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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### Lost in the Fog

The fog was as thick as pea soup. Visibility was limited to a few feet, and the lake was as smooth as glass. The only sound to break the silence was the call of a loon across the lake. I paddled the canoe for an hour around the shore, trying to catch fish in different areas, but the fish weren't biting! So I decided to go back to the camp for a cup of coffee. I was at the mouth of a small inlet, which I knew was directly across the camp. So I set out across the lake on a straight course (I thought) toward the dock.

The minutes went by—and after an hour I was surprised when I arrived back at the mouth of the little stream where I had started. I had been going in a circle in the fog and didn't even know it. I was so sure I knew where I was going, but after an hour the truth of the matter is that I had gotten nowhere! If I had only taken a compass—instead of relying on my own sense of direction.

Reflecting on the incident, Proverbs 3:5 comes to mind where it says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; Lean not on your own understanding." Without the Lord as your guide through the fog of life, and His Word as your compass, you will wander aimlessly. So be sure to make Proverbs 3:6 your lifelong motto: "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

## **A Brief Summary of the Parking Lot Paving Plan**

1. After extensively considering many options, including additional gravel and temporary repairs, the Board of Directors has determined that the best choice of action to deal with our parking lot problem is to repave the entire parking lot. This action will be presented to the congregation for their consideration following each service on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Simply paving the gravel and making repairs was considered, but the current asphalt is rapidly decaying and needs attention now.
2. Drainage relief on the east side of the parking lot will be included in the plan.
3. The estimated cost to do the entire parking lot is \$116,000.
4. The Board of Directors has determined that we will seek to pave the lot yet this season rather than wait for next summer.
5. To fund the project, we will ask for donations to a special parking lot fund, starting this Sunday. If we need to borrow money to complete the project this year, the remaining funds will be secured through a loan with LCEF (the Lutheran Church Extension Fund).
6. If you figure there are 300 parking spots, \$116,000 breaks down to \$386

per parking spot. How many spots would you consider sponsoring?

7. Individuals may give a one-time gift or may pledge a larger amount over a two year period. (i.e. a one time gift of \$2500 (six parking spots) or a gift of \$2500 at \$100/month spread out over two years).
8. Members and visitors alike have struggled with the mud, water, and parking difficulties of our current parking situation. We hope that you will give generous consideration to assisting in this project with your financial gifts.

## **Meet OSLC's 2010-2011 Vicar and His Wife Joshua and Margaret Baumann**

Joshua and Margaret are both from Wisconsin. He grew up in the Shebogan area and they met while attending Concordia University in Mequon, WI. They have been married two years and have no children. Josh is an avid hunter and enjoys the outdoors. He was the program coordinator and summer staff counselor for Camp Lutherhoma in Tahlequah, OK, for several summers. He likes working with his hands, collecting license plates, hiking and camping. Margaret enjoys writing poetry and reading. She also likes taking part in leadership activities, being out in nature, relaxing, and learning about other cultures and issues of diversity. Josh and Margaret

are looking forward to their arrival in Minot in the end of July. The Baumanns are currently scheduled to arrive in Minot on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Year Coming Quickly To A Close For Rick and Betsy Jones**

After a rich and rewarding year of working at OSLC and all the ministry opportunity programs that have been provided, Rick's vicarage will conclude at the end of this month and he and Betsy will be returning to the seminary as Rick concludes his 4<sup>th</sup> year of study. Following his 4<sup>th</sup> year studies, Rick will be postponing his placement into parish ministry in order to pursue an additional STM degree. His last Sunday will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. On that Sunday, we'll recognize the exceptional blessing that Rick has brought to our ministry over the past year and honor both he and Betsy for their time with us.

### **Vicarage Housing Considerations**

OSLC has been blessed over the past two years with low rental costs for the vicar's home, thanks to the generosity of Dan and Candice Saunders who have made one of the apartments of their duplex available to the church at a considerable savings. The Saunders will be selling this property at the end of the summer, which means our housing costs will go up substantially. OSLC's Board is giving consideration to keeping those costs manageable, which also includes the

possibility of purchasing the property for church use. No decisions have been made to this point, but the studies continue to explore the best way to balance costs and meet the needs.

