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A Stephen Ministry
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A community of
God's People
Committed to

Grow in Faith
and
Go in Service.

Sharing the
Good News
of
Jesus Christ!

AUGUST 2011

RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11th
Worship, Picnic and Fun



Join us Sept 11th, for our worship service at 9:30 only. Stay to enjoy a fabulous old-fashioned picnic, fun and LOTS of information on ministry and faith-enrichment opportunities for the fall. You can reconnect with friends over a meal. We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Refreshing root beer floats will be provided for dessert. Families, please bring a salad to share. (A free-will offering will be taken to cover the cost of burgers and hotdogs.)



Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of this festive day!!

Transformed by Christ,
Empowered by the Spirit,
We celebrate God's kingdom,
Through witness and service.

The Adventure

A newsletter from Advent Lutheran Church.



WORSHIP SERVICES

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services
9:30 am

Refuge
8:00 pm

Wednesday
7:00 pm



The rain has fallen, the sun is hot, and my raspberries and lots of corn fields are **growing** like mad. It's a good time for you to think about **growing** in Faith, too. During the summer, some of our Advent activities take a break, but plans are being made for next fall. Today I met with several members of our Adult Faith Enrichment Team and we designed some great programs for next fall! You will find more detail in the September Adventure and on Rally Sunday, Sept 11. But here's just a teaser to get you started with your planning to **grow**:

- * A class for parents of teens, offered during confirmation on Wednesdays *More details on page 5* ~ remember that confirmation is on Wednesdays this year! *More details on page 9.*
- * Four-week Connect Groups on "Four Words of God: Commandment, Freedom, Promise and Challenge." Coordinated with the Church School lessons, so this is perfect for families.
- * A discussion group for teens on Sunday morning.
- * Three sessions on Dan Erlander's little booklet, "Tales of the Pointless People," taught by Pastor Tengblad.
- * Thursday evening class, "Free to be Fit," for anyone struggling to break free of a bad habit, led by Mary Zigan. *More details on page 6.*
- * God Chicks class on the Holy Spirit, Fridays at 9 a.m., led by Mary Zigan. *More details on page 5.*
- * Thursday evenings, a video course on First Corinthians, coordinated by Jim Dahl. *More details on page 2.*
- * Wed at 10 a.m., the pastors' discussion group on next Sunday's scripture.
- * Thurs. at 9 a.m., women's study led by Jan Christofferson.

Thanks to the committee who helped create this set of offerings: Rachel Arends, Tammy Arntson, Sue Barry-Hagen, Glenn Bracht, Jim Dahl, Mike Gjersvig, Lynn Hein, Millie Peterson, Mary Zigan.

Why take the extra time for Adult Church School?

- * The kids do—shouldn't we adults also?
- * To help us keep God's priorities straight.
- * To receive the support of others who are struggling to follow God, too.
- * To meet some great people!
- * To be freed from our frantic busy-ness, and live in the peace of God.

I hope to see you engaged in one of our adult groups this fall.

Grow in faith, Go in service!

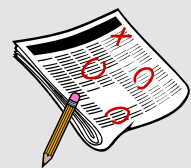
Pastor Morris Wee

Living our Faith



Join us for The Great Adventure Series DVD bible study of Apostle Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians. Paul was commissioned by Jesus Christ exclusively to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles and the early Christian church. We will discover that Paul tackled similar problems our society faces today.

This 10-part study begins on Thursday, Oct, 13th at 7:15 PM and the cost is \$25 for study materials. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Atrium or you can contact Jim Dahl at 420-2801 or jddahl@comcast.net.



Advent's Administrative Assistant Job Process

Advent's Administrative Assistant in the office, Ann Dedman, will be leaving us at the end of August to devote full time to her grandchildren's care. The Human Resource Committee has approved a Position Description (see Advent website) and a process for finding Ann's successor. Applications for the position should be sent to Pastor Wee by August 5. We hope to have a new person in place by the time Ann leaves. For more information, check the website or contact Pastor Wee.



