



THE MESSENGER

2008

Worship Schedule
 Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM
 Sunday Church School for all ages:
 9:15 AM

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Dangerous Words

What comes to your mind when you hear the word stewardship? For many of us who have been around the church for quite a while the word means one thing, money, and it ranks right up there with the other favorite Lutheran word, evangelism. If you want to make sure that you can have some good solitary time to think on your own without interruption there may be no better way to get it than to schedule a two-part all day workshop on stewardship and evangelism in a Lutheran church. You could almost be certain that no one would show up without a generous portion of arm-twisting. But all kidding aside, I have to ask, "Why?" Why is it that these two words strike such fear in us? Why is it that we are so reluctant to sign on to anything bearing the names stewardship or evangelism? Why is it that these two terms, which incidentally could arguably be the most important things for the church to get right, are so often brushed aside? Why?

If I had a really good answer to that question we could probably solve our congregation's budget struggles pretty quickly with the profits from the book, "A Failsafe Way to Get Your Church Excited About Stewardship and Evangelism." But since I currently only have the title, you'll have to settle for the reasons that stewardship and evangelism are so important for us to comprehend and embrace.

First let me make sure you understand what I really mean when I talk about the importance of stewardship. Stewardship is far more than giving money. Stewardship is living with an understanding that everything we have, our money, our relationships, our talents, our work, our possessions, our personality, our ... you name it; don't really belong to us, they are given to us by God to be used to the glory of God. How we make use of the things God has entrusted to us demonstrates our faithfulness in living for Christ.

Now let's look at evangelism. Evangelism is far more than telling people to believe in Jesus Christ or they will pay for it in eternity. Evangelism is living the Gospel, the Good News, in such a way that everyone we meet is captivated by the Spirit of God that shines through us. Evangelism is bringing hope, joy, love, and meaning to a world that sees far too much despair, sorrow, hatred, and insignificance.

Maybe now we see the difficulty with these two words. They are simply so big, so important, and so essential to the life of a Christian that we don't dare get them wrong. Yet we know that we often do. We avoid them because we are certain we'll never get them completely right. And to attempt to do them justice we will have to live more for God and others than we do for ourselves. We will have to commit our lives to the cause of Christ, fully, completely, and without reservation.

So anyone up for a challenge? Let's employ all of our resources in lives that truly evangelize, that truly bring Good News. Wouldn't that be just a little exciting?

Peace and prayers,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim Lewis, Senior Pastor

Pastor Marlin Drake, Visitation Pastor

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Registration Form



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Child's Information:

PARENTS: Please send a white t-shirt to bible school with your child for an iron-on transfer.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home email address: _____

Child's Age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Home congregation (if any): _____

In case of Emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Please list any allergies the VBS staff should be aware of: _____

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS Day:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Date: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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COME ON DOWN TO SONHARVEST COUNTY FAIR FOR SOME DOWN-HOME FUN!

The rooster's crowing and it's time to get crackin'! It's fair time again and the farm is buzzing with excitement. From game playing and craft making to cow milking and hog calling, SonHarvest County Fair Vacation Bible School has it all! Kids ages 3 years to 5th grade will love the farming theme and down-to-earth fun as they get hands-on experience in growing, making and presenting their best. Through the examples of Jesus and His parables, students will grow a crop of love, sprout joy, plant peace, produce some patience and pick a bushel of kindness too! They'll learn that the best way to grow is to know Jesus as their Savior and to live as He wants them to live.



During their time in SonHarvest County VBS, kids will have a fair like dinner at the Food Stand from 5:30-6:00, learn songs at the Grandstand at 6:00 in the Sanctuary, and rotate through centers of the Craft Pavilion, Midway Games, and Blue Ribbon Missions. It will be a week of fun and excitement sure to win first place with kids of all ages. SonHarvest is for kids ages 3 to 5th grade. **The gates open each day at 5:30PM and close at 8:30PM the week of August 4-8.**

So polish your pumpkins, practice your hog calling and pick your sweetest peaches. It's sure to be a blue-ribbon year at SonHarvest County Fair!

