



Our Prayer

On these warm summer days, Lord, may we lie back in your love, like on a sunny beach near singing waves, or in shady grass under a whispering tree. Feed us with the sweetness of your grace, Creator God, and quench our thirst every day with the living water of your Son. Summer is ending soon, O Holy One. Stir up our anticipation in hopes for new routines and endeavors.

Thank you for being with me in all seasons of life.

Amen

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Church Council Meetings Review :

Present: Corrine Coyle, Bryan Friedman, Steve Putz, Kay Hesse and Allison Bartholmey

Call to Order: Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm July 19th.

Devotions: Corinne Coyle provided an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Council reviewed the minutes from the June 16, 2022, meeting. Hesse moved to approve. Coyle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reception of Petitions/Communications: None

New Business:

- ELCA sent Thank you for our contributions to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund.
- *Hesse reported she extended an invitation to UCC to join us for the Corn Boil.
- Corn Boil will be served Sunday, July 31st following worship service. Menu will be Beef Burgers, Corn on the cob, cucumber salad (sour cream and vinegar), melon, and donated desserts.
- Hesse reported that communion preparations are filled through Sunday, October 2nd. Pat Foote will train each person, call her to make an appointment, if Pat is unavailable Hesse will train.
- Council man on duty vacancies were filled by other council members.

Old Business:

None to report

Treasurer's Report: Coyle presented the June financial statements and explained the notable items and checks that have sent for a variety of services. Coyle also explained the council is seeking people to count and prepare weekly deposits.

Calendar Review: The draft of the August calendar was reviewed, and was approved

Committee Reports: Property: No changes to report.

Faith Formations: No changes to report.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18th. Friedman will read the devotions.

Adjournment: Coyle moved, and Bartholmey seconded to adjourn. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:
Kay Hesse.



Zinga News Update!

Great news from Zinga! After frustrating Covid-caused absence, Dr. Denny and Paula Lofstrom are starting to plan their return to Zinga in March. About five medical students and an intern from different Mayo Medical schools are asking to serve their rotations there. The hope is that by then, it will be safe to travel, and teams of volunteers will be able to come.

Meanwhile, at the Children's Hospital, work continues. A four-month old baby girl was recently referred to the hospital for treatment.

After a week of treatment, the baby was eating well, and the fever was gone. The only complication was that her skin was still peeling.

Dr. Charles Powell explains the peeling skin:

"This is scalded skin syndrome, caused usually by Staph aureus infection. It happens that this was hospital acquired, during a 10-day hospitalization at another facility.



This is why we need our own ward at Zinga... This is why we wash our hands!"

To read more about the work at Zinga, check out the website www.ihptz.org and click on IHP Monthly Update. We continue to lift up our friends in Tanzania in our prayers.

The water of life

Christ is like a river that is continually flowing. There are always fresh supplies of water coming from the fountainhead, so that a man may live by it and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; he is continually supplying his people, and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from him for all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new [and] never will come to an end. —Jonathan Edwards



Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt combine for this healthy take on a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

August 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSI (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa.

Support for the Long Run

Part of LSI's mission is to ensure hundreds of Iowa children and families have access to quality mental health care, parenting education, and crisis services.

On our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly, staff are able to provide 24/7 behavioral health care and encouragement for children and teens like N. During her time on campus, N. and her team of therapists and professionals worked on developing coping skills that could help her manage her anger on the difficult days and take space for herself when she felt overwhelmed.

She was able to participate in Spiritual Life, a voluntary faith-based program offered on campus. N. says the program helped her learn important lessons about forgiveness and trust through reading passages of scripture. She says the biggest lesson she has learned is that "when you make a mistake, there are ways to fix it."

N. is now looking ahead and has goals for her future. She is working on graduating high school, and she is excited to get her driver's license. She wants to become a special education teacher and empower the next generation, and she wants her story to inspire other kids who could benefit from the same care she received through LSI.

*LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors is sponsoring a new project this summer. Due to the abundance of clothing drive projects around town in the past few years, this summer NHN will be collecting items needed by school teachers and school nurses, which the school budgets typically do not cover, yet many families cannot afford to provide for their children. We will be collecting these items at churches during the summer and delivering them to the schools during August

before school opens.

The teachers and nurses have identified these supplies as the ones needed most.

- pencils*
- Kleenex*
- poster board
- index cards
- post-its
- expo markers*
- binders*
- glue sticks*
- scissors
- composition notebooks- these are the ones with the sewn in binding
- mints (for coughs, cough drops cannot be dispensed)
- ear buds
- pencil eraser tops
- loose leaf paper
- expo erasers
- crayons
- 2 pocket folders- in solid colors
- disinfecting wipes*
- Sheet protectors
- Highlighters
- Binders
- Sticky-notes
- Brand new children's jeans, sweat pants, socks and underwear are also needed.

