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Last month I talked a lot about R & R (Rest and Relaxation). And some of you were able to do that during the month of July. We are now approaching August and time is running out because it seems when school starts we are somewhat more home bound.

First though let's look at the weather report. This summer has been one of those record type summers. It was so wet to begin with that the lake is still up. Now the heat index is up too, to over a 100 degrees almost every day. Now you might want to say, "Well, that is normal for this time of the year." No matter, it is a dangerous time of the year for heat exhaustion. So, please drink plenty of water and stay indoors as much as you can until the heat moderates. I know you know to do that, but if you are like me, you don't do it until it's almost too late.

So much for my weather man's report!! Yet it does remind me of the good old days in Minnesota. We do have summer up there for 3 weeks in August. Well, guess when we are going to Minnesota—August. We will be gone from August 4th to the 12th. Mike Fransen will take over the service on Aug. 9th. He always does a fine job as worship leader and preacher. We will make the full trip to all three of our children and grandchildren. There are many highlights during this trip. At Jen and Jason plus 5 it will be a trip to the Omaha Zoo. The highlight for going to Mike and Kate's is going to the Minnesota Vikings training camp right there in Mankato. Mindy, Joe and Alex have two highlights in store for us. One is a trip to the lake cabin for two days and then the second highlight is visiting the Minnesota Zoo in Minneapolis. I am beginning to see a pattern here but not sure what my kids are trying to tell us!!

But the point here is I'm getting away for a while and will come back with renewed energy to face the task of being your pastor. Taking time out is important for all of us and if you have not done it yet I would encourage you to do it. We are having new people visit us and we need to be ready to help them feel at home. If church life has become routine then we might approach people with less than enthusiastic attitudes. So, lets all get refreshed this last month of summer because it will not be long and school will start again. Just don't be gone too long because as a small church we need everyone making disciples for Jesus Christ and making people feel a part of our congregation and part of the family of God. It is hard work but if we are rested then we will be ready!! God's blessing be with you all!!

Pastor Jack
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Scriptures For The Month of August

Sunday, August 2: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 9: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 16: Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 23: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20;
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 30: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Logo Shirts Available

We have logo shirts for sale. We have the following on hand:

Polo: Ladies: 1 Med. & 1 Large

Mens: 2 Large

Button: Ladies: 2 Large Short Sleeve,
1 Med., 1 Lg & 1 XL Long Sleeve

Mens: 1 Large Short Sleeve,
1 Lg & 1 XL Long Sleeve

If you do not find your size in the type you want please let Debra know and we will order shirts the first part of August. Thanks!!

If you are new and want to get a shirt, they are on the table in the welcome center with the price listed.

It is great to see all the blue on Blue Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) and at various events and other times!!

Missions To Our Community

The Mission Committee is asking for donations to help Pregnancy Life Line and Christian Action Ministries (CAM) during August. Both groups need disposable diapers, especially 3's, 4's, and 5's and also baby wipes. CAM also needs shampoo, toothpaste, and sanitary napkins.

Please bring one or more items to church or you can donate money towards purchasing those items and leave that donation with Debra in the church office. Thanks for helping with this mission to our community!!

Financial Update

We are over halfway through the year and time for a brief update:

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| Income: \$37,902.32 | Expenses \$40,664.07 |
| 1/15/15 Balance: \$9,969.59 | |
| 1/1-6/30 Income | <u>\$37,902.32</u> |
| | \$47,871.91 |
| 1/1-1/30 Expenses | \$40,664.07 |
| 7/1/15 Balance | \$7,207.84 |



Saturday, August 1
Men's Breakfast
8:15 with work day
around church only

In Jesus We Will Always Trust!!
"For me and my house we will
always serve the Lord!"





Movie Night

Invite your friends and neighbors to come to movie night Tuesday August 25 and Friday August 28 at 7:00. We have a great time gathering together to watch a good movie with popcorn, snacks, and pop. This month our movies are "Grace Unplugged" and "Left Behind II". Hope to see you there!!