Memorial & Special Gifts

May 2011

In Memory of Joyce Bergland, many gifts totaling \$760 designated as follows: \$100 to Stephen Ministry, \$460 to our Cash Contingency Fund, and \$200 to staff continuing education.

In Memory of Mike Libby, a gift totaling \$20 designated to the Good Samaritan Fund.

In Memory of Ilo & John Lepler and Marge & Myron Nelson, a gift totaling \$20 designated to Endowment.

Many gifts for our Gift of Love offering totaling \$668 designated to Bread for the World.

A special gift totaling \$40 designated to Sprinkler Repair.

A special gift totaling \$264 designated to purchase coffee mugs and magnets for new member gifts.

A special gift for building use totaling \$100 designated to our general fund.

Several gifts totaling \$225 designated to Good Samaritan.



LAUGHTER is God's sunshine.



Take time to laugh for it is the music of the soul.

Plug-In September 18-Ministry Fair

Plug-In to the ministries of Advent Lutheran Church and become involved in the whole life of our church! You will have the opportunity to learn more about the ministries of Advent at the Ministry Fair on September 18. Visit the many tables between services where representatives from various committees and groups will be on hand to answer your questions. Find something you like to do and *do it!* Meet awesome people and serve the Lord with gladness!

Are you Plugged In?



In the spotlight this month are Advent's gardeners. The gardens are in full bloom and they are spectacular. God's wondrous beauty can be seen everywhere. The front sidewalk gardens were planted by Joanne Bonnes in memory of daughter, Debbie. They are so pretty. Judy Cheslock plants the big planters by the front and back doors and Jim Mikolai and Diane Harsbargen keep them watered. Be sure to check out the gardening around the Jefferson Highway sign. Karin and Lorin Maenke work very hard planting and maintaining that area. The courtyard is glorious with the fountain, benches, and flowers! Dian Walker, with help from her husband, Gary, plants and maintains the atrium side of the courtyard garden and Karin and Lorin Maenke plant and maintain the area by the offices. There is a special beauty in the back, east of the playground. That lovely garden is planted and maintained by Elfriede Wehe with Carl, her husband, helping. Mary Moyle has stepped forward to keep the playground weed and thistle free. She has already pulled about a billion thistles out! All of Advent's gardens are truly beautiful—the Master creates and the master gardeners tend. Let's thank all of our gardeners for a job well-done!

We also want to take notice and thank all the children and youth volunteers for the loving work they do for our youth. Vacation Bible School teachers and helpers were here for 2 solid weeks teaching and caring for our little ones, Preschool through Grade 5, as PandaMania spread throughout our building! They had lesson time, made crafts, sang songs, played outside and went on field trips! The education wing was bustling with activity. A special thank you to Isabel Miera for organizing and planning PandaMania!

We have chaperones and drivers that have taken our young people to the Sunshine Festival, the Boundary Waters, to Glacier and finally to the Dells! Several of these adult volunteers have taken vacation days to be able to come along. Volunteers, you make trips and events like these possible—we simply could not offer them to the youth without your help. Thank you chaperones for all you do for our young people.



The pastors of Advent are available to call on you, your loved ones, and those you care about. For emergencies after Church office hours, we encourage you to contact the pastors via their cell phones.
Pastor Morrie ~ 952-797-4628
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Advent Directory

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Website:
www.adventlutheran.com

The event planner, volunteer schedules, newsletter, and upcoming texts are all on this site!

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45TH ANNIVERSARY COMING SOON!!!

Mark your calendar and celebrate Advent's 45th Anniversary on **Sunday, November 27th!** We will celebrate the history of Advent, singing the hymns that were sung in 1966 and using the liturgy from that first service. Charter members who are still members of Advent will be honored and Pastor Jerry Anderson, founding pastor of Advent, will preach. Please plan to join us in celebrating this milestone.

Creation Care

Buy a new computer or cell phone? Do you have cables and rechargeable batteries that you don't know what to do with? Have you been to Best Buy lately? The stores have a set of recycling bins inside their entryway for plastic bags, rechargeable batteries, CDs and CD jewel cases, wires, cords and cables, remotes and controllers, gift cards and ink and toner cartridges. Help keep these things out of the landfills!



