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God
Rocks!

One of the greatest compliments you can give someone (if you are twenty years old or younger) is that they **“Rock!”** This year’s Sunday School theme is, **“God Rocks!”** What a great statement about God as we enter into a new fall season of worship and learning. **“God Rocks”** because God’s Son, Jesus (**“Jesus Rocks”** too) faithfully gave His life up on a cross so that we who believe in His victory over death may have life beyond the grave too! And, God, the Holy Spirit, helps us keep our faith strong in the One who **“Rocks”** the world with amazing grace.

Another fun way to think about our theme is to enjoy knowing something about polishing rocks. Some people really enjoy polishing rocks. They find beautiful rough stones, put them in a polishing barrel with some grit, let the barrel run for 24 hours a day for 7 days, take the stones out, wash them, put them back in the barrel and add some polishing solution, run the barrel again for 24 hour a day for 7 days and finally, they have made their rough, jagged, dull stones into smooth, beautiful, shinny gem stones – the kind that people make jewelry out of! Wow!

Just think about the process of becoming a gem. (In theological terms, we call it “sanctification”, the process of becoming holy.) Maybe that’s why life is sometimes a little rough. Maybe we are God’s stones and with the careful management of a loving God, we are being refined into something we never thought we would be – a gem! God knew all along that we were gems – after all, God made us!

So, here we go! **God Rocks!** Come to Sunday School and Worship. We want to give thanks for the Rock of Ages, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Pastor Terry



Sunday, September 6 --- 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 13 --- 15th Sunday after Pentecost

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

- 8:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Outdoor worship – bring your lawn chair
- “Rally Day”
- Noon Grill-out

Sunday, September 20 --- 16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday School Staff Installation
- 11:00 am Cradle Roll Students receive Bible

Sunday, September 27 --- 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion
- 11:00 am 3rd Graders receive Bibles
- 11:00 am Blessing of the “Back Packs”

Saturday Worship

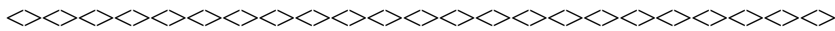
- 5:30 pm Chapel Worship with Holy Communion on September 12 & 19

SEE YOU AT WORSHIP!!



Members of American Lutheran Church said their “Goodbyes” and “Thanks” to Pastor Steve & Brenda Norby and family on Sunday, August 23. Pastor Norby will be serving Calvary Lutheran in Park Rapids beginning September 12. They have rented a house on Lake Beltaine and their address is 22214 County Rd 80, Nevis MN 46467. We wish them God’s Blessings in their new church and home.

The Interim process is in place and our Synod will be giving us two names to start with that the Personnel Board will interview as possible candidates to serve ALC & Bethany until we are able to secure a lead pastor. Most likely it will be a year or so before we have a lead pastor.



Dear Friends of ALC,

Many thousand thanks for the meaningful and powerful farewell you gave for our family. Our hearts were sincerely touched by your kindness. Thank you Bethany Lutheran for your generous gift of money as well as your partnership! Thank you ALC for your call to preach, reach and teach Jesus for over 13 years. Thank you for your most generous gift of money. As we relocate, may our Lord’s love and grace guide your call for a new pastor.

Philippians 4: 8 ff

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in (Paul), and the God of peace will be with you.

Takk for sist!

Pastor Steve and Brenda



SENIOR CHOIR sings at worship on the third Sunday (20th) of the month at the 8:30 am Worship Service. Rehearsal is the Wednesday (16th) before. Come join the group! They will be doing a Christmas Cantata on December 20 and rehearsals for that will begin the later part of October. Watch for further details. For questions, contact David Rupp.

HANDBELL CHOIR is always looking for regular ringers and for subs. If you are interested, please contact Jane Cartwright at 831-5032.

HOLY COMMOTION children's choir is in need of a director. If you are interested, contact the church office.



FRIENDSHIP GROUP

September 4 – 6:30 pm meet in the church library for “Book Talk”

September 11 – 5:00 pm Supper at Santee Crossing in Jackson

September 18 – 6:30 pm Meet at church for a video

September 25 – 6:30 pm Meet at Hillside Manor for conversation



WOMEN OF THE ELCA....

