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AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

PASTORS' PAGE

Vibrant Faith

As we continue to learn what it means to live a life of vibrant faith (see July newsletter article), we move towards these goals that were set by a group from the congregation in a planning session as well as the Vibrant Faith Ministry consultants:

Short-term

- Begin using Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts -- **started**
- Begin regularly evaluating worship services and meetings
- Determine times when Council will spend dreaming/goal-setting
- Post Vibrant Faith principles and practices in Newsletter -- **done**
- Post Vibrant Faith principles and practices on Website

Assemble Vibrant Faith Task Force; Identify point persons – **partially done**

Mid-term

- Create Treasure Boxes of Faith for kids who attend D.O.G. night -- **introduced**
- Integrate sharing of life and faith stories into worship services
- Support and broaden our Milestone Ministry
- Begin regularly evaluating all programs/ministries – **in process**

Develop strategy for making home church, too

Long-term

- Possible youth to serve on Council
- Uplift and equip Council/Congregational leaders as spiritual leaders
- Provide opportunities for faith formation
- Explore new sign board to include more information for/about the church

Evangelism/Visitation training and opportunities

The evaluation of our goals will be ongoing and changing through our consultations with Vibrant Faith Ministries over the next year, as well as joint conversations with our Vibrant Faith partners, Custer Lutheran Fellowship.

I hope that you will be able to share with me what you need in order for your faith to be strengthened in the home.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky



August 2010 at Our Savior's



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 <i>Worship/ Communion</i> <i>Worship Committee meets after worship</i> <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	2	3 *Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.	4	5	6	7 Pastor Becky attending Global Missions meeting in Chamberlain
8 9:30 <i>Worship</i> <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9 *Potluck & Decorate the Float	10	11	12 6:30 p.m. Council meets	13 *Cook Buffalo <i>Custer County Fair Week-end</i>	14 *Serve at the Mission
15 9:30 <i>Worship/ Communion</i> <i>Custer County Fair</i> <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	16	17 *Men's Breakfast 7 a.m. *WELCA 1:00	18	19 *Youth Madness Event 7 pm	20	21
22 9:30 <i>Worship</i> <i>*Blessing of the Backpacks</i> <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	23 *Thrivent Picnic at Outlaw Ranch	24	25 1st Day of School in Custer Co. *Fill backpacks at Food Bank	26	27	28
29 9:30 <i>Worship/ Service of Healing</i> *Care & Serve Meeting <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	30 Newsletter Deadline	31 *Men's Breakfast 7 a.m.	*Look for more information in this Newsletter.			

GET READY FOR THE COUNTY FAIR PARADE!

On Sunday, August 8th we will have a potluck following worship. We hope that you can join us for this time of food and fellowship. Following the meal, we are inviting all ages to stay to prepare and decorate the float that Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be entering into the parade for the County Fair Weekend. If you have any questions about what items are needed for the float, please contact Chris and Becky Lowe. (255-5947) Since we will be preparing and decorating the float, please feel free to wear casual and comfortable clothes that you are able to work in! See you there!

7-12 GRADE YOUTH MADNESS EVENT

Join us on **Thursday, August 19 at 7:00 pm** for a night of crazy games (some with water - please wear appropriate shoes!), snacks and devotion time before you head back to school. Bring a friend! This event is open to all Hermosa area community 7-12 graders. Youth committee adults and others needed to be in attendance to join in the fun and to provide snacks. More information to come!



All men interested in getting together for food and fellowship are invited to **Men's Breakfast** every other Tuesday morning at 7:00 at the church. This month's breakfasts will be August 3rd, 17th, and 31st.



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Back to school time is fast approaching and we would like to bless the backpacks of all of those who will be attending home school, school, preschool, or college. Please bring your backpack or schoolbag to church on Sunday, August 22nd for a special blessing.



Thank-you to all who cooked, baked, and helped with the steam burger lunch that we served at "Trails West" for the poker run for the motorcyclists.

We will be serving the same lunch to the motorcyclists on August 9th at "Trails West." Contact Paula Warren for more information.

Again this year the WELCA will be cooking the buffalo for the bar-b-que at the County Fair Friday, August 13. This is one of the fundraisers which support the ministries and missions of the WELCA. Buffalo roasts will be available at church beginning Aug. 1. If you can help cook the buffalo and cut it up prior to August 13, please pick a roast or two. Also, if you would like to help get the meat simmering in the bar-be-que sauce, you are welcome to bring a knife and cutting board, and meet us at the school at 9:00 am on Friday, Aug. 13. Call Joy at church or home (255-4212) for more information.