REJOICE ABOUT ALL THAT IS HAPPENING AT ADVENT THIS SUMMER AND FALL. **SPREAD THE WORD!!! INVITE PEOPLE!! ENJOY OUR CHURCH!!!!**



FALL DINING GROUPS

It's time to start thinking about our Fall Dining Groups. If you're currently a member of a group, you're automatically placed in this rotation. No need to contact us unless you want to change your status.



If you're new to Advent or the Dining Groups, we have groups that eat out and groups that eat in each other's homes. If you'd like more information about our groups, have questions, or are currently taking a break and would like to be included in a fall group, please let us know. Contact Sheila Enestvedt at 763-576-3096 or owenandsheila@msn.com prior to August 24th.



Thanks to the Advent Garage Sale Team for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral of my mom, Maxine Betz. Special thanks for all of the prayers for my mom and family. Thanks also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. My mom was very touched that people she never met cared enough to send her a prayer shawl.

Kim Seeger and family

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER IS AUGUST 17TH



Thank you to all the volunteers who donated gifts, time and talent, to care for homeless families during Advent's recent Families Moving Forward host week.

Carmen McCallum



Friends like you are special hugs from God



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SAND AND SEAL THE WOODEN ARK. PLEASE CONTACT KAREN CODDINGTON IF YOU CAN HELP.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Part of the journey of prayer and faith is to recognize that we may never know how our love and care will touch or change another person's life. Instead, we are invited to offer others our compassion and let whatever needs to happen, happen. There is an old saying: "Our hands are God's hands." Through the shawl-knitting ministry, we can learn to trust the truth that God works through us when we care for friends and strangers alike.

There are wonderful moments of grace, epiphanies and revelations when sometimes we discover who we are knitting a prayer shawl for. Whether or not we know who will receive them, the knitting shawls deepens our understanding of God's presence in our lives and also invites us to care for our neighbors with thanksgiving and joy.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry reaches beyond our doors to our community at large. I gave a prayer shawl to someone at my office that was going through a very rough time with her son who was injured in a strange accident. She sent me this email the day after I gave it to her:

"Bonnie, I wrapped my new shawl around my shoulders last night, I was so cold and just wanted peace and quiet. Unbelievably, a short time later, my son called me on the phone. I actually got to sleep that night, God was definitely with us. So thank you for the shawl, it seems to bring me peace when I pray. I don't remember what shawl was given or who made it, but you made a difference in someone's life that you don't even know."

That is the beauty of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, to give peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27.

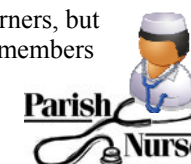
Prayer stations are offered on the 1st Sunday of the month and then on the following Sat/Wed. It is an opportunity to offer you Peace that can only come from God. We do not need to know what is going on. God knows. We are there to offer support and prayer. We wrap you in a prayer shawl to symbolize being wrapped in God's arms, to feel safe and cared for.

On Aug 13, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Wellness Board will provide the treats for coffee hour. So if you knit shawls or are a part of the Wellness Board and are able, bring treats to the kitchen for that Sunday. Proceeds will be used to purchase materials for the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

"So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:19.

God's Peace,

Bonnie Meindl
Parish Nurse



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING JULY 13-23, 2012 New Orleans, Louisiana

Information and planning has been started for this amazing event. Start thinking about the possibility of spending a week with 40,000 students from around the country, laughing, dancing, singing, playing, serving and flying. It is an experience you won't forget! We will see a few sights and complete service projects on our way down as we bond and even get a day in the ocean! **Registrations MUST be in no later than September 29th.** Watch for more information and meetings in September. For more information talk to Matt!



Gift of Love – July & August ELCA Malaria Campaign

Every 45 seconds, one of God's children dies from malaria. Malaria is **PREVENTABLE**. Malaria is **TREATABLE**. **CHANGE is POSSIBLE.**



Malaria is the 5th cause of death from infectious diseases worldwide (after respiratory infections, HIV/AIDS, diarrheal diseases and tuberculosis.) Malaria is the 2nd leading cause of death from infectious diseases in Africa, after HIV/AIDS.

