

The Vermont Messenger



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*Come to
New Member Sunday at
Vermont
July 18, 2010.*

(See page 7 for list of people who are joining.)

Please keep Vermont's ministries in your prayers during this summertime—summer is not a "lull time" for our ministries. Many active ministries take place especially in the summer, like Wednesday night worship, VBS with New Heights later this month, and the Bicycle Breakfast upcoming in August. See you in church! :)
- Pastor Chad Christensen



YOU ARE INVITED TO SUMMER MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Our Wednesday night worship will be at 7:00 p.m., June 2-August 25. These shorter, more informal services will include piano and guitar accompaniment, be held outside as well as in our new building, and include some guest speakers over the summer. Pastor's sermons will be different from the Sunday sermon. Our liturgy will be new, and easy to understand, using David Cherwein's *Liturgy for the Evening*. All are welcome to join us!!

If you know of someone who would like to sing or perform for the Wednesday evening (or Sunday morning) services this summer, please talk to Marguerite Parrell (767-2427).



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"God's Work. Our Hands"

Vermont LUTHERAN Church

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| Secretary | Linda Watkins | 795-4714 |
| Organist | Marguerite Parrell | 767-2427 |
| Choir Director | Marguerite Parrell | 767-2427 |
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Your Church Officers

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|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| President | Peter Antonie | 767-2641 |
| Vice President | Stan Morley | 767-2841 |
| Secretary | Bonnie Dauck | 798-4161 |
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| | Bill Kennedy | 795-2921 |

Who to Contact

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|-----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Worship & Music | Marguerite Parrell | 767-2427 |
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| Evangelism | Bonnie Dauck | 798-4161 |
| Stewardship | Jill Stone-Brisky | 643-8780 |
| Endowment | Karsten Haugen | 767-5586 |
| Youth | Joan Haugen | 767-3313 |
| Outreach | Pastor Chad | 767-3312 |

Building & Grounds Committee

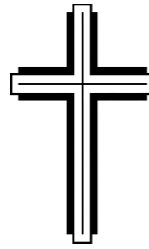
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| | Jim Ludolph | 767-2272 |
| | Michael Dauck | 798-4161 |
| | Greg Herrling | 798-2268 |

Women's Group & Activities

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| Co-presidents | Kris Antonie | 767-2641 |
| | Jill Lynch | 767-2012 |
| Secretary | Mary Johns | 795-4414 |
| Treasurer | Shirley Brandt | 767-3030 |

Activities

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Library | Connie Goderstad | 767-3477 |
| | Joan Skalet | 767-2289 |
| Sunday School | Joanie Haugen | 767-3327 |
| Confirmation | Pastor Chad | 767-3312 |
| Service Volunteers | Shirley Brandt | 767-3030 |
| Newsletter | Linda Watkins | 795-4714 |
| Kitchen | Virginia Urness | 767-3493 |
| | Janet Everson | 588-3820 |
| | | (Cell)206-1805 |
| Cemetery | Dave Haugen | 767-3313 |
| | Jon Urness | 767-2471 |



CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Baptism
 6/20/10 Carter Joseph Childs

Confirmation Camp
 Nathan Haugen



Birthday Blessings

July

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|------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July | 1 | Bill Aeschlimann |
| | 2 | Haylee Adler Brian Ludolph Marcia Morley Kaitlyn Severson |
| | 3 | Janet Everson |
| | 6 | Rod Johnson |
| | 9 | Dale Paddock |
| | 10 | Riley Lynch |
| | 11 | Hillary Olsen Christopher Schaub |
| | 13 | Leonard Schaub Tom Wilkins |
| | 14 | Justin Jenson Carol Parrell |
| | 15 | Samuel King |
| | 16 | David Haugen Alexander Tarnutzer |
| | 17 | Emme Festge |
| | 18 | Bert Wolle |
| | 19 | Collin Kennedy Galen Kennedy |
| | 21 | Bonnie Dauck |
| | 23 | Brandon Jenson |
| | 24 | Hailey Amble |
| | 25 | Jill Lynch Shawn Page |
| | 26 | Ethan Frame Beverly Schultz |
| | 28 | Donna Dybdahl Wesley Ellarson Jonathon Nelson |
| | 29 | Emry Brisky |
| | 31 | Randy Page |

If you have any corrections or additions, please call the church office at 767-3312. If your name does not appear in the month of your birthday, it means we do not have your birth date. Thank you!



