

The Mustard Seed

July & August 2018

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

May we all be blessed this summer with times of rest, relaxation and recuperation. Here in north country we are invited to an annual cycle of rest. The weather in June has been an invitation to rest from the work of winter.

After some hard work, some exhausting work by the disciples Jesus invites them to come away with him to a deserted place and invites them to rest for a while.

“The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.” Mark 6: 30-32

And as we move through this time of re-creation let us remember to give God thanks, and praise as we worship together (every Sunday at 9:30 am).

May God Bless Your Summer,

Pastor John



HELPERS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2018

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 8
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

July 15
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

July 22
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

July 29
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

August 5
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

August 19
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

August 26
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

September 2
(Servers) Council
(Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

WORSHIP HOSTS

July 1
Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaaesen

July 8
Dwight & Bette Hagman & Dennis DeFrang

July 15
Arden & Patti Virnig & Chuck Anderson

July 22
Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Norma Thompson

July 29
Jim & Joani Ellingson & Judy Waytashek

August 5
Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Marian Veaaesen

August 12
Ed & Shirley Stukey & Dennis DeFrang

August 19
Dick & Elaine Asmus & Chuck Anderson

August 26
Ray & Sandy Kephart & Norma Thompson

September 2
Arden & Patti Virnig & Marian Veaaesen

OFFERING COUNTERS

July 1
Ed Stukey & Bruce Peterson

July 8
Marian Veaaesen & Craig Hagman

July 15
Charleen Dahlgren & Kaye Mickus

July 22
Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey

July 29
Judy Hagman & Marian Veaaesen

August 5
Charleen Dahlgren & Sandy Kephart

August 12
Bruce Peterson & Ed Stukey

August 19
Marian Veaaesen & Kaye Mickus

August 26
Craig Hagman & Ed Stukey

September 2
Dixie Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren

LECTORS

July 1
Judy Watyashek

July 8
Judy Lundberg

July 15
Patti Hook

July 22
Dixie Peterson

July 29
Joan Ellingson

August 5
Sandy Kephart

August 12
Judy Waytashek

August 19
Judy Lundberg

August 26
Joan Ellingson

September 2
Arden Virnig

PIANISTS

July 1 Barb Bendson
July 8 Barb Bendson
July 15 Barb Bendson
July 22 Barb Bendson
July 29 Barb Bendson
August 5 Barb Bendson
August 12 Barb Bendson
August 19 Barb Bendson
August 26 Barb Bendson
September 2 Barb Bendson

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

July 1
July 8
July 15 Hillman group
July 22
July 29 Early Childhood Coalition
August 5 Early Childhood Coalition
August 12
August 19 Hillman group
August 26
September 2

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. THANK YOU!

**WE NEED
OFFERING
COUNTERS!!**

**Please see Darcy if
you can help.**

THANK YOU!

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. THANK YOU!!

**Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
Pastor John's phone: 320.676.3130**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Friday 9am-3pm**

**DEADLINE for the September 2018 Mustard Seed will be NO LATER THAN Sunday, August 26th.
Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!**

Unapproved Minutes for June 19, 2018 Council Meeting

Members present: D. DeFrang, N. Holen, P. Hook, V. Jones, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: none

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved after the following items were discussed. Financial reports- The church is currently in deficient spending partly due to monthly offerings decreasing. There have been some complications with the accounting system, but the glitches are being worked out. The council approved that Velma Jones is the council representative when the church's financial reports are being reviewed. The council will revisit Bethany's financial situation at the July meeting. Pastor's report- Pastor John informed the council that the first available time for Bishop Tom Aitken to visit Bethany is November 11. The Bishop will preach and preside over communion at the 9:30 service that day. Pastor John also gave the council some possible dates for a first communion class.

Old Business: none

New Business: A. Tour Parsonage- The council toured the parsonage and visited with Darcy and Tim about any concerns they might have. The council approved purchasing a backup sump pump to have on hand in case it was ever needed. The parsonage will also be getting a new dishwasher since the old dishwasher hasn't worked for some time. B. Annual Meeting recap- The council encourages members to sign up on the money chart to help replenish the memorial fund. C. Little Free Pantry- This project will be moving forward. The maintenance will be taken care of by the Onamia Early Childhood Coalition. D. Parsonage lawn- The council approved having the lawn sprayed three times this summer. One application had already occurred and there already seems to be an improvement on the amount of Creeping Charlie on the lawn. E. Check Signer- Bethany needed another check signer and the council approved Pam Olson to handle this task.

Project Updates: A. Annual projects list- The Naming Project Campers will be here on August 5 between 5-6. Please talk to Darcy or Sandy K. if you can help or would like to donate monies to help with the cost of food. B. Operation Community Connect recap- Norma was the Bethany representative at this event in early June. She reported a good turnout and that many people went over to Ruby's Pantry after being at Operation Community Connect. C. Blue Tooth Loops- Patti visited a church that was using a blue tooth system to help the hard of hearing hear during the church service. The council plans to research Blue Tooth.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

Next Council meetings are scheduled for July 17th & August 21st at 7 pm.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY!