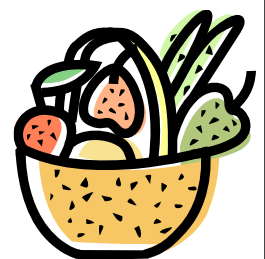
Coloring Contest for VBS date extended

It's not too late to turn in your coloring sheet for the VBS coloring contest. Contest dates have been extended until the first day of VBS, August 4th. So, any 3-year-olds through 5th graders who plan on attending VBS this summer are invited to enter the Son Harvest County Fair Coloring Contest. Pick up the age appropriate coloring sheet from the VBS display in the narthex. Awards for the following age groups will be given at VBS: 3 & 4 year olds, pre-kindergarten & kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade, and 3rd - 5th grade. So pick up your picture and start coloring!



Thank You For Your Food Donations

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Through your generosity ALL the food needed for our VBS dinners have been donated! If you signed up to donate food, please have it in the fellowship hall kitchen no later than 4:30PM on Monday, August 4.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Supplies Needed

VBS is about to begin and we still have a few needs. Look at the list below and see where you can help out. Thank you!

2 liter pop bottles with lids (rinsed with lids in a separate bag)
 paper towel tubes
 12 oz plastic water bottles with caps
 soup or vegetable cans (cleaned)
 square tissue boxes
 homemade canned fruits and vegetables
 (will be returned to you after VBS so put name on bottom of jar)
NEW 75-80 ears of corn **NEW**

Please talk to Chris Sergent if you have the following

twine
 30 feet of 2x4s

Please call Dana Lewis if you have the following

Wheelbarrow
 Adult size overalls

Please bring supplies to church and put them in the VBS room in Luther Hall. Thank you for supporting this summer's VBS!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY OFFERED AT VBS

Join us each night during Vacation Bible School for an in-depth look at Paul's concept of the Fruit of the Spirit as described in Galatians. You'll have an opportunity to join in the fun of the VBS opening and closing and be challenged to produce the fruits of the spirit in your daily life as we explore the following topics together:

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Love

We can love others like Jesus loves us.

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Joy

God designed you to be joyous.

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Peace

Empty your anxieties by filling up with God.

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Patience

God wants to make you patient with people and events.

The Fruit of the Spirit Is Kindness

Learn to experience and demonstrate God's kindness.

YOUNG PEOPLES BOARD

ADIRONDACKS MISSION TRIP A BIG SUCCESS

We enjoyed a fantastic week of ministry and relationship building in the Adirondack mountains of New York last month. Nine youth and three adults from Grace were joined by youth and adults from 5 other churches from around the country in Chestertown, NY. We scraped and painted houses, helped with children's programs, volunteered at the local nursing homes, helped with an enormous rummage sale, did some trail blazing for handicap accessible trails, took in some of the local sites, worshipped together, shared 4 showers between the 67 of us and had an amazingly good week getting to know each other, the people we served, and the God who brought us all together.

Now we'd like to tell you all about it with stories, songs, skits and pictures. You are invited to join us at 5:30 on August 31 for the Youth Missions Investors banquet in fellowship hall at Grace. We'll feed you a good meal and fill your heart with good will as we give you a small taste of the great things God showed us and did through us in the Adirondacks. If you were a Youth Missions Investor the meal is our thank you to you for making this trip possible. If you did not become a Youth Missions Investor we still hope you will come and hear the story. We simply ask that you would contribute \$5 per person (12 and under are free) so that we can cover the meal expenses and begin to prepare for next years trip. Tickets may be reserved through the church office until Sunday, August 24.



Check out more pictures from the trip at graceyouthandfamily.org

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

We will be traveling with several other area churches to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 22-26, 2009. Many of us enjoyed some laser tag, pizza, and info about the gathering last month as we began to get geared up for the gathering. We'll be getting together again in late August to agree on how we will work together to make this trip a life-changing and faith building experience for everyone involved as well as to discuss the fundraising plans and travel details for the trip before we register together on September 15. Check the website, graceyouthandfamily.org/gathering.htm for the latest info and all your registration materials.



The Gathering brings 35,000 Lutheran youth from around the country together for a week of faith, service, worship, Bible study, play, prayer, reflection, and friendships. *Jesus Justice Jazz*, is the theme for the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering, drawing from the rich faith history, diverse cultures, and arts of New Orleans. The Gathering is a time of change and growth because we gather in the presence of God's Spirit with others who journey with Jesus. The focus will be on service and justice as we live our shared reality as Christians: *Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.* It will stretch our understanding of what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ... for life... wherever we are!

