

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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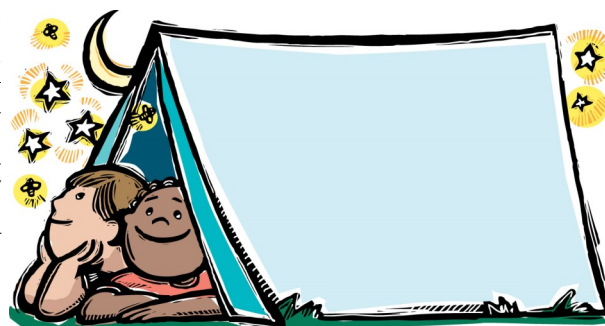
Camp Minneboji

June 19-25, 2022

Camp Minneboji is for kids who **have finished** 4th-8th grade. Honors Camp Minneboji is for those who **finished** 9th grade.

You can register on-line at www.Minneboji.com. You may also make payments on-line using your credit/debit card.

Participants are NOT to come to Camp Minneboji if they are sick. If you are sick and are likely to spread sickness, stay home. If this is the case, you may request and receive a refund of your deposit and payments made.



Be Thinking Ahead

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“Jesus, the Good Shepherd”



Since we have finished describing each window in the sanctuary, it is time to move around the church building. We'll cover several more stained glass windows located around our church. I encourage you to find where each window is located and spend several minutes contemplating the window. While you are viewing “Jesus, the Good Shepherd,” make sure to read the plaque located to the left of the window for a brief history of its travels.

Jesus (and God more broadly) is often depicted as a shepherd. You may already be reciting part of Psalm 23. Jesus speaks directly about himself as a shepherd in John 10. There are countless other places that speak about God shepherding his people. These texts tend to have some common elements which our window helps us to see.

Jesus carries his sheep. The sheep that Jesus holds in his arms is physically the smallest of the sheep in the window. The other sheep appear capable of walking on their own, but this tiny sheep may not be ready for a long trek to green pastures. Rather than letting the small sheep falter or exhaust itself, Jesus carries it. He is constantly vigilant of your state, letting you walk when you are capable but immediately pulling you into his arms when you begin to stumble.

At Jesus' feet are food and water. He leads his sheep to green pastures and crystal blue waters. When one source of food is used up, Jesus will guide his sheep to the next one. Our Lord provides for you, both with the things that your body needs and what your spirit requires. He gives daily bread, including all the necessities of the days. Jesus also gives you himself, the food from heaven.

One part of the window that may be overlooked is Jesus' staff. He uses this to pull his sheep out of danger. Danger is a relative term for sheep. A sheep's capacity to see danger ends with their nose. They might see only delicious grass. Jesus, however, can sense danger both near and far. He may use his staff to pull you from a certain situation. It might not look dangerous to you, but Jesus has determined that you need to be somewhere else. You can trust him even when you don't understand him. His primary goal is your eternal safety.

We are blessed to have a leader like Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This window helps us to see how Jesus provides for us. We'll have a new window to discuss next time. Until then, find this window on our campus and spend a few minutes noticing its details.

Pastor Sam

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

PERFECT IN WEAKNESS

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect
In weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my
Weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

Have you ever taken a personality test to identify your strengths and weaknesses? You probably know if you are an introvert or extrovert, whether you are creative or administrative, good at speaking, or great at listening. You probably also know all too well what your weaknesses are. Well, one of my weaknesses is self-doubting. I am also over-analytical and critical in some aspects. Some of that stems from studying music – especially, at the graduate level, where there was so much theory, form and analysis, it would make your head spin, not to mention endless practicing.

*I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.*

The apostle Paul, on the other hand, says he would rather boast about his weaknesses! Paul knew that his weaknesses made him rely on the power of the Holy Spirit. You might be facing something that you are worried about because it is outside of your comfort zone. As a student, I had a tendency to put pressure on myself, which added to my worries. I would get down on myself, as did a number of my classmates. Will you consider that God can shine through your brokenness as you acknowledge your complete reliance on his Holy Spirit?

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

All through my music education, it was stressed that correct notes, tempo, dynamics and rhythm must be observed. Add to that, appropriate style, phrasing and technique. When playing a wind instrument or vocalizing, it is about breathing correctly, proper posture, articulation and diction. When preparing for juries (piano and voice were to be memorized) or a recital, there was pressure for perfection – although it didn’t always happen. One of my instructors said, “Aim for excellence.” That is great advice!

*Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.*

In the gospel-style song, “Just a Closer Walk With Thee,” the singer is “weak” and lives in a world of “wrong.” He’s despondent in “a world of toil” – which is a description of the African American experience throughout slavery. It is acknowledged that a daily close walk with Jesus in an attitude of contrition leads one to become stronger and more Christ-like. In the deep South, especially, in the New Orleans area, there is a custom of the jazz funeral. It spreads across social and ethnic boundaries to the point where it is an honor to have a jazz procession as a sign of respect for the deceased. The funeral procession, which follows the casket, takes place in the streets and includes family, friends and a brass band. “Just a Closer Walk With Thee,” which becomes a funeral dirge, is most associated with this practice.

*When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o’er to Thy kingdom, to Thy shore.*

It is not really the weakness in which you boast, but rather, the power of Christ that is revealed through your weakness.

Karen Lindbloom

MEXICO MISSION TEAM—HEADING SOUTH!