*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Our church needs us now, as the new fall activities begin, let us rejoice and come and be a part of it. Our Nominating Committee is at work getting officers for the coming year. We pray that God will touch our women to respond to the call positively. Our new officers are invited to a workshop at Shetek Ministries on Saturday, September 26 with registration beginning at 8:30 am.

I would like to invite you to our September meeting on Thursday afternoon, September 3 at 1:30 pm in the Skylight Court. Pastor Frovik will be giving us the introduction to our new Bible study for the coming year, *“To God’s Beloved: Paul’s letter to the Romans.”* Bring a friend!! The executive board will meet at 1 pm.

The annual Shetek Women’s Retreat is Friday & Saturday, September 18-19 at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. The theme is *“We Walk by Faith”*. Registration begins Friday at 4 pm and ends 3:30 pm Saturday. Watch the bulletin board for more information.

Thank you to Michele Larson for a delightful evening on our grand piano, playing some of our favorite hymns following our August potluck dinner.

Thanks to the Mary Circle for serving Sunday Coffee in August. The associate members of our circles will serve Sunday coffee in September. Circles will resume on September 17. Please note the article regarding our upcoming Holiday Fair --- it is not too early to start making your plans!

Your co-presidents,
Irene Menken & Judy Woizeschke

CIRCLES:

ABIGAIL & EUNICE: 9:15 am at Church with Doris Remund & Helen Evers serving.

MARY & REBEKAH: 1:30 pm at Church with Karen Skarphol & Marlene Mattson serving.

SARAH: 7 pm at Dorothy Hiebert’s home.



HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday, November 14
9:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Start planning ahead as to how you might help with our 11th
Holiday Fair**

**Help us payoff our church restoration debt – 85% of our
proceeds will be put towards our restoration loan; 5% to
Decorating Committee; 5% Shetek Ministries;
5% Cottonwood County Sharing Center**

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- Make extra homemade jams, jellies, canned goods.
Garden produce.
- Is your garden producing extra cucumbers? Consider making refrigerator pickles for the lunch.
- Start making crafts.
- As you are cleaning out those cupboards and closets, put aside some of the new or nearly new saleable items for our rummage room (keep in mind our room is not real large so be selective – no clothes, shoes, electronics, text books, encyclopedias.)
- Keep track of the hours that you put into making your contributions as these will be given to Thrivent to receive funds from them. \$600.
- Lefse baking is almost here. Watch the bulletin for dates and needed ingredients.
- Save plastic and paper bags for take-home merchandise.
- Start checking out your favorite recipes and see what you will bake. Breads, rolls and pies go really well. Actually, all baked goods sell!

RALLY DAY WEEKEND

September 12 & 13

WELCOME TO ALL - FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY



Saturday, Sept. 12th

7:30pm

Parking Lot open by 6:30pm

**FREE OUTDOOR CHRISTIAN
ROCK CONCERT**

By LIGHTSWITCH!

American Lutheran Church -Windom

Rally Day Weekend Kick-Off

~ALC Youth will be selling Concessions~

www.lightswitchband.com

www.alcofwindom.com

♪♪ GOD ROCKS!!!!♪♪



Our first day of Sunday School will be September 13 from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. We have been making plans and are so excited to have our children back in Sunday School. **“God Rocks”** will be our theme for this year so look for some fun things. We are also excited to be implementing our new Augsburg Fortress **SPARK** Curriculum. On the 13th there will be a Parents meeting for ALL parents of Sunday School students held in the Fellowship Hall with coffee & rolls being served during the Sunday School hour. You will receive information for our year as well as a calendar of events. Please plan to attend.

THE NURSERY CLASS --- those just starting Sunday School will have a special time on Saturday, September 12 from 9-10 am to come and find their room, meet their teacher and check things out before coming on Sunday with everyone.

CRADLE ROLL for our Nursery Class will be on Sunday, September 20 at the 11:00 am Worship. They will receive a certificate for entering Sunday School and will receive a Bible.