The Wisconsin Heights Knitters meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm at New Heights Lutheran Church—Mazomanie.

They will meet July 20th, 6:30 pm.

This group is made up of “master knitters” as well as “beginning knitters.” They will even be happy to teach you to knit or crochet.

Everyone is invited to come to make prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, hats for infants, chemo hats and much more..

Pastor Chad’s Office Hours
 Monday — Day off
 Tuesday — 2-3 p.m.
 Wed., Thurs., Sat., Sun. — 9 am-noon
 Fri.— open for home/facility visitation
 Other times by appointment.
 Pastor Chad’s home phone is 767-2341.



**“BE EXALTED,
 O LORD,
 — in your —
 STRENGTH!
 WE WILL SING
 & PRAISE
 — your —
 POWER.”**

PSALM 21:13, NRSV



**Pastor Christensen’s
 New Address**

Pastor Chad has moved from Mt. Horeb to Black Earth. His apartment is above Ellestad’s funeral home. The postal address is: 1712 Center Street, Black Earth, WI 53515; and new home phone is 767-2341 (this replaces his 437-7245 number).

| 2010 Treasurer’s Summary—Contributions/Expenses | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 2010 Year To Date | Contributions | Expenses (less Missions) | Shortfall or Surplus (Contributions minus Expenses) |
| January—May | \$48,548.10 | \$52,390.28 | - \$3,842.18 |

FROM PASTOR CHAD'S DESK . . .



A Fishing Story

After the amazing catch of fish Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people.'" Luke 5:10b. At Vermont, in May, several of us took part in a Bible study on faith sharing. This proved to be a deep and meaningful time for the participants in the study. The following story, as an encouragement to share our faith and to go "catch people", was provided in our materials *Sharing Faith in Daily Life*, a publication of our ELCA. [Copies of this publication are located on the bulletin table in the narthex (on yellow paper)].

Now it came to pass that a group existed who called themselves fishermen. And lo, there were many fish in the waters all around. In fact, the whole area was surrounded by streams and lakes filled with fish. And the fish were hungry.

Week after week month after month, and year after year, those who called themselves fishermen, met in meetings and talked about their call to go about fishing.

Continually they searched for new and better methods of fishing and for new and better definitions of fishing. They sponsored costly nationwide and worldwide congresses to discuss and promote fishing and hear about all the ways of fishing such as the new fishing equipment, fish calls, and whether any new bait was discovered.

These fishermen built large, beautiful buildings called "Fishing Headquarters." The plea was that everyone should be a fisher and every fisher should fish. One thing they didn't do, however; they didn't fish.

All the fishermen seemed to agree that what was needed was a board which could challenge fishers to be faithful in fishing. The board was formed by those who had the great vision and courage to speak about fishing to define fishing, and to promote the idea of fishing in far-away streams and lakes where many other fish of different colors lived.

Large, elaborate and expensive training centers were built whose purpose was to teach fishers how to fish. Those who taught had doctorates in fishology. But the teachers did not fish. They only taught fishing.

Some spent much money on study and travel to learn the history of fishing and to see far-away places where the founding fathers did great fishing in the centuries past. They lauded the faithful fishers of years before who handed down the idea of fishing.

Many who felt the call to be fishers responded. They were commissioned and sent to fish. And they went off to foreign lands to teach fishing.

Now it's true that many of the fishers sacrificed and put up with all kinds of difficulties. They received the ridicule of some who made fun of their fisher's clubs. They anguished over those who were not committed enough to attend the weekly meetings to talk about fishing. After all, were they not following the Master who said, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people?'

Imagine how hurt some were when one day a person suggested that those who don't catch fish were really not fishers. No matter how much they claimed to be. Yet it did sound correct. Is a person a fisher if year after year she/he never catches a fish? Is one following if she/he isn't fishing?