You can help. Here's how:

- PRAY** for people whose lives are affected by malaria
- EDUCATE** yourself about malaria, then educate others
- CONTRIBUTE** to the Gift of Love during July and August.

Your gift of Love contribution will go to the ELCA Malaria campaign. Together we can:

- Supply mosquito nets to a family, protecting them as they sleep
- Spray homes with insecticides
- Provide necessary anti-malarial medication
- Support water treatment projects to control the environments where mosquitoes breed and flourish
- Educate and raise awareness about how to prevent, diagnose and treat malaria

Thank you for your Gift of Love




Church School Schedule
 Sunday, September 11, 9:30 worship - Rally Day with Blessing of the Backpacks!
 Tuesday, September 13, 6:30pm, - Teacher Training in Fellowship Hall
 Sunday, September 18, - Teacher Installation at worship and Sunday Church School Begins

CHURCH SCHOOL
 Believe it or not, it is already time to start thinking about Church School! Registration forms are available outside of Rachel Arends' office, across from Fellowship Hall. There are schedules and information sheets about Church School in this location as well.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher, please talk to Rachel or sign up outside of her office. This is a position where you will learn and grow with the students. All material, as well as instruction, is provided for this position.


We are looking forward to another great year! Please feel free to contact Rachel Arends with any questions at 763-425-4243 ext. 26 or rachelarends@adventlutheran.com.

Confirmation Schedule
 Sunday, Sept. 11, 12:30-5:30pm – 10th Grade Retreat and Parent Meeting (Parents meet from 12:30-1:00)
 Sunday, Sept. 18, - worship, Guide Installation
 Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7pm, - Guide Training
 Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:30-8pm, - Grades 6-9, Confirmation Kick-Off in the Sanctuary. Families/Parents are invited and expected.




Confirmation Here we go! Another year of confirmation, packed full of learning, fun, music and Jesus! Please pick up a registration form on the Confirmation bulletin board or outside of Rachel's office. There are also schedules for Confirmation on this bulletin board.

If you are interested in being a confirmation guide, please contact Rachel at rachelarends@adventlutheran.com or 763-425-4243 ext. 26. Materials and training are provided for being a guide and the only expectations are to be present and willing to grow.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 Another successful summer of VBS is behind us! Thank you to all of the volunteers, parents and students who were present and helping. We had over 60 volunteers and 90 students praising God and becoming a community over the 2 weeks of Bible School. We were even able to raise money for our friends in Ghana! What an amazing blessing to have this experience for all who were involved. Thanks for the PandaMania Adventure!!!


Refuge Worship Service
Music, Praise, Fellowship
Sunday Evenings 8:00 pm
 Enjoy a casual place where you are accepted as you are, a child of God. A place of peace and rejuvenation in God's word through fellowship, music and a relevant message. All are invited to experience the love of our Savior and the fellowship of the community of believers at Advent on Sunday evenings.



Wisconsin Dells Trip
Tuesday, August 9, 2011
6:00 am - 11:00 pm Cost \$75.00




Bring your friends for a wet and wild experience in the land of cheese heads and water parks, the Wisconsin Dells! We will meet at church early and take a bus to Mt. Olympus water and theme park. Once there, we will ride roller coasters, go-karts and splash in the water park. Bring extra money for meals along the way (fast food stops and lunch in the park.) We will return to Advent around 11:00 pm.



Drive in Trilogy Night
Friday, August 12th, 2011
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Cost: FREE


The Advent drive-in theater will be open once again to the youth and families of Advent. We will choose a classic or recent trilogy to enjoy. Please bring friends, cars or comfy seats and snacks for an unforgettable evening marathon of movies.




"Where's Matt" Scavenger Hunt
MN State Fair
Friday, September 2, 2011
Cost: Free

If you are at the fair today, so is Matt! Watch for him and say "Hi." Think of it as a live game of "Where's Waldo?" If you see Matt, stop and talk to him. He may have a surprise for you. A special prize for the ones who find him first.