**ASSISTANT PASTOR  
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH**

### **Inquiring Minds Want to Know**

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Our theme this year was "Hero Headquarters: Where Kids Join Forces with God". What an incredible week! Decorating began on the Wednesday beforehand and continued through Saturday evening. Many thanks are due for all those who helped make the transformation of the building possible!

In all, 118 children were registered as having attended VBS this year! Sunday through Wednesday, we averaged about 95 kids each evening. Due to powerful storms on Thursday evening, our attendance dropped to 40 kids. Meals were served each evening, feeding around 150 kids and parents. The meals were a huge success. Thank you for all who volunteered in the kitchen for their work! Many of the kids are still talking about their week and are looking forward to attending next year and inviting a friend or two or three to join them.

## Summer Camps

What an amazing summer for the children of OSLC and Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads (SHCR)! Through the generosity of the people of this congregation, 26 children received scholarships of up to \$220 for summer camp. Two larger scholarships were handed out earlier this spring to send two teenagers to Leadership Quest and Border to Border Mission Trip the first part of August. We also had 4 confirmation age children attending Creation Camp the week of June 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, which was lead by our own Vicar Jones, whose costs were covered by a scholarship via SHCR. Twenty one of those 26 attended camp during the week of July 27<sup>th</sup>!

## Sonshine Festival

Sonshine Festival is an annual Christian Music Festival in Willmar, MN. This year, 39 people from OSLC will be attending. We leave on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and return late on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a **MANDATORY** youth and parent meeting Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to sign consents on behavior and have all applicable phone numbers - no signatures, no going!

Finally, please prayerfully consider helping out with KFC and Sunday School this coming school year. The more volunteers we have, the less work it is on those who serve the Lord in this manner.

We are seeking to have many grades taught by a team of people to lessen the commitment on any one person. If you are interested or know someone who would be well gifted in this area, please let Pastor Dan or Joan Hance know. Thank you!

## VICAR'S CORNER

### Creation Camp Recap

As most of you know, I just spent a week up at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads leading their first ever Creation Camp. I thought I would take this opportunity to let everyone know a little more about the camp, its purpose, and what it entailed.

On Sunday June 20, 2010 forty North Dakota youth, ranging from ages eleven to fifteen, arrived at Shepherd's Hills to attend the Creation Camp. Some were there to fulfill confirmation obligations; some were there to learn about God's Creation, and some were there to just plain have fun at camp, but all were impacted with the gospel. Creation Camp features several periods of teaching time throughout the day scattered amongst typical camp games, campfires, singing, swimming, and the like. Campers were immersed in a Christian environment for fellowship, education, and recreation.

The Creation Camp is a six day camp designed to educate our young people

about God's creation. Campers were introduced to real science which corroborates the biblical account. On top of that they were immersed in a wilderness environment to better see and understand the lengths and depths of God's provision in His creation. They were also shown the many scientific shortcomings and fallacies of evolutionary theory. Finally, as the camp was designed to help our youth, the campers were equipped with knowing textbook laws as well as understanding the extents of their rights as students in the United States. After attending Creation Camp, a student should understand how the secular education system is trying to convert them not to the science-based research of evolution but to the faith-based religion of evolution and how to stand strong in their Christian faith.

The Camp was an overwhelming success and looks to become an annual occurrence at Shepherd's Hill. For me, this is wonderful news because I see the battle of Christianity and Evolution as a critical issue in our world. As I look at our society it becomes clear that the deceptions of evolution and its false science are a prevailing source of atheism and anti-Christian worldviews. Only by educating our youth and solidifying the gospel of Christ within their hearts will God's truth reign supreme in their lives and the lives of those around them. It is my hope that as Shepherd's Hill

continues to provide Creation Camp you will support them in their endeavor to educate and equip our youth in this fight against the lies Satan has planted in our world.

May Christ's love fill your lives  
with blessings,  
Vicar Rick Jones

→ MUSIC BEAT →  
SMALL GROUP AND  
VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

### **Music Ministries**

Thanks to the Dads and daughters who shared God's amazing power and might with us through special music on Father's Day. Their song, *You Are Holy* was uplifting and inspiring!