LAMP Mission Trip to Ontario



Four of us from Vermont are going to Sandy Lake, Ontario, July 2-11 to teach Vacation Bible school through the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), the same kind of trip as last year. Carey Norslien, Emry Brisky, Amber Van Hale, and Pastor Chad are joining three others for this trip. The Sandy Lake First Nation is an independent Oji-Cree First Nation. The First Nation community, in the west part of Northern Ontario, is 141 miles northeast of Red Lake, Ontario. Its population is around 2,400. Sandy Lake First Nation celebrated an important anniversary of its treaty this summer.

For over 40 years, the LAMP organization has been providing educational and sports ministries in remote areas of northern Canada, to communities that require air travel in to them. Our Vermont team heartily thanks you for keeping us in your prayers, and to those who have given food and money to the trip. We will be anxious to report back to you our adventures!!

Service Volunteers for July, 2010

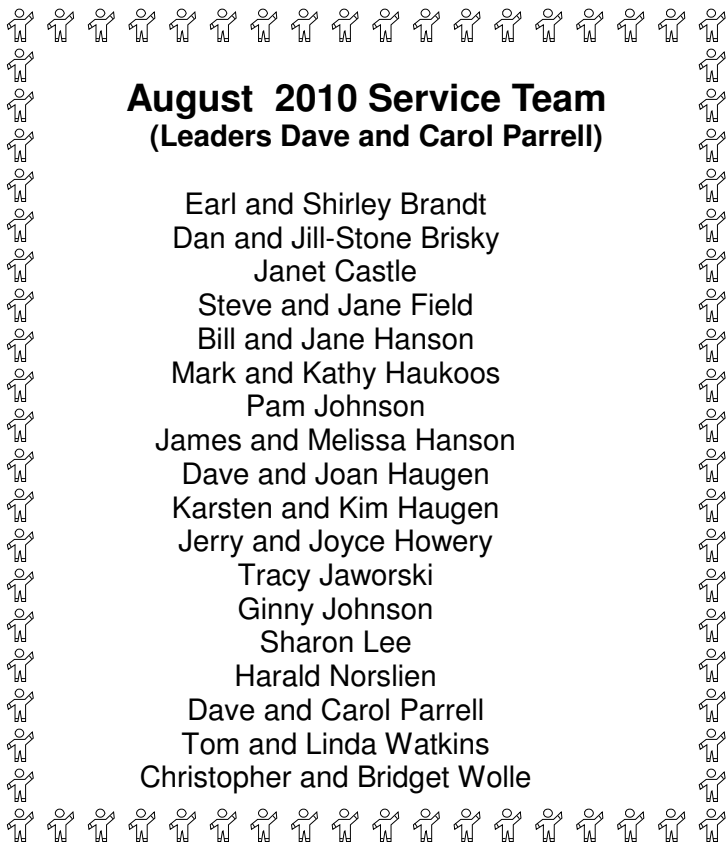
Team Leader: Julie Endres (767-3879)

| | <u>July 4</u> | <u>July 11</u> | <u>July 18</u> | <u>July 25</u> |
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| <u>Assisting Minister</u> | Klover Schafer | Peter Antonie | Don Parrell | Emry Brisky |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Kelly Kidd Bill Meddings | Endres family | Shaun & Jill Lynch | Dennis & Mary Aeschlimann |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Mary Johns | Endres family | Anne & A.J. Donaldson | Dennis & Mary Aeschlimann |
| <u>Readers</u> | Klover Schafer | Don Parrell | Ingerid Kvam | Marguerite Parrell |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Cole Rickey | Shaye Doyle | Nathan Haugen | Curtis Johnson |
| <u>Communion*</u> | Klover Schafer | <i>No Communion</i> | Don Schultz | <i>No Communion</i> |
| <u>Hospitality</u> | Kelly Kidd Bill Meddings | Jill Lynch Julie Endres | Anne Donaldson Beverly Schultz | Mary Johns Arlyn & Shelby McKenzie |

***We will be using the regular method for Holy Communion (in cups w/bread — at the altar).**

PLEASE NOTE!!

All of those serving from now on, should check the “duties” sheet included in pack you receive, as some of the duties have changed slightly!