TEACHERS are still needed for some of our classes. Most classes have team teachers. We are also in need of a music leader for the younger children. If you can help, call Tera at 822-3377.

INSTALLATION for our Sunday School Staff will be Sunday, September 20th at 8:30 or 11:00 am.

THIRD GRADERS will receive Bibles this year on September 27 at the 11 am Service. This is a switch from the second grade as the Bibles go along and will be used with the new curriculum.

PRAYER PARTNERS – won't you consider adopting a class to pray for, visit their classroom, share a story or snack & have fun? Call Tera if you would be interested. Maybe you would like your grandchild's class?



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS is something new we are doing this year. Students are encouraged to bring their backpack to church on Sunday, September 27 at the 11:00 am Service for a special blessing. ALL students are welcome to participate.



The Worship Service on September 13 at 11:00 am will be outdoors. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Following the service there will be cookout to which you are all invited to stay for. Freewill donation.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Students in Grades 8 & 9 will begin confirmation classes on Wednesday, September 9. **Eighth Graders** and parents will meet at 6:00 pm for orientation and acolyte training followed by class at 7:00 pm. Eighth grade teachers are Tera Elness & Nancy Michalski.

Ninth Grade students will meet at 7 pm. Pastor Frovik & Lindsey Cartwright will be teaching.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

NURSERY CLASSES

TEACHER: Evonne Petersen

HELPER: Summer Stevens

ROOM: 309

Isaac Armstrong,

Isiah Fuchs

Leah Hauge

Wriley Haugen

Makayla Marcy

Landon Pillatzki

Tucker Renquist

Brooklyn Roll

HELPER: Danielle Evers

ROOM: 305

Nellie Borer

Riley Borer

Brok Derickson

Camryn Elness

Henry Erickson

Rebekah Johnson

Eli Lund

Wyatt Scrivens

Chloe Shamp

Ella Smith

TEACHER: Mary Oakland

HELPER: Hannah Oakland

ROOM: 307

Elijah Freiwald

Raelyn Hall-Marcy

Hayden Hedquist

Emma Holtz

Chase Jensen

Elijah Mathis

Cole Purrington

Jadrah Renquist

Aubriana Spielman

TEACHERS: Jessie Zieske

Amanda Bondhus

HELPER: Tara Mohlencamp

ROOM: 304

Emma Bondhus

Ethan Brockman

Miranda Cory

Abbigail Grunewald

Hunter Haken

Kaden Holtz

Jaydan Petersen

Cragen Porath

Charlie Smith

Peyton Winters

Abbigail Zieske

PRE-KD CLASSES

TEACHERS: Mandie Borer

Beth Scrivens

**TEACHERS: Tammy Boltjes
 Sherri Negen**
HELPER: Christina Hanson
ROOM: 303

Ryan Boltjes
Mackenzie Doorenbos
Matthew Ekstrom
Anna Holtz
Wyatt Ketzenberg
Allison Negen
Damion Pohlman
Naomi Purrington
Kameron Rupp
Ethan Zafft

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

**TEACHERS: Nicole Larson
 Kim Armstrong**
HELPER: Joe Voth
ROOM: 301

Noah Armstrong
Hunter Borer
Dillon Evers
Alexis Haken
Wyatt Haugen
Kaitlee Huska
Tyra Khounsanthone
Drayton Klassen
Vance Koch
Dora Larson
Lucy Stevens
Ashley Voshage

**TEACHER: Jessica Riordan
 & Wendy Petersen**
HELPER: Thomas Elness
ROOM: 302

Dillon Grant
Mitchell Haken
Ethan King
Evan Mathis
Ben Purrington

Ethan Purrington
Zachary Squires
Dalton Riordan
Joseph Thomas

FIRST GRADE

**TEACHERS: Rachel Friesen
Katie Slette, Carmen Brockman**
HELPER: Austen Smedsrud
ROOM: 203

John Bell
Jenna Brockman
Sade Chester
Austin Doorenbos
Eryn Friesen
Tucker Fuchs
Joseph Fundahn
Damian King
Ellie Maricle
Conner Redman
Connor Slette
Caden Wiens

