

The Vermont Messenger



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Summer Worship Schedule Planned, June 1-August 31

Sunday morning schedule June 5 – August 28:

8:30-9:15 a.m. Adult/6-12th grade Education Time (with Pastor Chad)
-Continue to study the worship readings for the day

8:30-9:15 a.m. Summer Children's Education for pre-school to 5th grade kids (with Amber Christensen and helpers)
-A lesson and activities will be provided during this time

9:30 a.m. Family Worship
-Worship will continue to have Children's Time shoebox and regular 1st and 3rd Sunday Holy Communion offered.

10:30 a.m. Fellowship coffee and hospitality

Wednesday Evening Schedule (June 1 – August 31)

6:15 p.m. Light meal each Wednesday (picnic food) — free-will offering

7:00 p.m. Family Worship, followed with children's activities, campfire (weather permitting).

Join us this summer as we partake in worshipping God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ!

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Revised Constitution Meetings: Your Council has undertaken the task of revising our congregational constitution to bring it in line with the model constitution of the ELCA. The revisions are complete and the South Central Synod of Wisconsin has approved it. **A congregation meeting has been scheduled:**

- On **Sunday, June 12, 2011**, we will meet to adopt the Constitution. This two step process is required in our current Constitution

Copies of the revised Constitution and an outline of where changes have been made between the current and new constitution will be available in the Narthex for your examination.



Vermont Lutheran Church is affiliated with the South- Central Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

"God's Work. Our Hands"

Vermont LUTHERAN Church

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Your Church Officers

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 Vice President Stan Morley 767-2841
 Secretary Ingerid Kvam/ 437-2259
 (shared) Jill Lynch 813-1017
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Worship & Music Marguerite Parrell 767-2427
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Building & Grounds Committee

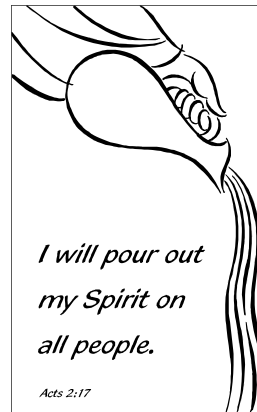
Jim Ludolph 767-2272
 Michael Dauck 798-4161
 Greg Herrling 798-2268

Women's Group & Activities

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
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 Cemetery Dave Haugen 767-3313
 Jon Urness 767-2471



Birthday Blessings

June

June	1	Mary Johns
	2	Harvey Barsness Nathaniel Haugen
	6	Isabelle Wright
	7	Sonja Wolle
	8	Debbie Krebs
	13	Cynthia Haberstroh
	14	Kelly Kidd
	18	Jack Zeimet
	19	Brock Jenson Sheri Laznicka
	20	Isabel Brisky Scott Herrling Richard Rasmussen Alia Schlimgen
	21	Stan Morley Leah Nelson
	22	Jai Haack
	23	Garrett Haukoos Ruth Page
	24	David Dybdahl William Meddings, Jr.
	25	Randy Kvam
	26	Curtis Johnson
	27	Barbara Grenlie Shaun Lynch Esther Nelson Donna Schultz
	28	Quinn Doyle Casey Ellarson
	29	Doris Hayes Adam Meigs

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
June 21, 2011 at 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.



If you do and haven't let the church office know about it, or if your email address has changed, PLEASE send us an email at Vermont_Church@tds.net. Emails are the quickest way of communicating reminders or changes of events.

Also, if you have a change of your **physical** address, please let the church office know.



Check out the Vermont Church website at www.vermontlutheran.org to see *The Messenger* on line and in color as well as other pictures not in the *Messenger*!!

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.



**Gathering Place
Pledge Update**

Monies Received \$21,053
Pledges \$28,583 (57)
Remainder \$15,417



**COUNCIL MEMBERS
EMAILS**

Here are email addresses for the following council members:

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 Patty Herrling pherr@aol.com
 Ginny Johnson amj@mhtc.net
 Ingerid Kvam imkvam@mhtc.net
 Stan Morley stanrm1@tds.net

2011 Treasurer's Summary—Contributions/Expenses

<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Expenses (less Mission)</u>	<u>Balance (+)/Shortfall (-)</u>
Through April	\$37,405.75	\$44,908.09	- \$7,502.34 *

* *This leaves us with a checkbook balance of \$2,233.49. (started the year with over \$9,000)*

From Pastor Chad's Desk. . .



