

SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

You may have figured out by now that humor and laughing are an important part of how I look at life. Oh, I know that my jokes aren't always that funny, but in general it is important to me to find humor and laughter in life. That's how I get through the parts of life that aren't really any fun, the parts of life that are a struggle.

Sure, there are tears at times. There is anger at times. There are boredom and apathy. There are hurt and confusion. But often there is at least a hint of humor in a situation.

Please don't confuse laughter with making fun of someone or someone's situation. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about the ability to look at our own self and smile at how goofy we can be.

I'll give you an example. In seminary, I worked as an editor for the Dean of Students as we put together the Seminary catalog. My job was to catch typos, grammatical errors, and sentences that were clunky. I'm pretty fussy about these things – especially when I'm writing. While I was at a meeting not so long ago, I was talking to a few folks about this. Guess what? The handout that I wrote and then gave out...that handout had 3 typos. Count them. Three typos!!! What do you do except acknowledge the typos and laugh at yourself? We are humans. We make mistakes. How can we not laugh at ourselves?

There is humor in how God approaches our world. The greatest "joke" is that God says to death..."You think you are so powerful? Look – my Son has risen from the dead." God says to the ways of the world, "And you think you are so great and powerful? Look – my Son saves the world from itself as a gift through my grace." God says to the greed and misguided wealth of our world, "Try to take it with you when you die. Not happening."

This isn't necessarily fall down laughing type of humor, but it's God's way of showing us that God is in charge of us and our world, that God takes care of us, that God loves us.

If we can laugh at ourself, at ourselves, at life we can begin to see the great cosmic humor in God's approach to creation. If nothing else, consider the platypus.

**Worship at 10 a.m for the summer months
Sunday School will not be held during the summer**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 15, 2019

- Noted, with appreciation, that we have a strong balance in the general fund checking fund.
- Interviewed the 8th grade confirmation students. MSC to approve their confirmation.
- Began a discussion on the possible kitchen remodel.
- Heard a report on various property projects.
- Heard a report from the Food Pantry that a Friday distribution is beginning
- Noted that 18 kids are registered for Camp of the Cross.
- Noted that the Confirmation camping trip has been rescheduled for August 5-7.
- Set the deacon and teller schedule for June.

The Congregation will have the opportunity to bid Godspeed to the NYC Faith Adventure participants during worship on June 16th.

Sunne Lutheran Youth in the 2019 New York Faith Adventure June 18th through June 25th. Please keep the following people in your prayers: Karissa Albaugh, Kristi Baumiller, Caitlin Berg, Ericka Saeman-Bosch, Jaylah Cleveland, Tanner Earsley, Shelby Ell, Robbie Goethe, Morgan Hedstrom, Justin Inglis, Jaclyn Jans, Kendra Landsiedel, Morgyn Miller, Logan Nielsen, Hailey Quam, Madison Schuler, Ysabella Tarpley, and Jordyn Thorson. Adult advisors: Cheryl Berg, Caryn Hedstrom, Debbie Jans, Lance Quam, and Pastor Paul.

The New York Faith Adventure Group will share stories and reflections with the congregation on June 30th during the worship service

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!**

REMEMBER DAD JUNE 16th

Special gifts for all dads!



MIDSUMMER PICNIC

Sunne Lutheran Church had its beginning with the Swedish settlers in this area. The summer holiday that the Swedes celebrated was the summer solstice, Midsummer, on the 24th of June. No matter what day of the week it fell on, the church had a holiday. They had a potluck dinner, a worship service, the youth made and sold ice cream, the ladies of the church had an auction of things they had made. It was truly a community affair. The celebration was usually held in a farm yard or picnic area.

This year, the Midsummer Worship and Picnic will be Sunday, June 23rd at Sunne. The Paul Family Bluegrass band will be at Sunne for MidSummer and Jennifer Swanson will be our guest preacher. A potluck dinner and auction will followed.