August 2010 Service Team (Leaders Dave and Carol Parrell)

- Earl and Shirley Brandt
- Dan and Jill-Stone Brisky
- Janet Castle
- Steve and Jane Field
- Bill and Jane Hanson
- Mark and Kathy Haukoos
- Pam Johnson
- James and Melissa Hanson
- Dave and Joan Haugen
- Karsten and Kim Haugen
- Jerry and Joyce Howery
- Tracy Jaworski
- Ginny Johnson
- Sharon Lee
- Harald Norslien
- Dave and Carol Parrell
- Tom and Linda Watkins
- Christopher and Bridget Wolle

Service Team Information

There are five service teams—with rotating leaders. Leaders will be notified prior to the month they are to organize the team and the list of team members is published in *The Messenger*.

When your team leader schedules you for a specific job, they will assume that you will be responsible for the time and duty assigned. If you are unable to serve during the month that your service team is assigned it is **your responsibility** to exchange with someone in your service team group.

After the assignments have been made for the month you will receive, in the mail, a description of the assignments and directions to follow for your responsibility. These are easy to follow instructions. If you have any questions concerning your duties you should call your team leader.

We so appreciate your willingness to see that our church services run smoothly and without interruption. Thank you!

Women of the ELCA




WOMEN'S



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Joy Circle*

No meetings until September, 2010
(watch bulletin and newsletters for next meeting)

Hannah Circle*

No meetings until September, 2010
(watch bulletin and newsletters for next meeting)

Evening Circle*

No meetings until September, 2010
(watch bulletins and newsletters for next meeting)

***Watch newsletters and bulletins for a possible
Joint Meeting of all the circles in August.***

Altar Duty for July, 2010

Kris Antonie and Joan Haugen

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend the circle meetings (when they begin again in the fall). Choose the one you wish to attend. Watch bulletins and newsletters or call the church office for times and locations!



First Aid Team

First Aid Kit in the Kitchen

A new First Aid kit has been purchased and is located in the kitchen, under the telephone on the shelving there, next to the dishwasher room. This is a larger kit, including antibiotic salve, larger bandages, and other treatments for cuts and burns. An FYI that we have a kit available.

WINE, WOMEN AND WORD (WWW) (Information from Judy Mau, Central Lutheran, Edgerton)

There are many alternatives to the typical circle groups. Central Lutheran started one called "Wine, Women, and Word." It consists of 8 or 9 women in a group. They meet once a month for a dash of wine, a few snacks, and a good book or article to discuss. The Edgerton group started with "Everybody is Normal Till You Get to Know them" by John Ortberg.

It is a good time to build relationships, to be more active in your prayer life and look into scripture for answers to difficult problems.

Talk it up with your friends and check out some of the good books in our library. You'll have the start of a new, vibrant circle of friends.



BIBLE QUIZ11

Most Christians know the name of Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. But what was the name of Joseph's father?

- A. James
- B. David
- C. Jacob
- D. Josiah

C (see Matthew 1:16)

Answer:

New Member Sunday – July 18

Please join us in worship on Sunday, July 18th as we receive nine new members into our Vermont community of faith. Please note these persons and their addresses and phone numbers in your church directory at home. We welcome these new members as partners and disciples in the faith as we walk together as God's people in mission!

Matthew and Sheri Laznicka and children Ashton and Violet. 1423 East Street, Black Earth, WI 53515 ph. 767-5057. Matthew is a self-employed artist who works out of their home; Sheri is a graphic design artist for American TV in Madison. Ashton is age 9 and Violet is 7.

Jason and Justine Myers and child Ethan. 1311 Blue Mounds Street, Black Earth, WI 53515 ph. 767-5254. Jason works at Modern Heating and Justine is employed at American Players Theatre. Ethan is 3 years old.

Diane Rose is a retired Wisconsin Heights elementary school teacher of 37 years. Diane enjoys singing in the Vermont choir. 1425 Riverview Drive, Black Earth, WI 53515 ph. 767-2996.

Norman "Doug" Sveum, 601 Thomas Drive, Apt. 313, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 ph. 608-438-5733. Norman is returning to his "roots" here at Vermont; he is retired, a former maker of surveying construction instruments.