Church Can Enrich Kids' Lives

The following excerpt was written by Carolyn Hax of *The Washington Post*:

On when children are old enough to stop going to church: Even as a liberal, tree-hugging, laissez-faire parent, church mattered to me. My church youth group was the salvation of my teenage years, and I wanted my kids to have something similar to what I had — a group that cared for you just because you were there, and not because of your school coolness level, your academic ability or your sports prowess, and one that attempted to do some good in the world by helping at soup kitchens, rebuilding houses, helping the elderly, gathering disaster relief supplies, etc.

It is up to parents to decide what they expect from their children and how important church is to them. They cannot force anyone to believe or participate joyfully, but just as they expect their children to follow the house rules for safe driving, the use of the computer and politeness to strangers, they can set expectations for church attendance. They wouldn't say, "Oh, well, he's 16 now, he can decide for himself how he drives!"

I wanted my children to participate in church activities at least until they graduated from high school, and of course this is easier if you set habits when they are younger. I found a church with an active youth group that did a lot of fun activities, but also participated in many service projects, such as Habitat for Humanity. When my children did not want to attend church, I negotiated that they could substitute Sunday School or youth fellowship on Sunday evening. But I made sure they kept a church connection, and I modeled the behavior I wanted by going of to church every Sunday myself. I would never have wanted to punish my kids for not attending, because all that does is further connect church with boredom and pain.

When my daughter hit a horrible patch in high school, she had her church friends to reassure her that she was valued. When my son was bullied at his school, he had another place to go. Kids have no idea that someday they may need this alternative set of social contacts; school should not be their only source of identity. Church was also a place where they met other adults, not just teachers or their friends' parents, who had many skills and experiences to share and could be in their lives for years, not just for a school year or semester. At church, my kids and I knew their friends' parents, siblings and sometimes even grandparents, so there were many inter-connections there.

As adults, my kids are free to make their own choices now, but I believe their church attendance has enriched their lives and expanded their circle of friends, and provided a haven from the cruelties of other places in their lives.

Pastor Chad: I would add to Ms. Hax's article a specific key aspect besides the positive social relations the church provides for youth: Presence in church helps kids think about their faith and grow deeper in it. Like most good things that grow, nurturing is necessary. Faith is no different. A strong faith will serve our youth's lives during all their joys, challenges and sorrows.

Let us "keep the faith!" and lift it up as an enriching part of our youth's lives.

God's blessings upon your Summertime!

Pastor Chad

Service Volunteers for June, 2011

Team Leaders: Dan and Jill Brisky (Tel: 643-8780)

	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Peter Antonie	Emry Brisky	Ingerid Kvam	Klover Schafer
<u>Ushers/Greeters</u>	Christopher & Bridget Wolle	Dan & Jill Brisky	Mark & Kathy Haukoos	Kim & Karsten Haugen
<u>Readers</u>	Dave or Carol Parrell	Emry or Isabel Brisky	Ginny Johnson	Joan Haugen
<u>Acolytes</u>	Shaye Doyle	Nathan Haugen	Rachael Haukoos	Curtis Johnson
<u>Communion*</u>	Tom & Linda Watkins <i>(intinction)</i>	None	Janet Castle <i>(intinction)</i>	None
<u>Hospitality</u>	Jane Field Pam Johnson	Sharon Lee Traci Jaworski	Shirley Brandt Denise Boehnen	Harald Norslien Joyce Howery Doug Sveum

* We will be using the intinction method for Holy Communion in June.

PLEASE NOTE!! All of those serving should check the "duties" sheet included in the pack you receive, as some of the duties have changed slightly!

July 2011 Service Team

Leaders: Eric and Joanie Haugen

- Jill Adler
- Fred Aeschlimann
- Jenny Pappas
- Paul and Jill Dybdahl
- Mark and Karen Elworthy
- Janet Everson
- Christy Festge
- Kristine Fitzgerald family
- Rolf Forshaug
- Eric and Joanie Haugen
- Jim and Marlene Ludolph
- Willard and Elmira Maik
- Doug and Charlene Meier
- Myron Norslien family
- Gary and Gaila Olsen
- Dale Paddock and Bonnie Pribbenow
- Joanne Skalet
- Amy Schlimgen
- Julie Schmitt
- Burnett and Marie Severson
- Jon and Judy Urness

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!