**For the most up-to-date info on Grace's Youth & Family Ministry,
on-line forms, photos, games and more, go to:**

graceyouthandfamily.org

EVANGELISM BOARD

EVANGELISM NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — **the 4th Sunday of each month** — and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of*



the Homeless of Tuscarawas County which is a group of concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you to the following volunteers who will prepare and deliver food for the **Homeless Shelter on August 24th by 6:00 PM.**

Hamburgers 12: Kelly Fishley, Frances Moser, John & Sarah Wolfe, Marty Engel

Ketchup, Mustard & Pickles (lg):
Juanita Page

4 dozen Hamburger buns:
Joan Davis

Pasta Salad for 15: Christine Sergent
(2)

Corn on the cob 2 doz.: Jen McCulloch, Liz Miller, Holly Vesco

Butter (Soft spread) 6 lbs:
Shirley Johnson

1 2lb. 2.5 oz. Can of Regular Coffee:
Erick Bauer

2 Gallons of Milk: Sue Hartz

Dessert for 15: Kendra Krieger, Michelle Hallman, Shirley Grafe

24 Cans of Pop: Becky Lands, Bonnie Richardson, Frances Moser



A Great Big Thanks to all of you



A Great Big Thanks to all of you who signed up to prepare food for the Homeless Shelter and the Wednesday Free Lunch and for the food that is received to pack grocery bags. The people who receive these cooked meals and grocery bags are truly thankful. Without your support in providing food for these programs, our outreach ministry could cease to function. Please prayerfully consider signing up ahead of time before it is necessary to pass the clipboards in the pews. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. May God continue to Bless us as we reach out to others.

EVANGELISM BOARD

MOSER FAMILY MISSION

Thank you for your continue support with the Moser Mission. Steve and Tina are so thankful for the help the we are giving to them each month. Our goal is \$200 a month which we have meet each month. There are envelopes in the pews now marked with a red cross on the corner so that they will be easily seen in the pew. Continue to pray for this family as they do God's work.

We have met our goal every month so far, lets keep it up. Steve, Tina and family have been amazed and very thankful for your continuing support which has now even surpassed the support they have received from their home congregation.



GROCERY BAG MINISTRY



Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the Grocery Bag Ministry for this year. We have the year filled!

May we continue to bring in our food items each Sunday. If every family attending church would bring 1 or 2 items weekly, the pantry would be overflowing. May God's Blessings be with each and everyone of you.

We are in need of meat, fruit, peanut butter pasta noodles, soup, and cereal.

FOOD PANTRY Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. We are seeing a great increase in the number of people benefiting from this ministry.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The food items are peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti. **We are in great need of peanut butter, meat, cereal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, oatmeal, and fruit.**

Thank you to the following volunteers who will help serve our free lunch on **Wednesday, August 20th.**

Leader: Dorothy Morrison

Helpers: Shirley Grafe, Betsy Morris, Barbara Marshall

Volunteers for the Free Lunch should deliver their food donations to the church to the Luther Hall kitchen on **Tuesday, July 19th.**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Sliced Ham & Cheese for 15: Jen McCulloch (2), Marcie Tinlin,

3 Doz. Buns: Linda Bertle, Donna Fox

4 Bags of Chips: Louise Keplinger

9x13 Jell-O Salad w/ fruit: Marcie Castorccone, Frances Moser, Doris Keener

5 Loaves of Bread: Reba Snyder



GRACE CHURCH POSTCARDS—Are you missing someone who has not been here for awhile?

There are now postcards available on the narthex table for you to send to someone you have missed. Stop by and take a few home to send.

MEN'S CORN ROAST

Wednesday, August, 13th
at 6:00 PM at Deis Hill Shelter #3.



Annual Church Picnic

August 10th from 11:30am - 2:00pm

Bring your family and invite your neighbors and friends to join us for the annual church picnic. This is a **covered dish** banquet served in the Outreach Center. You can drop off your covered dish before the 10:30am service and then come after the service to enjoy fellowship and fun. There will be a large tent and seating outdoors for 150 under our tent, with limited additional seating available in the outreach center. So, **the picnic will occur rain or shine!** We will have a variety of entertainment for all ages including **live music with the C & C Band featuring Grace's own Randy Case, carnival games, group games and a Bounce House** with a slide. This year we will also have raffles for **Cleveland Indians baseball tickets!** \$5 will get you a shot at two free tickets, or \$1 gets you a shot at a buy one get one ticket. We'll also give you an arms length of buy one get one raffle tickets for \$5. The tickets are good for any series except September 18-20 vs Detroit. We hope you will come and enjoy the day as we celebrate God's gifts together.