Please try to read the scriptures before you come to worship, so that you may be more prepared for that day's worship

July 4, 2010

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| 1st Reading | 2 Kings 5:1-14 |
| Psalm | Psalm 30 |
| 2nd Reading | Galatians 6:[1-6]7-16 |
| Gospel | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 |

July 11, 2010

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| 1st Reading | Amos 7:7-17 |
| Psalm | Psalm 82 |
| 2nd Reading | Colossians 1:1-14 |
| Gospel | Luke 10:25-37 |

July 18, 2010

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| 1st Reading | Amos 8:1-12 |
| Psalm | Psalm 52 |
| 2nd Reading | Colossians 1:15-28 |
| Gospel | Luke 10:38-42 |

July 25, 2010

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| 1st Reading | Hosea 1:2-10 |
| Psalm | Psalm 85 |
| 2nd Reading | Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] |
| Gospel | Luke 11:1-13 |



Guest Preachers

Guest Preachers at Vermont on

Sundays July 4th & 11th

Vermont will be hosting two preachers in early July, while Pastor Chad is away on the mission trip.

Rev. Miriam Hull will be with us on Sunday, July 4th, and will also be providing special music during the service. Rev. Hull and her husband, Rev. Gary Kobs, have served churches in our area and both of them are especially eager to serve pulpit supply.

Then, on Sunday July 11, Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud, professor of theology at Wartburg Seminary, our Lutheran seminary in Dubuque, will be at Vermont. It is a rare gift to have one of our church's scholars come to Vermont to lead worship, and we embrace this opportunity to hear Professor Persaud. Dr. Persaud is originally from Guyana, and was Pastor Chad's teacher in seminary, as well as an instructor to many of our area clergy. We welcome both Rev. Hull and Dr. Persaud to Vermont!



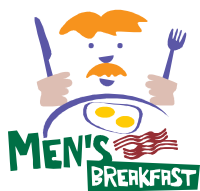


Know Your Committees!



The Fundraising Committee for our new building project consists of: Bill Meddings, Greg and Patty Herrling, Liz Herrling, Dennis and Klover Schafer, and Jon Urness. There is a "Giving thermometer" of our current giving located in the narthex entry-way of the church. If you have questions about the project or fundraising/pledging, please contact a committee member.

A new Mutual Ministry Committee has been established. This committee, as defined in Pastor's Letter of Call, meets in May and November and addresses the pastoral ministry of our church, giving guidance, support and evaluation of the pastor. Committee members are Bonnie Dauck, Eric Haugen, Jim Festge, Julie Endres, Dave Dybdahl and Pastor Christensen.



Men's Ministry Breakfast

July 7, 2010, 7:30 am

at Grandma Mary's in Arena.



South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly

Our annual Synod Assembly met at Wisconsin Dells, June 5-6. Vermont's voting members were Marlene Ludolph, Klover Schafer, and myself. Please look for the 2010 Assembly election results and actions elsewhere in this newsletter (see page 13).

I was elected to be a voting member from our Synod to next year's Churchwide (national) Assembly in Orlando, Florida (August, 2011).

- Pastor Christensen

Note: There will be a report from Klover Schafer and Marlene Ludolph in the August Messenger.

New Building



Our Vermont Church has come through so strongly with large projects in its past, and the building of our new outdoor facility has been no different. I cannot believe the structure is completed and ready for use! And yet, I can believe it is now a reality and a gift because of so many efforts on the part of so many of you, providing labor, skills, monetary gifts, the culinary delights of the meals, the fundraising planning, and planning and participating in the Open House.

This is an active church—and may you know the blessings of this project, in the memory of its construction, and in its steadfast use in the months and years to come. A special thank you to Greg and Patty Herrling who have been instrumental in the core phases of this project and its direction.

God's blessings be upon all of you as you have captured the vision for our ministries and our space needs by providing this facility for the betterment of God's mission in our midst!

- Pastor Christensen



Youth and Family

VERMONT SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY

- Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 8th at 3:00 p.m. for the Peder Eide concert at Sugar Creek Camp. Pastor Chad desires to take people from Vermont to this event... Peder is a young father, a very inspirational Lutheran singer/song writer popular with youth. He has led Christian rock concerts for Lutheran Youth Encounter in the past. This is billed as a great Youth/Family event for all ages at our camp near Ferryville, WI.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

VBS will join New Heights Church in Black Earth, on July 18-22, ELCA from Vermont will be serving snacks on Monday and Tuesday, please contact Kris Antonie if you can help.

We need adult volunteers, please contact Joanie Haugen if you can help for a few hours or all day.