Men's News

Men's Breakfast

On Wed., June 1 , 2011

7:30 a.m.

at Luckenbooth's in Black Earth.

Everyone welcome!!



Deadly tornadoes/floods strike southeast U.S.

On April 27, 2011, powerful tornadoes touched down in parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia, destroying homes and claiming more than 300 lives.

Alabama was the most severely affected, reporting 210 storm-related deaths. There were 33 deaths reported in Mississippi, 33 in Tennessee, 15 in Georgia, five in Virginia and one in Kentucky.

The National Weather Service reports that the loss of life resulting from these storms is the greatest from an outbreak of U.S. tornadoes since April 1974, when 315 people were killed by a storm that swept through 13 Southern and Midwestern states.

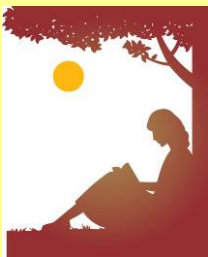
YOU CAN HELP!

Please join LWR in praying for the families and communities affected by the tornadoes.

ELCA Domestic Disaster Response

1-800-638-3522

Thank you for your compassionate concern and for your support of Lutheran World Relief.



Quiet Space!!

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

Council News

Facility Use Requests

Avoid double booking! If your church group or non-church group desires to use the building, please make the building space use request to Linda Watkins, our administrative assistant, by calling her and clearing it with the church calendar. This will help avoid any confusion on space use needs.

Thank you.

Council Announcement Use of church furnishings

At the April 2011 meeting of the council, a consensus was reached regarding the use of Vermont's church property, including tables, chairs, kitchenware and appliances — "All of these items are to stay on the church grounds for use at church functions or to be used for other authorized church functions only."

Thank you for observing this.



CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduates!

Emry Brisky
Andrew Donaldson
Alex Fitzgerald
Eric Fitzgerald
John Klemme
Kara Kvam
Jerriann Nelson
Carey Norslien
Kirby Wright

Graduate Recognition Sunday is
June 5, 2011, during worship!
Please plan to join us!!

We pray God's blessings upon you all as you enter a new chapter in your lives and draw upon your wonderful accomplishments!

Church Photo Directory



A New Pictorial Directory

will be in the making this summer. Be on the lookout for information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

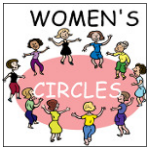
RECENT FACTS AND FIGURES:

April 24 Easter Ecumenical worship offering was \$575 for NW Dane County Services

2011 Synod Assembly:

2,043 Newborn/Hospice kits collected.

\$8776.00 offering for Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, and ELCA World Hunger



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Joy Circle

No Joy Circle Meetings in June or July. There will be a Joint Bible Study in August (watch for date & time).

Hannah Circle

No Hannah Circle Meeting in June or July. There will be a Joint Bible Study in August (watch for date & time).

Evening Circle *

No Evening Circle Meetings in June or July. There will be a Joint Bible Study in August (watch for date & time)...

Altar Duty for June, 2011

Beverly Schultz and Julie Endres



*** EVENING CIRCLE NIGHT OUT!**

The Evening Circle will go out to dinner on June 14th to the Olivia Restaurant, High Point Rd. & Old Sauk Rd (formerly Atlanta Bread Company).

Call Bonnie Dauck, 798-4161, with your reservation by June 7th.

If you are interested in car pooling, we will meet in the large Shoe Box parking lot.

Please plan to attend the
**Women of ELCA
 Quarterly Meeting**
Wednesday, June 29th
 at 1:30 p.m. in
 the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is invited!!



The Women of ELCA Annual Bake Sale was a great success! Thanks to all who donated food and/or gave a monetary amount. Again this year we made approximately \$1,300 to fund our 2011 budget



The 2011 Vermont Women of ELCA Directory is available in the narthex on the Library table.