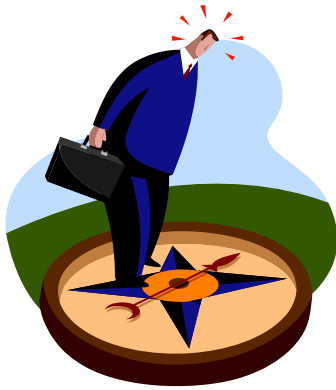
Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to help with setup, cleanup, and leading games during the picnic.

Also Thank You to the Endowment Board for funding the rental of the tent, seating, and bounce house!

Thank you to the following people who helped assemble the August Messenger: Art Siber, Dorothy Morrison, Ruth Halter, Donna Fox and Marie Lorson.



LEADERSHIP UPDATE



August 19 Orientation for Ministry Board members and leaders

We are attempting to make a few improvements to the way we manage and lead our ministries at Grace and it is important that everyone involved in our ministry boards and planning council understand what the expectations and responsibilities are. An orientation session will be held Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 PM for everyone involved. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Beginning with a common understanding of roles, expectations, goals, and challenges will serve us extremely well as we seek to lead together according to the Spirit's guidance and the call of Christ to fulfill the mission He has entrusted to us.

Leadership Encounter Highlights

During the month of July more than 40 people came to a Leadership Encounter and were presented with a sneak-peek at where we are headed as a congregation determined to help all people Know Christ, Live Christ, Share Christ and Be One In Christ. That's a great start but our goal is for every single person who attends Grace to understand the simple plan that we believe can help us accomplish this mission and know what it means to be an active participant in this faith community. Here's a brief synopsis of that simple plan.

Worship & Sunday School—In many ways this is where it all starts. Worship is the place where we gather as a congregation, young and old, male and female, single and married, certain and doubting, saints and sinners, to hear the Word of God and begin to wonder how God is asking us to respond to that Word. Sunday School is the place we begin to wrestle with that challenge and learn from one another how we might live out the Gospel in our daily lives. It is essential to the life of every Christian that worship and Sunday School are a weekly priority in our lives.

Neighborhood Life Groups—For the learning of worship and Sunday School to really matter, it has to be lived out in our everyday places. It has to be nurtured in the home and fostered through everyday relationships. Neighborhood Life Groups call the family of God together for a monthly intergenerational time of devotion, prayer, and fellowship within the neighborhoods we live in so that the challenges of the Word of God can take root in our neighborhoods, and the relationships we share within this faith community can be strengthened through Christian love and prayer.

Servant Ministries—The church does not exist for its own sake, it exists for the sake of the world. We believe the same should be said of every Christian person. Whether you serve by lighting candles or passing an offering plate, preparing meals for the homeless or bringing Christ's body and blood to our nursing home residents, everyone needs to serve somewhere. Not for the sake of the church, but because it is in serving others that we most intimately connect with Jesus Christ. Servant Ministries give people of all stages of faith and life the opportunity to live like Christ and connect more fully with Christ.

Community Celebrations—We are one body, joined together by the love of Jesus Christ. We have a lot to celebrate and we have joy in abundance to share with all the world. Community Celebrations bring the whole congregation and the larger community of which we are a part together to celebrate the gifts we have been given by Jesus Christ and the unity He prayed we would have with one another.

Look for these opportunities to be involved in the life of our congregation. Take advantage of them and you will enjoy a full experience of life in a faith community. It is our prayer that every person that attends Grace will be shaped through these four pillars of ministry to more fully embody Jesus Christ and accomplish the mission He has given to all of us.

Women of the ELCA

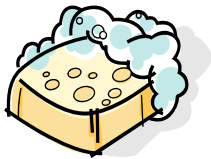
SOAP COLLECTION

Soap is a luxury for millions of people suffering from drought, civil strife or poverty. Soap is unavailable in many parts of the world. Often in places where it is available, soap is too costly for poor people to buy.