Sign up forms are due as soon as possible. Please contact Joanie (767-3327) if you need registration form.

Schedule:

Sunday evening - skits, songs, s'mores
 Monday - Thursday 9am - 3pm
 Thursday evening pot-luck and program at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome to come see what the kids have learned!



PICK UP LIBRARY BOOKS!

Vermont's library needs to be down sized. There are some books that have been given as memorials that the library association would like to make sure get back to the family. There are books that were given in memory

of:

- Marie Barsness
- John Bordson
- Amon Brager
- Mary Furuheim
- Viola Dybdahl
- Stephen Halsten
- Eva Hauge
- Marvel Haugen
- Charlotte Knowles
- Cynthia Parrell Linder
- Kristin Mickelson
- Beulah Moe
- Edwin Sale
- Carroll Page
- Joseph Steensrud
- Clara Steensrud
- Joe Tollefson
- Annie Tollefson
- Amelia Wilkins

More will be available over the summer!



"What do you want? Quaker or interdenominational?"

July 2010

NOTES FROM MISSION BAZAAR

Don't forget to continue to bring your aluminum cans to the church. They will be recycled and the money given to Ronald McDonald House.

Food Drive



The Food Pantry in Mazomanie is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please bring items to church and place in the entryway in designated area.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who has been bringing in box tops for education, milkcaps and Campbell's labels.
(Keep them coming—it's for the kids!)



Pennies for Poverty

Please keep bringing in your pennies! They will be donated later.

If your birthday is in July, why not put in a penny for each year, or get rid of that extra change in your pocket !



We will be collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief though out the summer and into September!

A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war, even while living in a refugee camp. Kits may also be used in adult literacy classes.

Each kit contains:

- Notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approx. 8"x10.5" totaling 150-200 sheets. No loose-leaf paper.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- One pencil sharpener
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with eraser; secure together with a rubber band.
- One eraser approximate 2.5" long
- Twelve sheets of construction paper in assorted colors.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12"x14" with cloth handles or drawstring closure.

WHERE IN THE
WORLD

are God's People at work? are God's People at work?

The Gift of Education

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
Ephesians 4: 10-13

It is July and the time of “summer vacation” or “summer break” from the school year. Students and teachers get a chance to unwind, get out of the regimented school routine and learn and do things in different ways, often in a different setting. We are blessed in our congregation to have many members whose vocation is teaching—teaching in the elementary and secondary schools and at technical colleges and universities. Some choose to teach in our Sunday School and Confirmation programs as well as some adult studies. It is through this process of “TEACHING” that our children and adult members learn about the world around them and about their God!

We are grateful for the teachers in our Church Community!

The ELCA, our broader church, understands the need for education too. At this level, we are affiliated with 27 colleges and universities. Carthage College, located in Kenosha, Wisconsin along with St. Olaf, Augsburg College and Concordia of Minnesota and Luther and Wartburg in Iowa are familiar schools to us. Each of them has a relationship with the ELCA. We are blessed by that relationship in several different ways. For parents of teenagers, there can be a consideration of a Christian school for their college work. While private schools generally have higher tuition costs, most of the students attending these 27 colleges have scholarships available to them to help reduce their cost. For those of you who may be interested in learning more about attending one of these colleges, you can find information at elca.org; then click on “Growing In Faith.” That will cue you to “College and Universities”. You will then see a map of where each ELCA affiliated college is and can go to each one to get more details about the campus, their majors, etc.

In addition, the ELCA has ten seminaries. Those nearest our community include Wartburg Theological Seminary in Iowa, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. We know these schools prepare individuals for the ministry. Their purpose goes beyond that: “affirms theological education as a foundational priority of a wide variety of leaders grounded in Scripture and the Lutheran confessional tradition and equipped for the church’s mission in a rapidly changing environment...” While the formal education is important, we can also take advantage of the resources that these colleges and seminaries offer us. We, at Vermont, get to do just that this month when Dr. Winston Persaud, professor of theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary will be preaching. Dr. Persaud is originally from Guyana and he and his wife Mae live in Dubuque. He has served as a teacher to many of our area Lutheran clergy including Pastor Chad. Please join us for worship on July 11!