**TEACHERS: Mellissa Roll
 Kris Ketzenberg**

HELPER: Natalie Junker
ROOM: 204

Cameron Alm
Haley Ambrose
Sam Doorenbos
Alberto Contreras
Haley Dauer
Jaxon Derickson
Chance Elness
Hobie Hedquist
Breann Ketzenberg
Ethan Pohlman
Trenton Renquist
Levi Weinberg

SECOND GRADE

TEACHERS: Becki Maras

Jennifer Anderson

HELPER: Vincent Raia

ROOM: 103

Mikal Anderson

Katie Boltjes

Shelby Erickson

KC Flatgard

Ethan Grant

Halle Jackson

Olivia Maras

Jaade Pillatzki

Jackson Roll

Chase Voxland

SECOND GRADE cont...

TEACHERS: Dawn Ebeling

& Kim Soderholm

HELPER:

ROOM: 104

Jennifer Ebeling

Dylan Fossing

Autumn Hauge

Elijah Mutz

Katelyn Nichols

Austin Pohlman

Daytona Smedsrud

Audra Smith

Vincent Vongsy

Brett Willaby

THIRD GRADE

TEACHERS: Robin Rahn &

Lisa Quiring

HELPER: Kayla Haglund

ROOM: 206

Ella Brockman

Sydney Burns

Abby Elness

Jordan Fuchs

Jillian Ketzenberg

Emily Negen

Paige Pigman

Andrew Quiring

Tylan Porath

Hannah Rahn

Jaelin Renquist

Jagar Riordan

Carter Squires

Tyler Zieske

TEACHERS: Jill Ekstrom &

Amy Hall

HELPER: Zach Farag

ROOM: 205

Kennedy Anderson

Jacob Cory

Hunter Ekstrom

Jacob Fundahn

Dayton Hanson

Abigail King

Ethan Mathis

Mia Peterson

Juliana Rehnelt

Jennifer Turner

Kai Vongsy

FOURTH GRADE

TEACHERS: Linda Hauglid

& Melanie Shamp

ROOM: 310

Jordyn Alm

Kayla Chester

Cheyenne Courts

Tessla Crowell

Christopher Ebeling

Alex Hauglid

Clay King

Noah Kloss

Chase Maricle

Austin Meier

Porsha Porath

Christian Ramos
Dakota Scott
Ariel Simon
Dawson Smith
Olivia Smith
Hunter Voxland

FIFTH GRADE

**TEACHERS: Cindy Walen
& Gina Freiwald**

ROOM: 308

Harmony Anderson
Skylar Boldt
Jada Chester

FIFTH GRADE cont....

Sydney Erickson
Austin Garms
Austin Haken
Dalton Hauglid
Madison Maras
Emily Mutz
Kyli Naumann
Cortland Petersen
Jesse Pigman
Kailyn Vongsy
Alex Woizeschke
Nicholas Zender

SIXTH GRADE

**TEACHERS: Lisa Farag &
Miranda Roskamp**

ROOM: 105

Ross Blomgren
Shelby Burns
Hailey Cory
Haleigh Ekstrom
Adam Farag
Austin Fast
Joey Giese
Leigh Hanefeld
AnneMarie Hanson

Dylan Hanson
Hunter Hayenga
Emily Hentges
Kegan Hofferbert
Sam Huska
Emily Jackson
Kaylee Janssen
Chase Koch
Ciara Minion
Devin Nielsen
Spencer Wolter

7th, 8th, 9th GRADE CLASSES

**TEACHERS: Keith Pohlman,
Pauline Gustafson, Tera
Elness**

ROOM: Youth Room

SEVENTH GRADE...

Aaron Axford
Tristan Boldt
Sara Cooley
Mariah Crowell
Sutton Dewanz
Alyssa Fast
AJ Giese
Jacob Junker
Alex Leopold
Lexi Mau
Emily Mohlencamp
Gavin Mutz
Taylor Quiring
Lacey Samdal
Parker Scott
Wyatt Stevens
Maria Torkelson
Brian Turner
Jared Willaby
Gabriella Westman

EIGHTH GRADE...