Without soap, maintaining the level of cleanliness necessary to reduce disease and infection is very difficult. The soap we collect can be a life-saving gift to people in dire circumstances.

We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping.

Place in basket in the Narthex.



KNOTTERS

Tuesday, July 8th

9:00 a.m.—Luther Hall

Please note that knotting will be on the second Tuesday of each month rather than on the third Tuesday.



DR. MARY BAER CIRCLE

Wednesday, August 27th

7:30 pm

Hostesses: Shirley Grafe

Dorothy Morrison

Topic: Dorothy Morrison

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Our global missions are coming along!

Quilts: 43

Soap: 239

Health Kits: 3

Layettes: 15

School Kits: 7

We are continuing to collect bath size bars of soap in its original wrapping. Place in basket in the Narthex.

SCHOOL KIT UPDATE!

WELCA would like to thank everyone for their continued support in helping provide school kits. At this years Dress A Child we provided 169 school kits. Thank you to Ruth Stein, Norma Grywalski, Donna Fox, Dorothy Morrison, Shirley Grafe & Jill Hootman for volunteering to help hand out kits and register families for Dress A Child. We are still in need of items to be ready for next year so please continue your support.





BABYFOOD JARS NEEDED

As a part of a special Sunday School hour Sunday, August 10 (Church Picnic Sunday) we are in need of about 60-70 clean baby food jars with lids. Start saving your jars and ask your family, friends, and neighbors to do the

Farmland Fun Sunday School Event on August 10

The fun and excitement of SonHarvest County Fair doesn't end when Bible School is over. All Sunday School aged children are invited to a special Sunday School event on Sunday, August 10, at 9:15AM in the fellowship hall. Come and experience a little bit of what it is like to live on a farm. Try your hand at dying cloth, planting flowers, and making butter. You will even have a chance to milk a "cow"! While rotating through stations you will learn how the fruits of the spirit of love, peace, and patience fit into life on the farm. This is an event your child won't want to miss!



RALLY DAY - August 24, 2008

EveryWhere and EveryWay: Calling One Another to Prayer!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer is at the very heart of our relationship with God. It is absolutely central and indispensable to the spiritual life. As the early disciples yearned for Jesus to teach them to pray, we too long for that connectedness and assurance as we are called into a living relationship with Christ. This intimate relationship begins with a living God who has come to us in Jesus and promises to "be with you always to the end of the age." These last words from Jesus in Matthew's gospel are a promise from Jesus that we will never be alone – a living God is always at our side. Prayer requires a present tense understanding of God. Then, if God is with us always, we can "pray without ceasing."

Throughout 2008-2009 our Sunday School program will be reminding people of all ages that there isn't a time, occasion, or opportunity where we cannot turn to God in prayer. And there is certainly not just one form or expression of prayer! Our call to discipleship compels us to be diligent in our own regular personal and corporate prayer and to encourage one another in a vibrant faith marked by prayer. Calling one another to prayer means helping each other recognize, articulate, and respond to God's ever-presence in the midst of all of life's joy, grief, confusion, and surprise! Join us on August 24 at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational experience designed to kick off the year in a big way as we discover new ways to come together in prayer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Confirmation Orientation

August 24, 3:00 PM

All 6th-8th grade youth and parents are expected to attend an orientation event on Sunday, August 24 at 3 PM. We will be distributing schedules for the year, discussing the format for our Sunday morning time, and presenting an exciting new addition to the program this year. Several area Lutheran churches will be working together this year to provide an engaging and challenging look at the concepts covered in Luther's Small Catechism through cooperative confirmation events. Come and discover the ways that we can be better together than we can on our own. The orientation event will also include acolyte training for all students and a time for parents to explore opportunities to be involved in significant ways throughout the year. Please make every effort to attend this important orientation event.



Raising a Healthy Baby—Faith Stepping Stones Program

For most parents, during the first few hours after birth as they hold that precious new baby in their arms, even the harshest critics of the church are often touched with wonder and mystery at such a miracle. It is said the hardest day in an atheist's life is when she finds herself profoundly thankful and has no one to thank. At Raising a Healthy Baby, young parents are invited to spend three weeks together sharing, laughing and growing as they learn about their babies' physical, emotional and spiritual health...as well as their own.

The course is designed...