All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship at our monthly **WELCA meeting** at 1:00 Tuesday, August 17 at the church. Paula Warren will lead the Bible Study and Esther Downen will serve refreshments. We would love to have you join us.

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM provides donated food for needy school kids for the weekend. The packing takes place at the Food Band facility in Rapid City, usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning at 9am. It takes about 1½ -2 hours. If you are interested in helping pack backpacks, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or call Cleon Diers at 255-4321. All help is appreciated. Backpacks will be filled Wed. , August 25.

BOOK CLUB IS BACK FOR FALL!

On **Monday, September 27th at 7:00 pm** our book club will meet to discuss the book **Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear** by David W. Anderson and Paul Hill. The book is about nurturing disciples in home and congregation. If you are interested in being a part of this discussion as well as learning ways in which to strengthen faith in your home, please mark your calendars now. Also, please let Pastor Becky know by **Sunday, August 8th** so that books can be ordered and you have enough time to read.

SEPTEMBER CARE & SERVE—HELP NEEDED

"Care & Serve Teams" will begin serving as worship and fellowship assistants in September. **Revising the list is an ongoing process as people switch to a more convenient month or new people are added. Care and Serve Teams are listed on the bulletin boards. Please check the list for you name.** If it is not on a list but you are willing to serve, please add to the list for the month when you would like to serve, or call the office and you will be added to the month of your choice. If your name is listed on a month that is not convenient for you, please let us know.

September "Care & Serve" Team will meet during fellowship time Sunday, August 29. At the meeting you will have an opportunity to sign up to read, serve communion, bake bread, serve for fellowship, help at the mission, and various other activities during the month of September. If you are on the September Team, or if you would like to serve during September, please plan to join us.

September Care & Serve Team:

Council Host-- Chris Lowe & Becky, Marvin & Judy Bishop, David, & Stephanie Bushman & family, Dale & June Gillespie, Bill & Ella Mae Haines, Gloria Olawsky, Jill Seidler & Family, Bob & Peg Tesch.

CORNERSTONE RESCUE MISSION

Saturday, August 14



The second Saturday of each month, volunteers from Our Savior's prepare and serve the noon meal at the Cornerstone Mission in Rapid City. A big THANK-YOU to those who volunteered to serve this month. At this time, more potatoes, chili, cookies or bars are needed and more people to serve the meal. If you would like to help, please sign on the list posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or call the church office.

IT'S PICNIC TIME!



Custer County Thrivent Financial is hosting a picnic at **Outlaw Ranch at noon on Sunday, August 22.** All Thrivent members and everyone who is interested in learning more about Thrivent are invited. If you can go, please RSVP to Lois Rudd by Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Cleon and Adare Diers will be hosting our **Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 12** at 3:00 at their home. If you would like to help organize this, please contact Adare & Cleon (255-4321.)

**PLANNING AHEAD—SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY
ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS**



In October, we will kick-off our small group bible study on Romans which will be held in 3-4 different homes. If you LOVE to host, please talk to Pastor Becky about being a host for a Bible study in your home. If you enjoy learning, you would be the one to facilitate a Bible study (we learn the most when we teach/lead). Those who will be the Bible study facilitators will receive training from Pastor Becky prior to the start of the Bible study. If you HUNGER for digging into God's Word and finding out what it has to do with your life than you can sign up to be an active participant in one of the small groups! Please talk to Pastor Becky to add your name to the growing list. How we divide the groups up depends on the number of those who sign up (i.e. young couples group, retirees). We hope to offer an afternoon group as well as evening group. Join us as we explore what it means to be saved by grace, where is God when we suffer and what does God really want from us.

Stewardship Thought:

“Faith Raising – not Fund Raising”

Stewardship is about money, but not only about money. Stewardship can be about inviting people to give, but in the bigger picture it recognizes that awareness, learning, practicing and teaching people to be good stewards is part of everyone's faith journey. Where have you seen this in your life? Think of who taught you about being grateful or generous. This was not an effort to raise funds, but to instill values for life.

Another place to look is at your motivations for giving. Most people have one or two primary reasons for giving at any point or stage in life, and these reasons can change over time. What were your reasons for giving five or ten years ago? How are your reasons different today? How has this change been influenced by your faith journey?

Thank-you!

Marty Mead wants to thank the congregation for the Bible Camp scholarship which allowed him to go to Atlantic Mountain Bible Camp this summer. He said it was a lot of fun and he really appreciated the opportunity to have this great experience!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING for JULY

Date	Attendance	Offering
July 4	62	1098.01
July 11	87	2867.31
July 18	90	1390.54
July 25	111	1515.50
July Ave.	88	1717.84
YTD Ave.	97	1868.63

Weekly offering goal is \$2000.