Sunne WELCA is seeking items to be donated for the Midsummer Auction. These items need to grab at your attention to sell and be of value to the average consumer. Historically, canned jellies, homemade pies and quilts sell well. Other ideas are gift certificates to area food establishments, movie tickets & sporting events. Unique experiences, such as Lewis & Clark Riverboat Cruise Reservations, are welcome. Items should be new or gently used. An auction sale is not intended to get rid of something you don't want anymore. The purpose is to generate adequate funds that will support WELCA activities throughout the year.

**JUNE
READERS AND GREETERS**

June 2 10 a.m. Worship Service
 Reader: Sue Szczur
 Greeters: Hedstrom family

June 9 10 a.m. Worship Service
 Reader: Sylvia Vollan
 Greeters: Koffler-Holsten

June 16 10 a.m. Worship Service
 Reader: Debbie Jans
 Greeters: Debbie Jans

June 23 10 a.m. Mid-summer Worship
 Greeters: Marcus and Daphne Hall

June 30 10 a.m.
 Reader: Betty Schill
 Greeters: Schill family

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP
IN JUNE**

USHERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: Cheryl Sawicki

ACOLYTES:

June 2: Hunter Bauer
 June 9: John Noon
 June 16: Jaclyn Jans
 June 23: Ever Dearinger
 June 30: Hailey Quam

DEACONS & TELLERS: Church Council
 Members

MOWING SCHEDULE

Before the Sunday of:

June 2: Randy and SuAnn Olson
 June 9:
 June 16: Kevin Dearinger
 June 23: Eric Schill
 June 30: Eric Schill

Kitchen Remodel Project

The church council is looking to create a task force to look into a possible kitchen remodel project. If you are interested in this project, please speak to congregational president, Marcus Hall, or to Pastor Paul. We are hoping to have this group together by mid-June.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in June.

- 3--Kari Cutting
- 3--Brooklyn Olson
- 3--Jeremy Hruby
- 9--Alicia Schmitt
- 9--Cheryl McCormack
- 11--Patricia Herdebu
- 12--Beverly Vollmer
- 14--Earl Hirschert
- 15--Jan Schauer
- 15--Allen Vollmer
- 18--Debra Jans
- 26--Beverly Hausauer
- 26--Payton Hruby
- 27--Donald Sorch
- 29--Christopher Olson
- 29--Danielle Schuler
- 29--Tucker Johnson
- 30--Shelby Ell

Mark
 your
 calendars
 Vacation Bible
 School
 July 29-
 August 1
 Camp of the
 Cross
 will lead VBS



BAPTISM

On Sunday, May 12th, we welcomed Lydia Kae Novak, daughter of Jerame and Lindsey Novak, into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. May Lydia know God's presence all of her life.



Congratulations to Erick Smallbeck and Mariah Wilson who were married at Sunne, May 18th.

JUNE 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another</i>						1 <i>Jacob Bitz</i>
2 10 am Communion Service	3 <i>Cameron Boechler</i>	4 <i>Becki Boechler</i>	5 <i>Seth Boechler</i>	6 <i>Hayle Boechler</i>	7 <i>Jorjean Brandner</i>	8 <i>Alvina Broste</i>
9 9 am WELCA Bible Study 10 am Worship Service 1 pm NYC group tie-dye party	10 <i>Jesse Buchholtz</i>	11 <i>Shawna Buchholtz</i>	12 Church Council Mtg. 7:30 <i>Isaiah Buchholtz</i>	13 <i>Lailah Buchholtz</i>	14  <i>Slade Schatz</i>	15
16 SLY Farewell 10 am Communion Service 	17 <i>Lynbette Clausen</i>	18 SLY <i>Scott Clausen</i>	19 FAITH June 18 <i>Mandi Clausen</i>	20 ADVENTURE through <i>Jeremy Clausen</i>	21 IN JUNE 25 <i>Harper Clausen</i>	22 NEW YORK CITY <i>Hayden Clausen</i>
23 10 am Worship Service 11 am Mid-Summer Meal & Auction	24 <i>Lyndsey Cleveland</i>	25 SLY Returns <i>Josh Cleveland</i>	26 <i>Jaylah Cleveland</i>	27 <i>Tayler Cleveland</i>	28 <i>Kennady Cleveland</i>	29 <i>Rik Cutting</i>
30 10 am Worship Service NYC Faith Adventure Report						

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