Don't forget to pick one up.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

In order to fulfill our mission and general giving, we are asking the women of Vermont Church to prayerfully consider giving a one time contribution, in an amount of your choice, to Vermont WELCA.

This donation may be put in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to our treasurer, Shirley Brandt, 4670 Cedar Hill Lane, Black Earth 53515.

Please note that it is for annual dues and thank you for supporting us.



Summer Wednesday Night Worship Theme

Before 7:00 p.m. worship (beginning June 1), a light meal (picnic food) will be served at 6:15 p.m.

For our Wednesday night worship we'll have the following sermon themes, and have more contemporary keyboard music for these relaxed, informal services. Skits and guitar music may also grace our time together.

June 1—Noah and the Ark
 June 8—Joshua and the Battle of Jericho
 June 15—Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors
 June 22—Jonah and the Whale
 June 29—Deborah
 July 6 —Samson and Delilah
 July 13—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
 July 20—open/substitute preacher
 July 27—The Wisdom of Solomon

Bring your friends and family!



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

June 5, 2011

1st Reading Acts 1:5-14
 Psalm Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 2nd Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
 Gospel John 17:1-11

June 12, 2011

1st Reading Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 Gospel John 20:19-23

June 19, 2011

1st Reading Genesis 1:1 — 2:4a
 Psalm Psalm 8
 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

June 26, 2011

1st Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 2nd Reading Romans 6:12-23
 Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

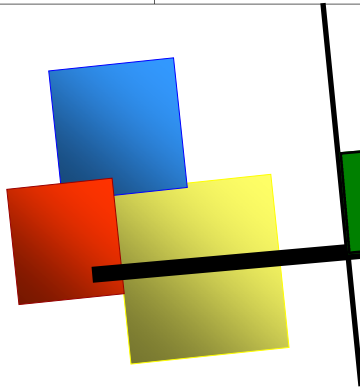


Mission Trip Again Planned to Ontario!!

This will be our third trip to Sandy Lake, Ontario to teach VBS. Over 150 children were involved in last year's VBS there. Kim Jaworski and Kyle Norslien are this year's youth traveling along with Pastor Chad, July 15-24th. Special offerings will be taken for this trip on June 12th. Thanks again to all those who gave to the spaghetti fundraiser back in January.

Please consider this outreach and educational ministry to the Oji-Cree peoples of this First Nation village in northern Canada. There are materials about the Lutheran Assoc. of Missionaries and Pilots (LAMP), the sponsoring organization, on tables in the narthex entryway at the church.





June 2011

NOTES FROM MISSION BAZAAR

We are a congregation that CARES!!

How many items can we collect for
Personal Care Kits
 (formerly known as Health kits)
 in the month of June?

Items Needed:

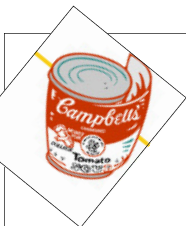
- One bath sized towel—52"x27" (dark color)
- Two bath sized bars of soap (4-5 oz.)
- One adult tooth brush
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers

People who must flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. Personal Care Kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile. Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home.

Please share how much you care!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS!

The next can drive will be in mid to late summer, so please keep collecting for Habitat for Humanity!



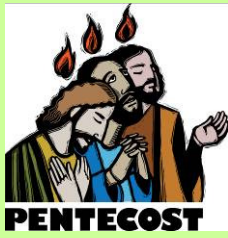
Thanks to everyone who has been bringing in box tops for education, milk caps and Campbell's labels. It's for the kids!!



Pennies For Poverty

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

If your birthday is in June, why not put in a penny for each year, or get rid of that "pesky" change in your pocket or the bottom of your purse!



The Power of Pen- tecost

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

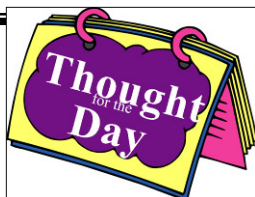
Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost is as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power.

FOR YOUR INFO:

Ron Boehnen is a new member of the Vermont Church Council. He has replaced Bill Kennedy who was unable to continue to serve.

We thank Bill for his generous Christian service and gifts in this position. And, we welcome Ron on-board our leadership board.



People will forget what you said...

People will forget what you did...

But People will NEVER forget

How you made them feel.