Eleven AM will be leading worship for the Minot area community for the Festival in the Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. You're welcome to come and worship at 9:15 in the Roosevelt Park band shell, or right here at Our Savior Lutheran at our normal worship service times.

### **Small Group Ministries**

The Beth Moore Ladies' Bible Study completed their last session on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Laura Larson for getting this organized and leading the women through this wonderful study! We hope

to offer another Beth Moore Bible study in the fall.

Other Bible study opportunities for this fall will include *Light of Life*, a journey of prayer and meditation on God's Word published by CPH. This can be done individually, in a small group or in a large group Bible Study setting. Then we will offer a stewardship campaign in November which will include Bible studies.

### **Volunteer Ministries**

The new Greeter Schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a minute to sign up for the dates and times that work best for you. This is a very easy, yet extremely vital ministry. So be the friendly face that welcomes our visitors and members on Sunday morning with a big smile!

Here's a whole new ministry opportunity in which to serve. We have a team of 6 people running the projection system during our worship services, but could still use more. This is done on a computer, so if you enjoy working with computer programs, this might be just the place for you! How about you high school kids – very few of us adults are better at computers than you, so why not think about helping out in this vital area. Call the church office at 852-6404 to sign up and I'll make sure you get the training needed to do a great job. Thanks!

### **Stephen Ministry**

We will be scheduling a Stephen Ministry training beginning in September, so watch for information to come soon regarding dates and procedures for signing up!

In His service,  
Bonnie Rennich  
Director of Music and  
Congregational Ministries

*"My purpose is that they be encouraged in heart  
and united in love . . . .*

*in order that they may know Christ."*

Colossians 2:2

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY**

You may have heard that OSLC will be hosting 14 youth from Pusan, Korea from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>. This is part of a three week visit to the USA for an English Second Language School.

The children will be at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads for two weeks before coming to Minot. I am assured they all speak English and are very well behaved.

At this time we are looking for host families for these young people ranging in

age from 8-15:

- Two 15 year old boys
- Two 12 year old boys
- Two 11 year old boys
- One 10 year old boy

- One 8 year old boy
- One 13 year old girl
- One 12 year old girl

As you can see we have found “homes” for four of them. We are asking the host families to feed them breakfast in the morning and then have them to our church by 9:00 a.m. They will need to be picked up around 5:30 in the afternoon and have the evening meal provided. They may need some help with laundry as well.

They will be arriving late afternoon on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have a meet your family/youth gathering at that time. They will be leaving Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> (time unknown right now).

The weekends you are free to do what ever you like with them. Do not change anything that you normally do. If you mow Granny's lawn—take them along, if you go to Wal-Mart—take them. The Sunday before they leave we are planning a Pig-Roast Potluck at noon, as this is the Sunday of the new Vicar's Installation as well.

Another area that we are looking for help is we need teachers. They are coming with two teachers, but they will need help. This help can be either adults or Junior High or High School age people. We will have a curriculum to look at before they come so you will know what you are teaching.

If there are any of these areas you can help, please contact either of the Pastors,

Vicar Jones, Bonnie or Barbara Bethel.

Thank you,  
Barbara Bethel  
837-8028 or 240-1748

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| July 2  | Faye Zurcher<br>Katlin Marshall                                 |
| July 3  | Julie Schriock<br>Kerri Ring<br>Alex Gange                      |
| July 4  | Olive Boots<br>Scott Adkins<br>Reese Kanyuh                     |
| July 5  | Robert Herzog<br>Thomas Vera I<br>Ryan Dodd                     |
| July 6  | Barbara Racine<br>Janel Brandt                                  |
| July 7  | Allan Bonness<br>Hunter Klug                                    |
| July 8  | Larry Atwood<br>Dana Brandt<br>Taylor Mattson<br>Abigail Juma   |
| July 9  | Margie Marshall   |
| July 10 | Teanna Erie   |
| July 11 | Lois Marchus<br>George Saltsman<br>Tayton Kramer<br>Allan Gange |
| July 13 | Linda Lee   |