BETHANY'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS ON DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX! IT WILL BE INSTALLED BESIDE THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. A LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS A PLACE (VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY) WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE FOOD IF THEY NEED IT, AND LEAVE FOOD IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE. BRING CANS OR OTHER WATER-TIGHT CONTAINERS OF FOOD WHENEVER YOU CAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG.

COMMUNITY DIAPER PROGRAM

The Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition has FREE diapers available to community members in need. Diapers from size 1-6 are available at the Rolf Olsen Center. The Early Childhood Coalition can purchase diapers at a very low cost and pass them on FREE to families in need. Donations toward this project are welcome! Please talk to Susan B. or Darcy if you have questions or would like to help. Thank you for your support!

JULY/ AUGUST 2018 HAPPENINGS

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - NO Prayer Shawl in July.
August 7th 4pm.

Quilting Will resume in September. Watch future bulletins/ newsletters for date and time.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

FUNDRAISING BOARD
THERE IS A FUNDRAISING BOARD LOCATED ON THE DOOR IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE HELP US REPAY THE MEMORIAL FUND FROM THE BASEMENT WORK! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!

Little Free LIBRARY!
We are always collecting books for our little free library! We are in need of infant/ toddler/ preschool books and also teen books. We do not need an adult books at this time. Thank you for donating!

Pastor Sandy Berg-Holte retirement
Former Bethany Pastor Sandy Berg-Holte will be retiring on July 22 at 10:30am worship at St. John's Lutheran Cedarbrook at 27452 St. John's Rd., Aitkin, MN

Onamia Area Early Childhood 3rd Annual RUM RIVER DUCKY RACE
August 11th at 1:00 p.m. - Many great prizes including a Kayak, Children's bikes, Cash and gift certificates. Adopt a duck for \$5. Talk to Darcy or Susan to purchase tickets. We'd love to have you help sell tickets - top ticket seller receives a prize!

Bakers and Buyers needed for our Bake Sale on July 29 and August 5 To promote our Rum River Ducky Race, Bethany and the Early Childhood Coalition will hold a Bake Sale before and after worship on Sunday July 29 and Sunday August 5. For every \$5 you spend at our Bake Sale you will receive a FREE \$5 Ducky Race ticket! The Ducky Race will take place on Saturday Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. Prizes include a kayak, \$100 cash, a guided fishing trip, kids' bikes, and gift certificates. You do not need to be present to win. We need interested bakers to donate baked goods to our sale. Please contact Darcy or Susan if you can help.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY
July 2nd Linda Swenson's Birthday
July 5th Marian Veaaasen's Birthday
July 16th Charles & June Dahlgren's Anniversary
July 16th Zac Virnig's Birthday
July 17th Norma Thompson's Birthday
July 21st Brienna Kightlinger's Birthday
July 25th Susan Bracken's Birthday
July 26th Andy Holen's Birthday

AUGUST
August 5th Katelynn Anderson's Birthday
August 6th Don & Dorothy Lemke's Anniversary
August 8th Judy Lundberg's Birthday
August 11th Arden & Patti Virnig's Anniversary
August 16th Tom Vogtlin's Birthday
August 20th Norma Schmidt's Birthday
August 22nd Velma Jones' Birthday
August 24th Ray & Sandy Kephart's Anniversary
August 25th Andy & Norma Holen's Anniversary
August 27th Mark & Michelle Anderson's Anniversary
August 29th Michelle Anderson's Birthday

RUBY'S PANTRY
Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning at **10:30 am the FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**
Next three dates will be July 2nd, Aug. 6th & TUES., Sept. 4th (DATE CHANGE!)

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Word & Prayer	2 10:30am Ruby's Pantry	3	4	5 3:30 pm - Bible study at UMC	6	7
8 9:30am Holy Communion	9	10 9-11:30am - Senior Companions	11	12 3:30 pm - Bible study at UMC	13	14 8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC
15 9:30am Holy Communion	16	17 7pm - Council Meeting	18	19 3:30 pm - Bible study at UMC	20	21
22 9:30am Holy Communion	23	24	25 5-7pm - Pie Social at UMC	26	27	28
29 9:30am Holy Communion	30	31	<i>August 1</i>			

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				3:30pm Bible study at UMC		
5 9:30am Holy Communion	6 10:30am Ruby's Pantry	7 4pm - Prayer Shawl	8	9	10	11 8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC
Naming Project Campers Dinner						
12 9:30am Word & Prayer	13	14 9-11:30am - Senior Companions	15	16	17	18
MUSICIAN APPRECIATION SUNDAY				3:30pm Bible study at UMC		
19 9:30am Holy Communion	20	21 7pm - Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 9:30am Holy Communion	27		29	30	31	September 1
Sept. 2 9:30am Holy Communion						

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Council Members:

President - Pam Olson

Vice President - Velma Jones

Secretary - Dixie Peterson

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen - Patti Hook - Dennis DeFrang

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 1

9am - Word & Prayer

SUNDAY, JULY 8

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 15

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 22

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 29

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

9:30am - Holy Communion

5pm - "The Naming Project" Dinner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

9:30am - Word & Prayer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30am - Holy Communion



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