	11,457	47,532	45,545



Ministry Assistants June

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors) 06/01 George McCrory 06/08 Deanna Weismann 06/15 Alan Beyer 06/22 Lisa Zimmerman 06/29 Del Hughes

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters) 06/01 Tonya & Shawn Samuelson 06/08 Nancy & Paul Bruns 06/15 Linda & John Black 06/22 Pam Glandon & Alice Allen 06/29 Deanna & Paul Weismann

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes) 06/01 Derek & Ethan Fetzer 06/08 Maddie & Katie Anderson 06/15 Matt Whaley & Matt Paulsen 06/22 Brett Schiele 06/29 Olivia Poppen & Jaden Roth



Facebook is just another way to stay in touch and communicate with one another along with other congregations in the community, synod and ELCA!

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