ATTENTION ALL CONFIRMATION AND CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES!!!




Next year we will make a change in the days for Church School and Confirmation. Church School will be happening on **TUESDAYS from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.** Confirmation will be happening on **WEDNESDAYS from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** with Pizza Feast happening at **6:00 pm, as usual.** The hope is that this will be able to serve the families and students of Advent better than the current schedule. Please contact Pastor Morrie Wee or Rachel Arends with questions.



Mission: Ghana Update
 Shanda, Kyle and Rachel are all set to go to Ghana on August 8th! The visas are in, the preliminary itinerary is set and the planning for 2 weeks of VBS has begun! They are truly grateful for the support from Advent and their family and friends. What a blessing to be able to go on this mission and have the love and support of so many people behind them!

The team will be leading 2 VBS sessions, commissioning a building we have helped to support and meet the children and leaders of Hope Development Foundation. They will be traveling through the cities and villages of Accra, Kwasu and Komfioku. Mark your calendar for Mission: Ghana weekend during and around worship on September 24th and 25th!


If you would like to receive email updates while the team is in Ghana, please email Rachel (rachelarends@adventlutheran.com) and let Rachel know.



Save the Date: Luterfisk dinner is November 12

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
 Keep Shanda, Kyle and Rachel in your prayers on and during their trip to Ghana. May they be Advent's messengers for God.

JOB POSTINGS:
 1.- Schwan's Home Service is seeking Route Sales Representatives (these postings are on the bulletin board in hallway)
 2. - Advent is looking for a PT Administrative Assistant (See information on page 2 of newsletter)



ADVENT IN PRAYER
 We are in prayer for: Tom Tonn, Deb Hegedus, Bev Rambow, Maureen Lunberg, Jim Harvey, Terri Tombers, Denise Werden, Julie Shoup, Clyde Erickson, Dan Gray, Cathy Murphy, DiAnn Beyer, Elliot Hill



USHERS

	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
Aug 3	Craig Arends Myra Robbin, Irene Skogmo	
Aug 7		Steve Elbert Linda Elbert, Ted Schulz, Ted Trzynka, Tom Trzynka, Heinrich Von Mende
Aug 10	Sharon Johnson LuAnn Graber, Tom Larson	
Aug 14		Jeff Thone Joe Ademino, Doug Birkeland, Larry Brooks, Lorie Burrows, Mark Haaland
Aug 17	Ken Graber Dave & Pam Loken	
Aug 21		Dave Larson Donna Larson, Al Haugstad, Jan Hintze, Owen & Sheila Enestvedt
Aug 24	Mark Schoolmeesters Myra Robbin, Irene Skogmo	
Aug 28		Tony Bianco Ed Dalman, Luke Dalman, Jay Durbin, Dick & Jan Hopkes
Aug 31	Open LuAnn Graber, Tom Larson	
Sept 4		Jaime Miera Bill Harvey, Dick Johnson, Dean & Kathy Larson, Rick Larson

If you cannot usher, please call someone from the list. Last minute unavoidable misses, please let your head usher know.

SCRIPTURE READERS

	<u>7:00 pm</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
Aug 3	LeAnn Larson	
Aug 7		Faye Schleiter
Aug 10	Val Schoolmeesters	
Aug 14		Debby Schultz-Ademino
Aug 17	Sue Barry-Hagen	
Aug 21		Terre Nelson
Aug 24	George Berndt	
Aug 28		Roger Johnson
Aug 31	Sue Barry-Hagen	

COUNCIL PERSON ON DUTY

Aug 7	Sue Barry-Hagen
Aug 14	Janice Roadfeldt
Aug 21	Owen Enestvedt
Aug 28	Rick Lind

PRAYER STATIONS

Aug 7:	George Berndt
Aug 10:	Nancy Hayes

HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays: Aug 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Sundays: Aug 3, & 21