New Sign

We are done with the Welcome Center/Office complex and new ministries are beginning to appear as we approach fall. Welcome center is open 9:30-10:25 a.m. every Sunday. It hosts two movie nights a month. The center is also used for choir rehearsal. During the summer the card group has used the center as well.

So, now we need to concentrate on a new sign. We are not sure what size or type of sign yet, but many proposals are being looked at. Whatever we decide the top will be a lighted sign with logo and church name. The bottom will be a digital sign of some sort advertising our times and ministries. The cost of the sign is a big factor. We have \$6,000.00 from the building fund and over \$1,000.00 has been donated. This makes a grand total of \$7,000.00 plus!! Keep this project in your prayers!



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BLUE EYE Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. PLEASE if you have facebook find us and "like" our page. Feel free to post things about our church and information you might have as well.

You can also get information on our WEBSITE : www.blueyeumc.com



Parsonage

The parsonage is getting a face lift of sorts. The whole inside has been gone over and cleaned well. Half of the outside has been trimmed and cleaned up. We have a work day in August to continue trimming and cleaning. Then in September we will relandscape the outside. Your help is necessary. The first clean up day 14 people volunteered and we got a lot accomplished. Let's keep up the good work.

As long as Pastor Jack is our pastor the parsonage will remain vacant. The Church Council began discussion of various ministries we could provide by using the parsonage. If we decide to use the parsonage more, some work would need to be done on the basement. All of this is in the talking stage at the moment with no actual plan to move forward yet. Please stay tuned to further developments. The one thing we agree on is the parsonage is a great asset to the church and needs to be taken care of and used. **Page: 33**

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If you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please give that information to the church office, church secretary or pastor.

We would like to increase the number of people who receive our publication.

Thank You!

MINISTRY IS HAPPENING!!!

We have many committees and teams working to bring a well rounded ministry to our church. Thanks to those who are willing to serve. If you would like to be on a committee or team please contact a member of those teams or committees, they would love to have you join them.

3rd Annual Summer Sizzler BBQ

The Summer BBQ saw a great turnout. We fed over 150 people and around 100 of those stayed to hear The Sons of the Silver Dollar. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as the food was good and the fellowship great. Then Tom, Mark and Jim (Sons of the Silver Dollar) entertained us with toe tapping, hand clapping, singalong songs that made the night really special. We will have to have those guys back!!

With all bills paid we have around \$400.00 for local ministries.

Thanks to all who helped in any way for the supper. You all were great workers!! And a special thanks to Cody West who cooked up one fantastic brisket!!



Greeters

- August 2: Charles Julian
Tammy Walker
- August 9: Barbara Curbow
Pat Bangert
- August 16: Helen Feuz
Debra Tompkins
- August 23: Marcia Siefkes
Neva Mielke
- August 30: Debra Tompkins

Welcome Center Hosts

- August 2: J.D. Settles
Debra Tompkins
- August 9: Bob & Debbie
Lyon
- August 16: Frankie Oldani
- August 23: Becky McNabb
Helen Feuz
- August 30: Jack & Peg
Smith

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Communion 2 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 | Office Hours 3 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 | 4 | 5 Office Hours 9-5 | 6 | 7 Office Hours 9-5 | 8 |
| 9 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 | Office Hours 10 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 | 11 | 12 Office Hours 9-5 Trustees Meeting 2:30 Choir 6:30 | 13 | 14 Office Hours 9-5 | 15 Parsonage Work Day 1-4 |
| BLUE SUNDAY 16 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 | Office Hours 17 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 | 18 | 19 Office Hours 9-5 "Card Group" Outing to the Floating Cafe | 20 | 21 Office Hours 9-5 Wedding Rehearsal | 22 Sean & Heidi Wedding 6:00 |
| Teen Challenge 23 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 | Office Hours 24 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 | 25 Movie Night 7:00 "Grace Unplugged" | 26 Office Hours 9-5 | 27 | 28 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Left Behind II" | 29 |
| 30 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45 | Office Hours 31 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 | | | | |  Page: 5 |



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| | Ivan Reimer | | Steve & Mona Fennema | Mike & Gloria Jones | | |
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| | | | Jack & Peg Smith | | Jan Hensiek | |
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| | Cody & Shery West | | | | | |