Beth Feist-McHenry  
 Thoms Steenstrup  
 July 14 Cambrey Benno  
 July 15 Nicole Hoskin  
 July 16 Paul Klug  
 Nancy Zorn  
 July 17 Jason Strandlien  
 Jeramy Leifson  
 Ian Oja  
 Hunter Anderson  
 July 18 Karen Aga  
 July 19 Gayle Fimreite  
 Katherine Fimreite  
 Nicholas Dreyer  
 July 20 Wayne Johnson  
 Jeffrey Melchert  
 July 21 Mylon Racine  
 July 22 Jason Rust  
 Tammy Olson  
 July 23 Brynley Benno  
 July 24 Addison Krueger  
 July 25 Charles DeMakis  
 Clint Nordstrom  
 Ashley Chabot  
 Breanna Meckle  
 July 26 Loretta Witt  
 Tayler Wallstrum  
 Jayci Swallers  
 Averi Graham  
 July 27 Liana Holman  
 Michael Hoffart  
 Theresa Meyers  
 Earl Reinisch  
 July 28 Debra Schwede  
 Larry Anderson  
 Daniel Schriock  
 Makenna Duvall

July 29 Alex Gilseth  
 July 30 Donna Pederson  
 Crystal Voth  
 McKensie Poppinga  
 July 31 Rylee Womack

Happy Birthday and God's richest  
 blessings to each of you! If your birthday  
 is not listed, or if the date is incorrect,  
 PLEASE call the church office  
 and let me know!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 1 Randal & Joan Bailey  
 July 2 Justin & Amanda Olson  
 July 3 Henry & Nichole Spitzer  
 July 3 Thad & Amanda Manuwal  
 July 5 Paul & Susan Dodd  
 July 5 Patrick & Allison Torbit  
 July 7 Glenn & Jolene Klebe  
 July 7 Ken & Jolene Lewis  
 July 8 Wayne & Laureen Johnson  
 July 8 Robert & Faye Herzog  
 July 9 Jeff & Nadine Dockter  
 July 9 Kendo & Nichole Carlson  
 July 10 Derrick and Angela Holman  
 July 11 Thomas & Angela Vera  
 July 11 Ricky & Lavetta Melchert  
 July 12 Ludvig & Myrtle Bachmeier  
 July 13 Anthony & Stefanie Williamson  
 July 14 Larry & Karen Atwood  
 July 15 David & Donna Richard  
 July 18 Shawn & Elizabeth Benham  
 July 20 Craig & Deborah Eraas

July 20 Michael & Donna Chester  
 July 21 Corey & Angela Hagans  
 July 21 Zachary & Lindsey Burdick  
 July 22 Kevin & Carol Dahly  
 July 24 Lester & Sharon Dionne  
 July 25 Keith & Pamela Kanyuh  
 July 27 Steve & Robin Erdman  
 July 27 Paul & Barbara Dockter  
 July 28 Rodney & Bonnie Plesuk  
 July 28 Jim & Betty Schweyen  
 July 29 Allan & Deborah Hemstad

Warren Howe  
 Jaclyn Klebe  
 Marilyn Nelson  
 Gloria Schmidt  
 Jean Tohm  
 Carol Tribitt  
 Archie Zahursky

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING AVERAGES

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### Serving Away From Home

Amelia Hunter  
 (Betsy Jones' Sister)

Noel Allen  
 (Lavetta Melchert's Brother)

Chris Gade  
 (Friend of Steinke's)

Dalton Haugen  
 (Son of Mark & Kim Haugen)

Jason Haugen  
 (Husband of Ashley Haugen)

### Health Concerns

Tammi Benno

#### *Attendance:*

May Average: 379  
 June Average: 289

#### *Offering (General Fund):*

May Average:  
 \$6,826.10/Week  
 Designated Fund Average:  
 \$659.09/Week

June Average:  
 \$5,259.41  
 Designated Fund Average:  
 \$599.76/ Week

## JULY USHERS

**8:30 a.m.**

Darrell Bernsdorf  
 Dennis Oothoudt

**9:45 a.m.**

Angela Vera

**11:00 a.m.**

Ted Krause

Debbie Denatdeale

Wayne Schumaier