- by Maya Angelou -



AN UPDATE ON THE MDJ TEAM....

Our final Saturday session was held at Blanchardville Lutheran Church on May 7. The topic of the day was "*Engaging Your Neighborhood*" and was presented by Pastor Chad. He then challenged us to go out and apply what we have learned thus far about being the church "in here" and then taking the church "out there".

We formed teams with two members in each one, and we were each given an assignment. One team visited business places, another, private homes, and the third team went on a "prayer walk" in the village.

The team members asked questions of the business owners and residents, such as, "What do you like about living in this town?", "What don't you like?" What changes would you make if you could?", etc.

The prayer team waked slowly through the village and stopped to pray for things observed. Example: a "For Sale" sign inspired a prayer for the families that would be undergoing changes in their lives. We saw children playing and gave thanks, and asked God's blessings on them. The beautiful Spring day and lovely flowers all around made us realize how blessed we are and that we shouldn't take everything so for granted!

We then returned to the church and gave our reports and impressions. I am happy to report that no one had "a door slammed in their face" and most people were co-operative.

By the time you read this, the team will have met with our coach, Judy Nolde, and will have discussed more of Kelly Fryer's book, "Reclaiming the 'C' Word. Sub title "Daring to be the Church Again."

A quote from her book (page 113) tells us: "God is on a Mission! God wants to love and bless the whole world!" Chapter titles are "Daring to Expect Surprises", "Daring to be Hopeful". We continue to keep in mind during our process of learning that the church belongs to God (...not us) and that we need to be mindful of discerning where God is leading us.

That's all for now. Please keep our church in your prayers.

— submitted by Ginny Johnson

How To Respond to a Disruption During Worship

from The Lutheran Handbook

Disruptions during worship are inevitable. The goal is to soften their impact. (Note: some of these are meant to be humorous!)



- **Simply ignore the offending event, if possible.** Many disruptions are brief and the persons involved act quickly to quiet them. Avoid embarrassing others; maintain your attention on the worship activity.
- **Some disruptions cannot be ignored and may threaten to continue indefinitely. The agony will go on unless you act. Consider the following types:**
 - *Your Problem:* You are most familiar with your own family. If you sense an outburst will end quickly, simply allow it to pass. If not, escort the child to the lobby for a little quiet time, then return. (Note: Under all circumstances, children should be made to feel welcome in worship!)
 - *Someone else's Problem:* Politely offer to help, perhaps by helping to occupy the child quietly or—with the parents' permission—by escorting the tot to the lobby, nursery, or cry room.
- **Personal Electronics**
 - *Your Problem:* Turn off cell phones, pagers, and other electronic alarms immediately and discreetly. If contact is made and it is critical, remove yourself to the lobby and call back. Under no circumstances should you answer your phone during worship
 - *Someone Else's Problem:* Politely ask them to respect worship by moving the conversation to the lobby.
- **Chatty Neighbor**
 - *Your Problem:* Chatty persons should be alert to stares and grim looks from neighbors and be prepared to stop talking upon seeing them.
 - *Someone Else's Problem:* Politely ask the talkers to wait until after worship to conclude the conversation. During the coffee hour, approach them with a cookie to mend any offense they may have felt.
- **Cameras**
 - *Your Problem:* Ask first if cameras are allowed. If so, unobtrusively and discreetly position yourself out of the line of sight of other worshipers. Be aware of the film's exposure number to avoid jarring auto-rewind noises. Flash cameras are *strictly* taboo.
 - *Someone Else's Problem:* Politely offer to show the photographer where to stand to get the shot but without obstructing worship.
- **Sound System Feedback**
 - Pastors often make jokes to cover for feedback and keep the appropriate mood for worship. If this happens, consider making a donation earmarked for a "new sound system" in the plate.
- **Be Aware**
 - Some people may perceive tennis shoes with light-up soles on acolytes and other worship assistants to be disruptive. If possible, coordinate the color of the shoe lights with the season of the church year to avoid undue flak.

Mark Your Calendars for VBS!!



VBS Summer Day Camp for children ages pre-School through going into 6th grade, July 24-28!