(More to come on educational resources)



We will be collecting items for school kits into September. This page contains 2 patterns for school kit bags (a tote style and a drawstring style bag). A list of items that are in the school kits are on page 10 of this newsletter.

These are simple patterns that you can make. The dimensions are important, so that it will hold the items that must be put in the bag.

*There are suggestions for the material used for the bags on the instructions, but the fabric prints should **NOT** have any religious symbols, US flags, or military insignia. Lutheran World Relief is based on humanitarian need and they must be impartial. Any hint of religious or military might close contact with countries whose people need help the most.*

You may find extra copies on the Mission table in the entryway.

2010 SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT



“This program has helped us come together as a team. Learning to go deeper spiritually and learning to discern God’s word and then sharing that with each other!”

These are the words of a participant in the first round of congregations taking part in Mission Discovery Journey (MDJ) Synod program in 2009-2010. Vermont has been invited to be a part of this venture, discerning God’s leading with prayer, scripture, and study, with a second round of other congregations, assembling a team of 6-8 persons to take part in a traveling Bible study and mission outreach seminar over the course of 12 months time.

Then we will see what ministry arises out of the project in six months following the seminars. More will be said about this program in coming weeks. If you are interested in this program, and may desire to learn more and be a part of Vermont’s team, please contact Pastor Christensen.

ALSO: there is an event *“Joining In With God’s Work”* held in Madison on Sunday and Monday, July 18-19, to also explore what MDJ may hold for our ministries. All are welcome to attend this with Pastor, please contact Pastor for more info; and there are brochures on the bulletin table at church for you to also pick up about this.



Cards of Thanks

- **After 11 years** of major leadership involvement and as representatives from Vermont at the Mazo Food Pantry, Dave and Donna Dybdahl are stepping down (or shall I say retiring?!) from this ministry. We give many thanks for their long-term dedication to this important community social ministry! We have learned much from your witness, Dave and Donna. It is time to seek new leadership for this ministry.
- **Dear Vermont parade goers**—thank you one and all for your participation in the Mt. Horeb Frolic Days parade and handing out coffee along the parade route. Our visibility as a church is important so that people who do not know us yet, can learn about us. Kudos for planning and carrying out this ministry (especially when I have had to be out of town while this has happened).
- **Vermont had a good sized** group participate in this year’s Relay for Life walk-a-thon for the American Cancer Society at the Wisconsin Heights school track, June 19-20. What a magnificent and enjoyable event! Our gratitude to all the walkers, workers, and fund raisers for this community activity.
- **A hearty “Thank You” to our Vermont Choir** for this past year of wonderful music. God is our audience, and your voices have been God-pleasing! The choir places much time and effort into their practice during the week, and their voices have given much to the spiritual nature and nurture of our public worship. Special thanks to Marguerite Parrell and Ingerid Kvam for their leadership of the choir and for playing for the choir and for our worship. God’s blessings to you for a restful summer, and we look forward to your rich and robust music this fall.

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF

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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Our building is complete. The comment most often heard is "Wow". We had over 80 members helping with the building in many different facets. We have to thank a few people outside of our membership that helped to keep the volunteers on the right track, Bill Montelbano, our architect, Bob Laufenberg, our lead carpenter, Dan Watts, our timber frame "guy", and Mike Willer, tile and paver guy. Members, Terry Doyle, (electrician) and Shawn Lynch, (mason), put in an incredible number of hours to complete this project in time. Vermont Church is blessed to have so many members and friends of Vermont that started working at the Herring farm getting all the timbers ready for the building and then finished at the Church with placing the pavers in before the landscaping. Without being called they came when they knew work needed to be done. You can follow all the volunteers progress at Vermontlutheran.org.

Our job now is to see this building being used to its full potential. We have lots of ideas including Wednesday night services, Education, Community functions, Counseling, Quilting, Dart Ball, Choir Practice, Retreats, Lutefisk Dinner, Men's Ministry, WELCA, Youth programs, and private member functions. We need your input for more ideas.

We are thankful for the generosity of our members for their pledges and their on going gifts to our building fund. At this time we have borrowed \$30, 000.00, from the cemetery fund. We have had 41 members pledge, so as soon as all the bills are paid we hope to start paying down our loan. In the next messenger I will update you on the financial part of this building. Right now let's enjoy our building and find different ways to enhance our Christian life.