Emily Axford,

Zachary Bartosh
Tanner Baumgard
Mikaila Bolin
Marissa Cartwright
Clay Elness
Ryan Evers
Kayleigh Fritz
Derick Fuchs
Jacob Gotto
Cody Hall
Kelsey Hanefeld
Hannah Kloss
Andrew Larson
Ashley Nerhus
Lucas Nerhus
Dylan Pigman
Kori Quiring
Scottie Rahn
Ashley Schoenenberger
John Turner
Marissa Westman

Makala Peterson
Cody Sebring
Nicholas Wolter
Patrick Yonker

SUBSTITUTES:

Jen Elness
Hilary Mathis
Cory Pohlman
Wendy Pigman
Karen Skarphol

OPENING MUSIC:

NURSERY-

KINDERGARTEN

LEADER: Janice Pohlman
PIANIST: Dustin Stevens

NINTH GRADE....

Astaria Blanshan
Brendon Chester
Savanah Dunnick
Courtney Engler
Wayne Fisk
Aaron Flatgard
Tyler Friesen
Meegan Hanson
Gina Hauge
Ryan Helmoski
Travis Janssen
Cody Jurgens
Brandy Kerkaert
Sage Kipfer
Tyler Mau
Samantha Petersen

FIRST-FOURTH GRADE

LEADER: Angie Erickson
PIANIST:

SECRETARY:

Mary Mohlencamp

RESOURCE CENTER:

Jane Cartwright
Jackie Turner

COORDINATOR:

Tera Elness

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING will be given to our Companion to the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria #1 Demsa for their Sunday School program.



NEW MEMBER Sunday at ALC will **October 11th at the 8:30 am** Worship Service. If you are interested in joining American Lutheran or know of someone who is, please call the church office.

Classes will begin for those who are not of the Lutheran faith and wish to join. Pastor Frovik will be offering these classes on the following dates:

- * September 20, 24, 27, October 1:
all at 7 pm in the church Meeting Room.
- * Orientation for all new members on Sunday, October 4
at 7 pm.



BREAKFAST CLUB ---- All 7th – 12th Graders are welcome to join the "Breakfast Club" beginning on September 14th at 7:15 am at Si Jambo's. We will meet every Monday at 7:15 am, have breakfast together, enjoy a devotion and talk. It's a great way to start the week.

YOUTH GROUP ---- ALL 7th-12th Graders come to the fall kick-off on Sunday, September 20th from 6-9 pm at Jim & Karen Skarphol's home – 164-9th Street. We'll have a bonfire, hotdogs, s'mores, volleyball, music and have use of the hot tub! See you!

“GO FISH” will be in concert at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 24 at 6:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$15 and all seats are reserved. Plan on attending!!



ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are encouraged to attend the student lead **“SEE YOU AT THE POLE”** National Day for Prayer before school on Wednesday, September 23 at 7 pm. Meet around the school flagpole. Tera will bring treats.

LIFELIGHT MUSIC FESTIVAL – a Christian Rock Concert in Sioux Falls will be held Sept 4-6. Tera will take those interested in attending on Saturday, Sept 5 and stay overnight. This is for 9th graders and up. Talk to Tera if you want to go.



Our after-school programming for KD-6th grade will begin in October.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM (KOK): KD – First Graders on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 3-5 pm.

AMIGOS: 2nd & 3rd Graders – 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3-5 pm.

WARRIORS OF THE WORD (WOW): 4th-6th graders on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3-5 pm

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!!

(Adult leaders & helpers are needed – call Tera Elness)

**SHETEK'S FALL FANTASY FESTIVAL – Sunday, October
4 from 11 am to 4 pm. ALL FAMILIES & YOUTH INVITED
to attend.**

Please make plans to join us!

Shalom Hill Farm's Fall Festival Sept. 12, 2009

Shalom Hill Farm is a non-profit rural ministry education and retreat center devoted to the care of creation and retreat hospitality. It is located approximately 12 miles NW of Windom or 5 miles SW of Jeffers at 42194 County Road 3.