Sunday morning July 24th -

VBS counselors will be worshipping with us at Vermont

Sunday Evening July 24th—

Kick-off with songs, skits and s'mores at Vermont

VBS - Monday - Thursday

9am - 3pm - at New Heights (Black Earth)
(9-11am for Preschoolers)

Thursday, July 28th, 6:00 pm —

Evening pot-luck and program New Heights

Cost is \$40 per family, checks payable to NHLC.
Please register by July 3rd.

Questions or if you need a registration form, contact
Joanie Haugen 767-3327 jlhcb@tds.net

WELCA of Vermont will be asked to furnish snack on
Monday and Tuesday.

Adult helpers of all ages are needed! If you are
available for any of the days or ½ a day, please
consider helping out. We really need you in order
to make this program successful!!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Did you know If you have a Thrivent product such as life insurance, health insurance, an annuity or other investments, you very likely have Thrivent Choice dollars that you can designate to Vermont Lutheran Church or to another charitable organization.

(Choice Dollars are funds that Thrivent, a non-profit organization, must donate to charity).

To find out if you have Choice Dollars available, you can call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice" or go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice and login to your account to view and direct your Choice Dollars. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact one of your

Thrivent congregational advocates — Gary Olsen at 767-3988 or Myron Norslien at 767-2309.



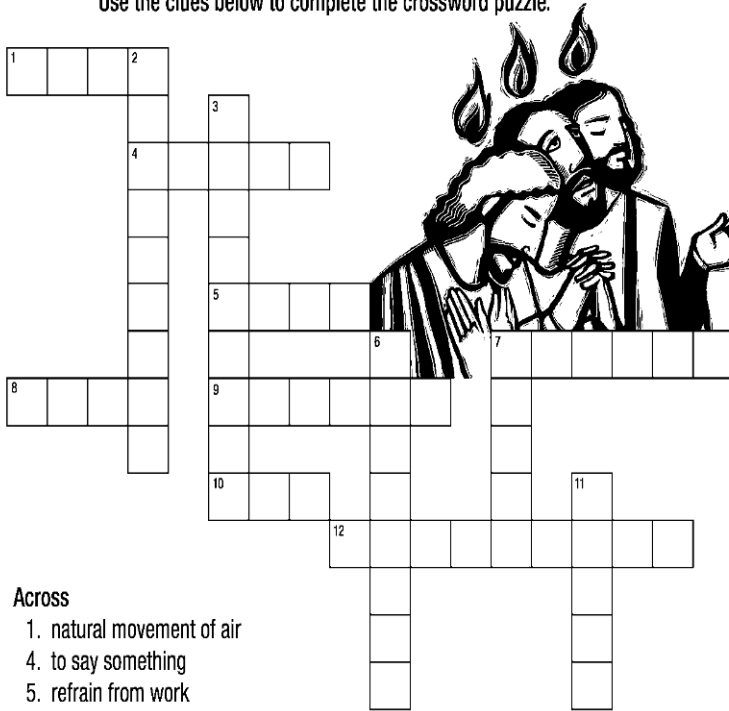
For Kids of ALL Ages!!



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 1. natural movement of air
- 4. to say something
- 5. refrain from work
- 7. place where God is
- 8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
- 9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
- 10. the time between sunrise and sunset
- 12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

- 2. followers of Christ
- 3. moved apart
- 6. quickly and unexpectedly
- 7. a building where people live
- 11. vibrations that travel through the air

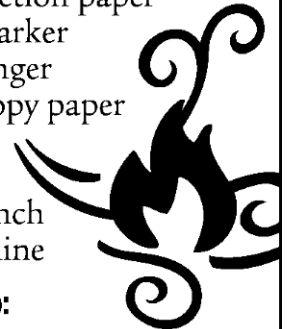
Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.

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Change Service Requested



Our Float in
the Parade!

**We need people to help build and
coordinate the Parade Floats for the
Mt. Horeb and Black Earth parades!**

The Frolic Days parade in Mt. Horeb is on
Sunday, June 5th and we have had floats in
the Black Earth parade (Field Days) in recent
years, a fun way to take part in our
surrounding communities' activities, as well
as to make Vermont Church more visible.

Please consider helping! Thank You!



Sunday, June 9, 2011

Graduate Recognition Sunday!

9:30 a.m.

**May God bless and keep all those
who have completed their education
or training!!**