BULLETIN ASSEMBLY TEAMS

Friday	Aug 5	Team 5: Val Schoolmeesters, Linda Vreeman, Judy Kelly, Dian Walker, Karen Dahlstrom-Harris- 9:00 am
Friday	Aug 12	Team 1: Irene Skogmo, Margaret Bachman, Sheila & Owen Enestvedt - 9:30 am
Friday	Aug 19	Team 2: Dian Walker & Tony Bianco - 10:00 am
Friday	Aug 26	Team 3: Dick & Shirley Antonson, Chuck & Joanne Bonnes - 10:00 am
Friday	Sept 2	Team 4: Mary Ann Miller, Mavis Lane, Sandy Cutler - 9:00 am

Goodbye to Summer Party
Tuesday, August 30, 2011 6:00 pm - 8.00 pm
Cost: \$2.00

9 square, ultimate frisbee, root beer floats and marshmallow roasting will all be part of the fun as we wave goodbye to an unforgettable summer. Reconnect with friends that were on summer trips and beyond. This will be a great chill-axed environment to hang out and be who you are and deny that school is starting just a few days away. Bring your friends and have a great time!

Parenting Teens - Discussion Group

Ever wonder what to do with yourself when your kid goes to confirmation? Do you ever wonder how other parents manage the issues and challenges of raising a teenager? Please come for pizza before confirmation with the kids, then meet with other parents for a discussion of issues teens face. We will meet during the same time as confirmation class. Look for more details to come. For questions contact Tammy Arntson 612-554-6236 or purplewagon@gmail.com.

Twins Concession Stand

We are hard at work at the concession stand! Unfortunately, filling the stand with 10 volunteers each time is getting more difficult. The season is slowly ticking by and will be over before you know it! To all those who have taken the training, please try to get your name on the list for a game or 2. You can find the schedule on the website and please note—the schedule changes daily with people dropping or adjusting the days they can work. It's best if you can choose some dates that you can work. Let me know when you want to work and I'll take it from there.



Please Note: There is another training session on August 2 in Coon Rapids. Please see Karen for more details. We could use more volunteers to help finish out the season!

Thank you all so much—the commissions we earn help the whole church!

SONSHINE UPDATE!

There were 37 people from Advent joining nearly 25,000 others for a weekend of music, games, mud, rain and heat for the SONSHINE music festival in Willmar, MN. Many awesome things happened during the trip, most notably was the positive attitude that everyone displayed in the varying weather conditions. The band's music spoke to us in various ways and we all returned excited and renewed.



One participant said; "After Sonshine, I usually come back home thinking I'm in better connection with God, which usually isn't the case. Nothing permanent really stays. But this year, I came back, securely knowing and feeling that I've had a change inside of myself."

Thank you for helping to make this happen in the lives of our students at Advent!

GOD CHICKS

God Chicks Classes beginning Friday, September 23rd @ 9:00 am ~ Save the date! For more information, contact Mary Zigan at mzigan@msn.com.



Choir Rehearsals Resume



Senior Choir will have their first practice on September 14th at 6:30 pm.

Handbells will start up again on September 19th @ 6:00 pm.



We have a new director for New Spirit and Joyful Hearts. Watch the September newsletter for more information regarding rehearsal start dates and times and meet your new director.

Stephen Ministry

Discuss It with God. Nothing is too large or too small to take to our Lord in prayer. In October, Advent will begin a training class for Stephen Ministers.

Take this opportunity to pray and seek the Lord's guidance. **This may be just the ministry he has prepared for you.**

For more information, call Joanne Miller at 763-425-7335 or contact Pastor Tim.



Advent 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Was A Huge Success!

Thank you to all of the volunteers, sponsors and golfers who made this event possible. There were approximately 15 volunteers. There were 18 teams entered in the tournament. Congratulations to Jeff Thone and his team as they shot -13 under to win the tournament.



The vacation prize went to Doug Groebner and Nan Wagner won the grand prize (I-Pad 2) in the raffle.



In memory of Mike Helgeson, we were able to raise nearly \$4,300.00 for Advent!!! Great job Golf Committee.