*Come out and
experience
this beautiful
setting and
the facilities
firsthand!*

All proceeds from this event go to support the continued mission of Shalom Hill Farm. Thank You!

Need more information?

Please contact us by
phone at 507-831-2232
or by email at
shf@rconnect.com

Mailing Address:
42194 County Road 3
Windom, MN 56101

Activities ongoing from 3-8 p.m.

***Self-guided tours of our retreat
facilities and grounds.**

***A General Store/Farmer's Market/Bake sale
from 3 p.m. on in the library & greenhouse.
(Please note that donations of craft, produce, &
baked goods are always welcome and very appreciated
to sell in our "general store"!)**

***A meal of pork loin sandwiches, potato
salad, baked beans, & bars served from
from 5-6 p.m. (Adults \$7/Kids \$3)**

***BONUS: Bring a lawn chair to sit back and
enjoy the **outdoor musical entertainment**
provided by a lively and uplifting group
from the Lake Sarah area at 6:30 p.m.!**



WALK BY FAITH!

A new, low-impact exercise class offered at ALC for beginning, intermediate, or even highly experienced **walkers!**

Join Tera each Monday evening from 6-7 pm in the Choir Room beginning **Monday, October 5th** and continue for 8 weeks.

Cost is just \$15 and proceeds will benefit the Christian Education special events & activities fund. Sign-up on the bulletin board today or e-mail Tera at cecalc@windomnet.com.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Looking for those who love to knit or crochet!!

Church in Society is considering starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. They are looking for those who would like to knit or crochet shawls. These shawls would be given by our pastors to those who are in need of prayer such as those struggling with illness, grief, loss, loneliness or living in a nursing home.

We also need help from anyone that knows of existing prayer shawl ministries that can help with ideas to get ours started!

If you would like to help make shawls or have knowledge of other prayer ministries that we could learn from, please call Kathy Hiley at 831-4109 or e-mail tkhiley817@msn.com.

“WORLD HUNGER”

ELCA WORLD HUNGER BOXES --- In May, ALC's Church in Society Board distributed boxes for World Hunger Relief. Are you filling your box with loose change? Have you checked between your sofa cushions and under your car seats? These boxes will be collected at our Home and Harvest Celebration on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4. If you didn't get a box, there are more available by the parking lot door.

WHY CONTRIBUTE TO WORLD HUNGER RELIEF? What can my box of change do? Last year our members had the boxes for 3 months and those boxes of change added up to a total of \$1,448.93 for World Hunger! As individuals, congregations, and synods, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied. Together, we are ELCA World Hunger. ***YOUR CHANGE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!***

Be assured that 100% of the money that goes to ELCA's World Hunger Relief campaign is used to fight hunger in the United States and around the world.

One of our members shared that they are amazed at how quickly and painlessly they filled their change box and it doesn't feel like they are dipping into their budget to contribute to World Hunger!

ELCA World Hunger is a connected, comprehensive and compassionate program that helps individuals and communities lift themselves out of poverty into self-sufficiency. Through our giving and caring, through our advocacy and action, we make a life-saving difference. For more information go to: www.elca.org/hunger.

COTTONWOOD COUNTY SHARING CENTER

The Sharing Center shelves are nearly bare! Joyce Ysker has reported to us that the need has been great this summer and the shelves need to be refilled. Sunshine Foods has again put together \$10 bags. Each bag includes items that are needed and each bag has a greater value than \$10. They will deliver.

There is also a cart at church for your donations. Thank you for what you can do to help those in need.

COMPANION CONGREGATION – NIGERIA

Below are excerpts from a letter recent letter sent to our Companion congregation in Nigeria and their pastor Apollos Gideon.

We have read with great interest your last letters of June 24, 2009. Thank you for the great pictures of your church building, bell tower, Pastor Apollos and Mr. Bango. Our Global Mission Task Force is beginning to see the nature of your congregation. I heard remarks like, "That is a large sanctuary! They must be a big congregation!" And, I said, "They are!" It is this kind of exchanges that our entire congregation needs to have as we begin to relate to each other.