Through our Mission of the Month offerings, \$301.27 will be used to buy school supplies for local children in need.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



The family of David Westlake (Friend of Donna Evjen,) Chuck (Russell Jensen's father), Toni Ramsey, Dale Gillespie, Jim Culpeper, Lloyd Neugebauer, Edward Schock (Darwin's brother), Dave (Forest Darby's brother-in-law,) David Dillon, Dan Colgan (Betty Dikoff's brother), Tom Wendt & Richard Gaskell (friends of Cleon Diers), Denny Wagner (Austin & Devon's grandpa), Janet (Alicja Mead's friend), Betsy Rogalsky (Pastor David's sister), Sharon (Judy Stanley's sister), Erica (Julie Neugebauer's friend), Bruce (Alan Platt's brother), Joyce (Paula Jensen's grandma), Leo Hundtoft, Sharon Sexton, Anita (friend of Alice Gregerson,) Valerie (Diers' friend), Steve (friend of Marci Culpeper), Estella (Judy & Karen's mother,) Vera & Veto (Esther Downen's sister & brother-in-law),

All men and women serving our country in the military, especially
Bob & Peg Tesch's granddaughter, Krystal, grandson Josh, and great nephew, David, Joan & John Lemer's son Brian, Helen Rittberger's grandson Shane, Marvin & Judy Bishop's son Brian, grandson Travis, and granddaughter Alayna Sharon & Leo Hundtoft's granddaughter Janna,

*Congratulations to
Elise (Foltz) & Bryce Kaiser
who were united in marriage
Sunday, July 25, 2010*

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 GENERAL FUND REPORT
 YEAR: JANUARY – JUNE 2010

GENERAL ACCOUNT ('09 Balance forwarded) \$ 5164.18

O.S.L. OPERATING INCOME:

General Offerings \$ 49,207.93
 DOG Night Offerings \$ 770.99

TOTAL 2010 INCOME: **\$ 49,978.92**
 (2010 Budgeted Income: 112,600.00)

(2010 CASH AVAILABLE - - - - - **\$55,143.10**
 (for operating expenditures plus Benevolence Budget disbursements)

2010 DISTRIBUTIONS

	<u>6 mo. actual</u>	<u>6 mo. budget'd</u>	<u>2010 BUDGET'D</u>
<u>MINISTRY OF PROPERTY:</u> (cleaning, utilities, insurance, maintenance)	\$ 8785.72	\$ 6500.00	\$ 13,000.00
<u>MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION :</u> (office/church supplies, secretary wages, office equipmt)	\$ 5324.37	\$ 5500.00	\$ 11,000.00
<u>MINISTRY OF WORSHIP & OUTREACH:</u> (fellowship supplies, worship & music supplies, bulletins, devo. materials)	\$ 954.79	\$ 2500.00	\$ 5,000.00
<u>MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:</u> (<u>DOG</u> nite & adult education material, confirmation exp, leadership train'g)	\$ 1090.90	\$ 1250.00	\$ 2,500.00
<u>MINISTRY OF WORD & SACRAMENT:</u> (Pastor's salary, mileage, SS allowance + Benefits: health, pension etc)	\$ 34,594.20	\$35,450.00	\$ 70,900.00
<u>MINISTRY OF BENEVOLENCE:</u> (10% x general offerings-disbursed "out" qtly)	<u>\$ 2739.85</u>		\$ 10,200.00
<u>TOTAL ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	\$53,489.83		

First Interstate Checking Account Balance (6-30-2010) **\$2364.42**



Mission of the Month for August

BIBLES FOR D.O.G. NIGHT

Imagine kids activating faith by opening their Bibles.

*The opportunity for kids to connect to God's Word is invaluable
and a cornerstone of their Christian education.*

Our Goal: 60 Bibles for grades 3-6 (Bibles will stay at church)

So far, we have enough to buy 15 Bibles. Another \$610 is needed for 60.

To help reach our goal please drop your donation in our Mission Donation box on the counter in the fellowship hall, or drop a check in the offering plate, written to Our Savior's with "Mission" in the memo line.

Spark Bible (NRSV):

- **Plays an essential role in every Spark lesson**
- **Stickers help kids engage with the Bible by thinking about the text in a personal way with questions and statements like "I memorized it!", "Makes me feel..." and "Reminds me of..."**
- **Encourages kids to engage with Scripture with activity suggestions and reflective questions**
- **Designed especially for Grade 3 – Grade 6**

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