- To teach parents to care for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their baby
- To teach parents to nurture their own physical, emotional, and spiritual needs during this stressful period.
- To spawn the formation of a supportive small group network for young parents
- To call parents to add the practice of blessing babies and putting them to sleep with music featuring God's Word to their nightly bedtime ritual

If you'd like to attend or help with this Faith Stepping Stones course to be offered September 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 AM please pick up a registration brochure today in the narthex or at the church office. You may also register for the event by calling the church office or register online at graceyouthandfamily.org/steppingstones.htm.



GRACE ENDOWMENT FUND PROVIDES AID TO VICTIMS OF FLOODING & TORNADOS

The Grace Endowment Board met this past Tuesday and approved a request for support of ELCA Domestic Disaster Response in their efforts to assist individuals, families, and communities who are recovering from the devastating flooding and tornadoes that impacted a large portion of the Midwest this spring and summer. We are glad to report the decision to send \$10,000 to be applied where the need is greatest. Let us all join in prayer for the continued work towards recovery in all of these areas and give thanks for the opportunity we had and have taken to be a blessing to those in need.



More about the work of ELCA Domestic Disaster Response in the Midwest

'All Hands On Deck' Needed for Flood Recovery in Midwest

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Recovery efforts in the flood-ravaged Midwest will require an "all hands on deck" approach, according to the Rev. Kevin A. Massey, director, Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Every program and project Lutherans have will be needed given the extent of flood damage there, he said. LDR is a collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Massey traveled June 25-27 to flood-affected areas of Iowa and Wisconsin. He said the number of flood-affected towns in these states "is overwhelming. Simply realizing the number of households that are coping with flooding is astonishing." According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an estimated 25,000 homes in Iowa were damaged and/or destroyed.

Especially hard hit is Cedar Rapids, Iowa, said Massey. "Looking at the high water marks on houses as far as the eye can see was overwhelming. The only other place where I felt like that was in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Cedar Rapids will be an epicenter of our response," he said.

LDR's long-term disaster response plan in the Midwest "will take some time to design, but it will certainly include the coordination of volunteers and the provision of resources like case management," said Massey. Flood-affected communities have not yet prepared themselves to host outside volunteers at this time, he said. LDR is in conversation with faith-based organizations and partners to secure housing for visiting volunteer groups.

"Lutheran congregations are already serving in flood-affected communities," particularly in Wisconsin, said Massey. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ripon, Wis., and St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau, Wis., are some congregations assembling flood buckets to be used by people to clean up their households, he said. Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc., Milwaukee, an LDR affiliate, is coordinating the production of flood buckets.

"Flood buckets -- a big plastic bucket that contains a myriad of cleaning supplies, gloves, face masks and all kinds of other stuff -- are available at designated pick-up sites," said Massey.

Massey met with the Rev. Bruce Burnside, bishop, ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Madison, to provide support and discuss the synod's disaster response efforts.

"Lutherans really do serve automatically in disaster," said Massey. "It is exciting to see how the different expressions of the ELCA -- from congregations to synods to the ELCA churchwide organization -- turn out in times of disasters," he said.

"Of everything we do, 'job one' in disaster response is to support the spiritual and emotional needs of our bishops and pastors, because the work that our leaders do in disaster is the most powerful Lutheran witness for communities affected by disasters. The way they care for congregations and the wider community is marvelous," he said.

"Leaders, when called upon to serve in disaster, can very naturally be themselves overwhelmed. We will be organizing opportunities for respite and direct personal support for leaders through these very difficult months to come," Massey said.



WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR AUGUST

Come and enjoy the special music provided by our guest musicians and this years Bible School participants.

August 3rd– 10:30, Erin Emley will be our guest soloist. Erin graduated from Tusky Valley High School in June as Salutatorian of her class and will be attending Ohio State University majoring in Voice Performance and Biology.

August 10th– 10:30, Our Son Harvest County Fair Bible School classes will provide our special music.

August 17th– 8 & 10:30, Jerome James will be returning to lead us in worship and song. Jerome led our 10:30 worship on July 15, 2007 and we left uplifted and inspired by his message and music.

August 24th– 10:30, We will be treated to music by the brass instrumental group, “The Tubafours”.

We hope you will support these groups with your attendance.

Altar Guild
Tuesday, August 26th
9:00 a.m.

Order of St. Luke
Tuesday, August 26th
7:00 p.m.

Worship Readings

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.