Mr. Bango, your response to our previous questions was very helpful as we begin this journey of partnership. We understand more clearly the urgency of providing good education for the children in your area. We understand that our financial gifts will assist in that goal. We also appreciate the explanation of your public school system and the role that private organizations, like the church, play in its success or failure. The size of your Sunday School is another indication of the great need to establish a strong educational ministry at LCCN #1, Demsa. Regarding a visit to your congregation, we would like to plan to visit you next year when the Minneapolis Area Synod makes its annual trip to Nigeria. We can talk more about this as our relationship develops. I see this as an important step in sitting down together to create a covenant that will clearly state the nature of our relationship.

Our Christian Education and Youth Director, Mrs. Tera Elness, has asked me if we could send some used Sunday School curriculum to you. We will have a box of materials ready for the group from the Minneapolis Area Synod traveling to Nigeria this fall to carry to you on our behalf. Tera has also asked that you send us pictures of your Sunday School children that we can post for our children to see

Regarding the spirit of this relationship, we are focused on the Biblical grounding of the story of Jesus and his walk to Emmaus. We trust that as the disciples eyes were opened to the presence of the living Lord as they sat across from Jesus and shared a meal, we too will see one another more clearly as we are privileged to share prayers, stories, pictures, hopes and dreams and, by God's grace, some day meet one another face to face. Our companionship will find its fulfillment in the way we work together for the building up of the Kingdom of God. We do not see supporting one another's normal operating expenses or personal goals for advancement as a priority.



AS OF AUGUST 24, 2009.....

Income: \$270,592
Expenses: \$305,513
2008 Carryover: \$4,039.92
Borrowed: \$26,000
Missions Held: \$12,941

These figures do not include August end-of-month commitments and mission checks.

You should have received a letter regarding the financial concerns of ALC. We have borrowed \$26,000 and increased our credit limit. We need everyone's financial support now! Please give what you can to the mission of our church.

BELL TOWER UPDATE: Our goal is \$40,000. We are in need of \$15,153.

FUNDRAISING efforts have begun to raise funds for the final phase of the work on the Bell Tower. Our first phase we were asked to buy a brick for \$50; our next phase we ask you to become "*Steeple People*" by contributing \$50 to help us reach our final goal. Watch for the display in the Narthex.

RENOVATION UPDATE: The Renovation Loan currently has a balance of \$157,122. Monthly payments of \$2,574.29 are being made. If you would like to make a contribution towards this debt, you may do so by placing it in the blue renovation envelope or mark your check "Renovation" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church.

BITS AND PIECES

1. LOVE & RESPECT MARRIAGE CONFERENCE – Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24 at Lake Geneva Christian Center at Alexandria MN. Love & Respect Ministries is partnering with the Unity Foundation to bring a Love Conference to the Alexandria Area. The “Early Bird” special is \$35/person thru October 9th. On October 10th, admission will go to \$45/person. If you are interested in...*Helping* your Marriage, *Saving* your Marriage, or simply *Enhancing* your Marriage...JOIN US! We will be leaving Friday afternoon and returning home Saturday late afternoon. For more information or to register, please contact Tera Elness 822-3377 or Jen Elness 831-4809 and be sure to check it out on the web at www.loveandrespect.com.

2. SONSHINE PRESCHOOL has a few openings in their 3 year old class. Students must be 3 years old by September 1 and potty trained. Classes are held on Tuesday & Thursdays from 9-11:15. If you are looking for a well rounded preschool education to get your child ready for Kindergarten, plus the opportunity to learn about God’s Word, please call Jen Elness at 831-4809 or The Lutheran Church of Our Savior at 831-3522.

3. SEPTEMBER is **MEALS ON WHEELS** month for ALC. THANK YOU to those who have graciously consented to drive & deliver. Milo & Corrine Holmen, John Berge, Robert Halverson, Arlen Rossow, Roger Nerhus, Richard & Irene Menken, Bernie & Judy Woizeschke, Arlo & Marlene Engler, Kermit & Betty Twait, Gloria Hanefeld, Carol Arndt, Babe & Kathy Crowell, Bob & Carolyn Boomgarden, Doug & Priscilla Jacobson, LeRoy & Elaine Larson, Dully Holmen, Orville Leverenz, Stan & Joyce Severance, Duane & Barb Pingeon.