Nurses:

- granola bars***
- peppermints
- life savers (sore throats)
- bandages
- ace bandages
- bandaids- all sizes
- kitchen sponges and ziploc bags (these make reusable ice packs)
- refillable water bottles



HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

Terri Hayden 08/02
Blake Geilenfeldt 08/07
Deborah Rose 08/07
Thomas Hodnett 08/09
Alexander Breuer 08/10
Rachel Monroe 08/11
Duane Quanbeck 08/17
Arlene Dobesh 08/19
Elizabeth McVey 08/21
Steven Putz 08/27
Marilyn Gelinas 08/28
Barbara Birkenholtz 08/29
Candy Thompson 08/28
Elizabeth Coyle 08/29
Nicole Vitales 08/29

Christian symbol

RAM—This Old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the “herd,” as well as a sacrifice for people’s sins. Jesus’ sacrificial death is foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac’s place, just as he provided Jesus, God’s only Son, to take our place on the cross.



Please remember to sign up to donate chancel flowers.
The Flower Chart/Sign Up Sheet is located in the
Narthex

Come, my Way

*Come, my Way, my Truth,
my Life: Such a way as
gives us breath; Such a
truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth
death. Come, my Light,
my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a
feast, Such a feast as
mends in length, Such a
strength as makes his
guest. Come, my Joy, my
Love, my Heart: Such a
joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can
part, Such a heart as joys
in love.*

Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer on Pg. 6

The power of love

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I’m reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God’s hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God’s heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

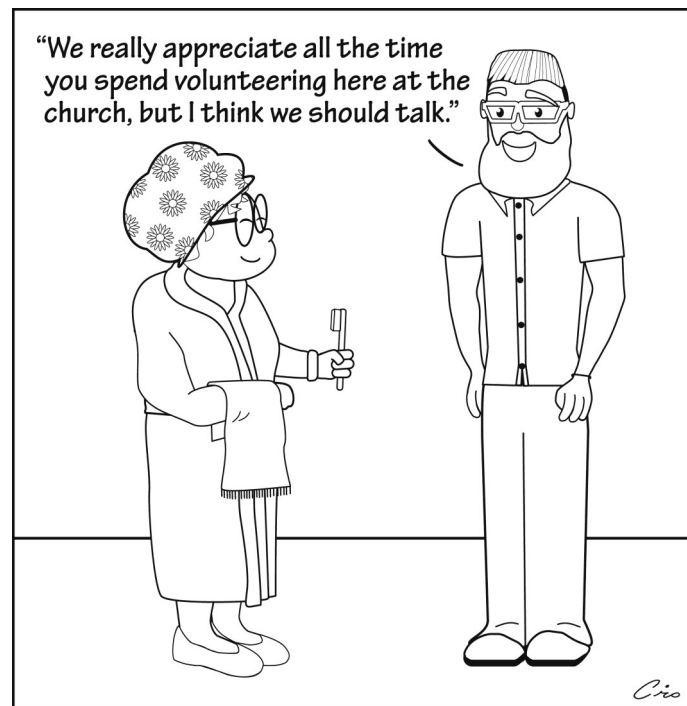
Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with “tax collectors and sinners” and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.
—Heidi Hyland Mann

A living mystery

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!





The next meeting will be on
August 3rd, 2022
6:30 Pm.

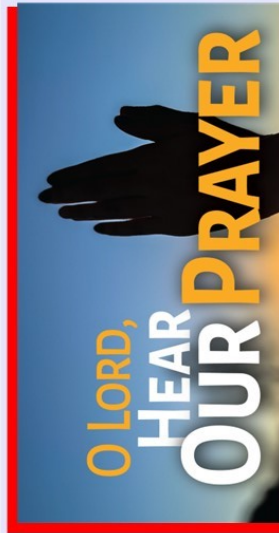
Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!



Please be praying for all of
the Pulpit Supply
Pastors that have so
graciously been leading
worship.
Don't forget to thank them if
you have a chance.

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	1	2	3 Property Meeting 6:30 pm.	4 Dorcas 9:00 AM	5	6
7 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	15	16	17	18 Martha Cr. Council Meeting 6:30 Pm	19	20
21 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Rev. Cal Oraw Worship Service 9:30am	29	30	31			

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O LORD,
HEAR
OUR PRAYER

Let us know how we can pray for you!