The cost for one vase is \$15. You will be billed by Blossom’s Florist.

Altar Flowers are available on the following dates:

Sunday, August 3rd
Isaiah 55:1–5
Romans 9:1–5
Matthew 14:13–2

Sunday, August 10th
1 Kings 19:9–18
Romans 10:5–15
Matthew 14:22–33

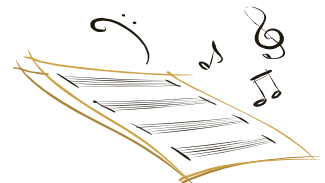
Sunday, August 17th
Isaiah 56:1, 6–8
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32
Matthew 15:[10–20] 21–28

Sunday, August 24th
Isaiah 51:1–6
Romans 12:1–8
Matthew 16:13–20

Sunday, August 31st
Jeremiah 15:15–21
Romans 12:9–21
Matthew 16:21–28

ATTENTION GALLERY CHOIR MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED VOICES!!!

The first rehearsal of the new season will be Thursday, September 4th at 7 pm in the Choir Room. New members are asked to contact Bobbie Myers (330-343-3268) so that music folders can be ready for you.



July



ASSISTANTS

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

August 3 Ashley Jerles
 August 10 Ty Miller
 August 17 Elizabeth Herman
 August 24 Andrew Yeager
 August 31 Hannah Marlowe

LAY READERS

August 3 Dale Weaver
 August 10 Terry Miller
 August 17 Gale Limron
 August 24 Lynn Foust
 August 31 Dale Weaver

DEACONS

August 3 Gale Limron
 August 10 none
 August 17 Sue Grafe
 August 24 none
 August 31 Terry Miller

USHERS

Michael Thomas-Moore
 Tom Patton
 Tim Keplinger
 Richard Elliott
 Steve Zimmerman
 Jim Heller
 Scott Ebert

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

August 3 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Art Siber
 August 10 Jerry Nelson, Jack Marshall, Ron Philabaum, Jim Gibb, Kent Philabaum, Mike Sergent, Aaronn Sergent
 August 17 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Phil Hammerstrom
 August 24 Art Keener, William Page, Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, Joe Van Fossen
 August 31 Women of the ELCA

LAY READERS

August 3 Robert Sclater
 August 10 Nathan Vaughan
 August 17 Sandy Gibb
 August 24 Sue Hartz
 August 31 Jim Gibb

DEACONS

August 3 none
 August 10 John Stahl
 August 17 none
 August 24 Jim Gibb
 August 31 John Stahl

ACOLYTES

August 3 Kristin Miceli
 August 10 Ethan Nelson
 August 17 Olivia Bauer
 August 24 Hunter Stein
 August 31 Katie Cameron



ALTAR GUILD

Donna Fox, Katherine Stahl, Jill Hootman, Dorothy Morrison

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AUGUST 2008

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
3 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship	4 9:30 am Staff Meeting 3 pm Communion Park Village 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	5 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	6	7 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Handbell Chior	8 6 pm Brittany Domer ORC	9 1-8 pm Sandy Gibb Shower
Son Harvest Vacation Bible School August 4-8 from 5:30–8:30 pm						
10 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion Church Picnic	11 10:30a Communion Park Village 7:30-4:30 Holly Hall 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	12 9 am Knotters 12-4 pm Rejoice Women ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	13 7:30-4:30 Holly Hall	14 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Handbell Chior	15 7 pm Scrapbookers	16 6 pm Penny Huff Decorate ORC
Pastor Jim Lewis and family on vacation August 11-18						
17 8 am Worship 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 10-5 pm Penny Huff Shower	18 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	19 9:30 am Full Staff Meeting 6:30 Cub Scouts	20 11-1 pm Free Lunch ORC	21 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Handbell Chior	22	23
24 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am Rally Day 10:30a Worship 3 pm Confirmation Orientation 6 pm Meal to homeless	25 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Valley Voices	26 9 am Altar Guild 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Order of St. Luke	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 9:00a news-letter assembly—Luther Hall </div> 7 pm Dr. Mary Baer Circle	28 12 pm Sr. Fun Day 6 pm Handbell Chior	29 Wedding Rehearsal	30 Courtney Margo/ Robert Shalosky II Wedding
31 8a Worship 9:15a SCS 10:30a Worship Communion 5:30p Mission Trip Dinner						