4. The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for individuals fifty-five years old or older who enjoy children and have time to share in Mt. Lake at the Mt. Lake Headstart. By giving 15 hours a week of your time, you could help children. At the same time, you would supplement your retirement income with a tax free stipend as well as travel costs and insurance coverage. Contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382.

5. HOLDEN VILLAGE – June 21-25, 2010. How would you like to experience a spiritual retreat in the Cascade Mtns of the State of WA? If slightly interested, sign-up on the bulletin board for further information.

6. CLAY COUNTY FAIR at Spencer IA will be holding a Grandstand concert on Sunday, Sept 13 at 7:30 pm featuring the Gaither Vocal Band. Visit their website at www.claycountyfair.com.

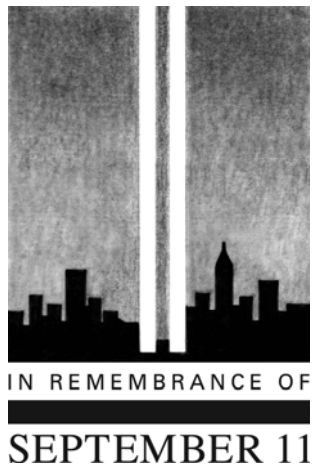
7. ALC'S PRAYER CHAIN may be activated by calling one of the following women – Esther Shelley 831-4317; DeLorris Quiring 831-4104; Lavonne Swenson 831-5018; Rosalie Brodin 831-2330.

8. THANK YOU FROM ELISE MICKELSON: Thank you for providing a scholarship for myself and the others attending ELCA affiliated colleges. I am unbelievably grateful and I can't thank you enough. I consider myself blessed to have a congregation who cares so profoundly for its members.

9. You are invited to attend the 2009 Welsh Hymn Festival of Choirs at 2:00 pm on Sunday, Sept 27 at 1st Presbyterian Church in Mankato. Public is invited; no charge.

10. Kinship Christian Radio – 24 hour Music & Ministry is now available from a tower in the Jeffers Area. KJWR at 90.9.

11. Rejoice with those who rejoice! Caroline Frodermann is graduating from Rasmussen College in Mankato with a certificate as a Early Childhood Specialist. She invites the congregation to a party on Sunday, Sept 20 at 1:00 pm at the Riverview Apartments Community Room, 605 10th St. Her graduation is on Friday, September 18 at 7 pm at the Country Inn & Suites in Mankato.





USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

1st Service – Stan Grams, Bruce Gross, Greg Hanefeld, Dean Schoeb, Bernie Woizeschke, Robert Kirstein, Marv Einertson, Paul Voth Sr.

2nd Service – Ron Jorgenson, Scott Rahn, Richard Johnson, Rahn Larson, Rick Quade, Brian Busch, Paul Thorkelson, Ken Fast.

Saturday Service – Bob Byers, Pat Tepley, Betty Kipfer, Dully Holmen, Earl Flatgard, Stan Severance.



FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS:

BAPTISMS: *MACI ANN HERMAN & EMALI IRENE
HERMAN, daughters of Doug Herman &
Janet May
RUBY JULIANNE HEGGESETH, daughter
of Kevin & Kristina Heggeseeth
ARIEL ROSE ANN SIMON, daughter of
Marty Simon and Shannon Schroeder
HARLEY MARIE VOLBERDING, daughter
of Joseph Volberding and Mary Huebert*

CONFIRMATION: *Brittany Marie Phillippi*

WEDDINGS: *Bill Vogel & Melanie Quade
Andrew Nerness & Martha Jorgenson
Jonathan Muske & Cassie Pfeiffer
Travis Breitzkreutz & Jamie Bak*

BURIALS: *Sam Rosenkranz
Bonnie Klapprodt*

MEMORIALS: *RESTORATION FUND – In memory of Sam
Rosenkranz, Betty Jacobson & Helma Hammer*