FREE TO BE FIT

New Adult Classes beginning Thursday, September 15th @ 6pm.

Are you fit to be tied or free to bear fruit?

The class, "Free to be Fit" will help people who struggle with unhealthy habits that sabotage us both physically and spiritually. This class is offered by Mary Zigan. Watch for further details in September newsletter and bulletins!



"Dear God..."

BAPTISMS

- ♥ July 3: Athena Faye Baker
Parents: Tristin & Justin Baker
- ♥ July 24: Grace Cadia Akerson
Parents: Sarah & Robert Akerson
- ♥ July 31: Tyler James Guyre
Parents: Amy & Brian Guyre



WEDDING

- ♥ July 9: Elizabeth Pim & David Knutson
- ♥ July 23: Robin Bixler & Darin Metzger
- ♥ July 30: Jana Goodwin & Trevor Prince



SYMPATHY

- 🙏 Nancy Buechele & family in the death of her Mom.
- 🙏 Michelle Johnson & family in death of her Aunt, Donna Brisk.



And God said...NO

I asked God to take away my **pride**. God said "No."
He said it was not for him to take away, but for me to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child **whole**. God said "No."
He said her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me **patience**. God said "No."
He said patience isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me **happiness**. God said "No."
He said he gives me blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me **pain**. God said "No."
He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my **spirit** grow. God said "No."
He said I must grow on my own. He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy **life**. God said "No."
He said I will give you life, that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me **LOVE** others, as much as he loves me.
God said, "Ah, finally you have the idea."

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Families Moving Forward (FMF)	2 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge FMF	3 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship Holy Communion Prayer Stations FMF	4 No Quilting 5:30 Kahar Rehearsal 6:30 AIM Chair Meeting 7:00 AA FMF	5 10:15 St. Pointe Bulletin Team 5 Clean Team 1 4:30 Kahar/VanHaverMaet Wedding 6:00 Hoffman Rehearsal FMF	6 4:00 Hoffman/Braun Wedding FMF
7 FMF Concludes 9:30 Worship	8 Mission: Ghana Trip Begins Boy Scouts #211	9 5:30 Wisconsin Dells Trip 12:00 Cancer Support at Advent 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge 6:30 Church Council	10 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship Holy Communion 8:00 Endowment	11 9:00 Quilting 7:00 AA 7:00 Book Club	12 Camp Wapo Bulletin Team 1 Clean Team 2 4:30 Priem Rehearsal 6:30 Stevens Rehearsal 7:00 Drive-In Trilogy	13 Camp Wapo 2:30 Priem/Root Wedding 7:00 Stevens/Teisunu Wedding
14 9:30 Worship Holy Communion Blood Pressure Checks 12:00 Camp Wapo No Refuge Camp Wapo	15 Loaves & Fishes Boy Scouts #211 Troop Meeting Camp Wapo	16 1:00 Staff Meeting Camp Wapo	17 Newsletter Deadline 8:00-5:00 Osseo School District Teacher Workshop 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship Holy Communion Camp Wapo	18 9:00 Quilting 6:30 AIM meeting 7:00 AA TWINS 7:10 Camp Wapo	19 10:15 St. Pointe Bulletin Team 2 Clean Team 3 TWINS 7:10 Camp Wapo Concludes	20 TWINS 6:10
21 9:30 Worship No Refuge	22 Boy Scouts #211	23 12:00 Cancer Support at Perkins 1:00 Staff Meeting No Bridge 6:30 Baptism Orientation 7:10 Twins	24 Mission: Ghana Trip Returns 10:00 Bible Study 7:00 Worship Holy Communion 7:10 Twins	25 9:00 Quilting 12:10 Twins 6:00 Stephen Ministry 7:00 AA	26 Bulletin Team 3 Clean Team 4 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal 7:10 Twins	27 3:30 Dorion/Collins Wedding
28 9:30 Worship Petdmillah Nyamwamu Wedding 8:00 Refuge	29 Boy Scouts # 211	30 1:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Newsletter Assembly Good Bye to Summer Party	31 10:00 Bible Study			