The 2022 Mexico Mission Team departed from the church parking lot on Friday, May 20, at 10:00 AM. They will travel in style this year in this 1999 model motor coach, which has been given a facelift with new flooring, electronics, outside lettering, and much, much cleaning. The team will be serving and sharing the Gospel and looking forward to seeing God's mighty love and power work through the team members and those with whom they come in contact. The team thanks you for all your prayers and support and they look forward to sharing about the trip when they return.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEAM:

Dennis Ryckman
 Carolyn Ryckman
 Cassandra Ryckman
 Joshua Ryckman
 Dale Knapp
 Kinslee Pfeffer
 Scott Fuerst
 Brian Zeeb
 Shannon Zeeb
 Deni Zeeb

Gracie Zeeb
 Broch Zeeb
 Bryant Zeeb
 Shawnie Zeeb
 Malia Schumacher
 Rollie Degen
 Cindy Degen
 Cheryl Brull
 Ken Brull

Stuart Smith
 Ethan Smith
 Nelly Nord
 Andrew Nord
 Ashley Brakke
 Soren Brakke
 Chisum Brakke
 Jett Brakke
 Jaycee Bauer
 Aliah Valeros

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Faith Lutheran Daycare

Goodness! May was extremely hectic and went by so quickly that I even almost missed the deadline for this newsletter (I did miss deadline, but Helen was gracious enough to give me a couple extra hours!). We are working extremely hard to get fully staffed again. We are trying to bring our toddler enrollment down to 10 children so that one of our toddler teachers can move to a different spot that needs coverage. We found two awesome high school students to float and sub in classrooms this summer. We are super happy to have welcomed them! We are also excited to share that we hired a new cook who is extremely hard working and fun to work with.

We are still hiring. There are a couple more positions that need filled, so if you know of anyone looking for a meaningful job, who are passionate in their faith and about children, and have a positive mindset- PLEASE send them our direction! If there is anyone in the church who may be interested in volunteering or subbing, we would love to have you added to our sub list (which is quite short right now). The state requires that we still have an application and background check on file, but all of that can be done right inside of the daycare! Easy-peasy.

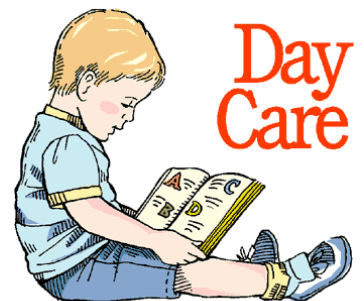
We will be hosting a Popcorn Fundraiser starting June 13th and ending June 24th. I will plan to sell in between services on June 19th. The funds raised will go towards the new playground!

Thank you everyone who has been supporting and praying for the daycare, its mission, its staff, its children, and the program as a whole. We would not exist without your support!

God bless,

Moriah Kiepke

daycare@faithluth.com





POTLUCK DINNER FOR SENIORS

FOREVER YOUNG

Our Forever Young gathering for June will be **Thursday, June 16 at noon**. Bring a dish to share. Beverage is provided. This is a good way for our **55 years old and older members** to fellowship, have a great meal, and get to know newer members. We meet in the fellowship hall/gym by the kitchen. All are welcome. Please join us!

Outgoing Board Members

Please turn in your church key (if you have one) and your binder so we may pass them on to our new board members. Bring them to the office and leave them with Helen or Pastor Sam. Thanks for your service to our church family!

This & That Official Acts

Baptisms

Any new officers not able to attend on Sunday will be installed during our Wednesday, June 8th evening service at 7:00 pm.

Weddings

Cassie Axtell &
Josh Albright 6/25/22

VISION SETTING

There will be a Vision setting meeting for **all officers** and any members who wish to attend on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 pm or Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 pm. **Please make these events a priority** so we may begin our new year of service in the right direction. Thank you.

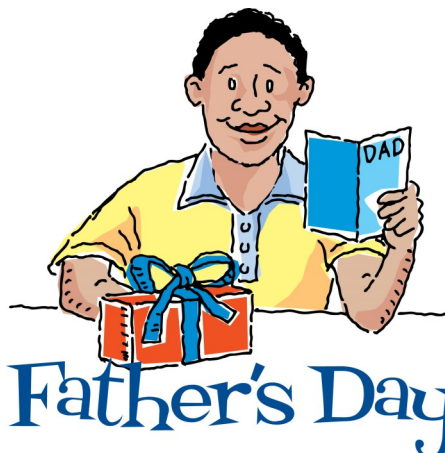


Installation of New Church Officers

is June 5th at our 8:30am and/or 11:00 am services.



The deadline for articles going into the July/August newsletter need to be submitted to Helen by June 17 before noon.



Father's Day

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Little Dresses Project



Little Dresses for Missions is an outreach of the Faith Lutheran LWML. The project begins at the LWML February meeting and continues until May. Faith members, relatives and friends as well as contributors in the Pierre community donate gently used colored pillowcases, rickrack, trims, laces, buttons and cash donations to the project. Volunteers meet on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons to assemble little dress kits. The do-at-home kits are then sewn by church members and interested volunteers. The completed dresses are returned to the church where they are displayed on the narthex wall for everyone to see.

This year 315 dresses were completed. At the LWML May meeting members sorted sizes and boxed the dresses to be sent with Faith's Mexican Mission team on their annual trip to build houses. The team will distribute the dresses to girls in Mexico as well as give the boys handmade wooden cars.

Since 2009 Faith's LWML has donated 2067 dresses for different mission projects. This outreach mission has touched the lives of many children and given them hope in the name of Jesus.

Tenth Annual Diaper Derby ends Father's Day, June 20, 2021

Donations for the Tenth Annual Diaper Derby will continue through Father's day, June 20! Please bring your donations of new diapers (any size) and baby wipes and place them in *either crib in the Narthex / Living Room*. Three area agencies and families will benefit from your donations: Birthright, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.



YOUTH NEWS

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Camp is scheduled for **June 19-25, 2022**. Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports, your student will develop their sense of who God has made them and called them to be. [Registration forms are available on-line](#). See Pastor Sam with questions or if you are interested.

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