

NEWSLETTER



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

Normally we would be gearing up for the Fall schedule at this point, but this year is different...so, so different. Because of all that life is throwing at us, I want to take some time to share with you a plethora (I so rarely get to use that word) of information.

With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise in our area, the church council has suspended in-person worship through September 6th. The council meets on September 9th and will evaluate the situation. We will continue to broadcast worship on BEK channel 26 and on Sunne's Facebook page.

At the recommendation of the education team, the church council delayed the opening of Sunday School and 7th/8th grade confirmation until October 4th. We are going to offer a special children's time beginning on Sunday, September 13, from 9:45 to 10am. There will be singing and the children's sermon will take place at this time. This will be broadcast on BEK and on Facebook.

Harvest Festival has been cancelled this year.

These are not easy decisions for the church council to make. They happen after prayer, reflection, and discussion. Please keep the church council in your prayers.

Church finances remain strong. Having said that, giving in July was down significantly from July 2019. However, we are still well ahead of 2019 giving. Please continue to give regularly to God's work at Sunne. Offerings can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or given through [tithely](https://tithely.com), an app on your phone.

In the midst of all this, we completed 1300 school kits for Lutheran World Relief! This is simply amazing. The folks at Lutheran World Relief were thrilled to find out as they have a shortage of school kits this year.

If you are looking for a "fun" project or two, we need to stain the playground equipment and complete some minor repairs on the equipment. We also need to paint the storage shed. If you are interested in helping with those projects, please contact me.

We also need help sewing diapers for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care kits. If you are interested in that project, please contact Tammie Falkenstein at 734-. And, the quilters are looking for help sewing blocks together. For that project, please contact Myrna Hochhalter at 286-7795.

On a personal note, I have cut back on home visits and have switched to more FaceTime, Facebook, and phone visits. However, if you would like a home visit, please contact me and we will make arrangements.

The church is, and always has been, much more than a building. We are the body of Christ living out God's love in our world...even, and especially, in these very different times.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 12, 2020

- Learned that giving in July was down significantly compared to July 2019, but giving is still up significantly year to date.
- Noted with appreciation that we completed 1300 school kits for Lutheran World Relief!
- Discussed giving away one of the three pianos.
- Reviewed worship. Decided to suspend in-person worship through September 6th, with a review at the September 9th council meeting.
- Discussed repaving/resurfacing the church parking lot. Will continue to research an option to resurface. Marcus contacted the company doing the work on Hwy 36. Millings will most likely not be available.
- Consensus was to postpone the start of Sunday School and 7th/8th grade confirmation until the first Sunday in October depending on circumstances.
- Noted that a new weedeater and new printer have been purchased.

Financial Report as of July 31, 2020

Endowment Fund	\$ 4,701.04
Equity-Building	657,794.63
Equity-Kitchen Project	48,844.38
General Fund	28,506.69
Memorial Fund	750.00
Parsonage Fund	3,500.00
Seminary Student Fund	13,260.81
Special Projects Fund	17,229.71
Wilton Food Pantry	8,866.22
Net Income	<u>60,605.76</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$802,312.53

If you would like a more detailed report, please check with the office for a copy of the complete report.

SUNNE FALL SCHEDULE

We have made the decision to postpone the start of Sunday School and the start of Confirmation until Sunday, October 4th at 9am. In-person worship has been suspended through September 6th. We hope to start in-person worship on September 13th with Worship at 10 a.m.



**RALLY
SUNDAY**

Sunday School begins October 4th at 9 a.m. with a special morning of camp songs, treats, and horse drawn wagon rides. Sunday School classes are available for youth beginning at age 3 (if parents accompany) or age four if unattended and go through 6th grade. Confirmation is offered for those in 7th and 8th grade

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We were able to assemble and pack 1300 school kits! AMAZING!!!! Thank you! In preparation for the 2021 drive, we need children's scissors and boxes of 24 count crayons (any brand).

Happy Grandparents Day

Remember your grandparents
September 13th
for Grandparents Day!



SUNNE QUILTERS

It is quilting season (hopefully)! Thanks to everyone who donated, toted, lifted, stitched, cut squares, pinned, ironed, sorted, and ripped. We do have boxes of squares ready to sew, at Sunne or at home. We have heard appreciation from folks who received quilts. Ladies and fellows, come join us September 24th and Thursdays thereafter, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note: for the time being, the quilters have enough material, fabric, sheets, etc.

With Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to the families and friends of Ervin Jose. God bless their memories and comfort them in their mourning.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in September.

1--Anthea Schmitt
2--David Falkenstein
7--Mason Oswald
10--Danielle Schill
11--Jaycee Staloch
11--Jeanine Helm
15--Tavi Hirschert
15--Tori Hirschert
21--Betty Falkenstein
25--Pamela Vetter
25--Joanna Olson
26--Marion Anderson
28--Chad Oswald
30--Lynette Clausen

Sunne Lutheran Youth

announces

The 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering

Faith Adventure

Minneapolis, MN

June 26-July 3, 2021

Cost: \$400

A letter and registration forms have been mailed out.

To register, please give registration forms and downpayments to Pastor Paul

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Theo Stein</i>	2 <i>Rebecca Stein</i>	3 <i>Barney Strand</i>	4 <i>Kirk Strand</i>	5 <i>Danielle Strand</i>
6	7  <i>Ella Strand</i>	8 <i>Rich Strand</i>	9 Church Council mtg. 7:00 pm <i>Deb Strand</i>	10 <i>Sidney Stromme</i>	11 <i>Elaine Stromme</i>	12 <i>Susan Szczur</i>
13 9:45 am Children's Time 10 am Worship Service	14 <i>Gary Szczur</i>	15 <i>Starnell Tarpley</i>	16 9 th Grade Conf 7pm <i>Brigette Tarpley</i>	17 Food Pantry 3-5 pm <i>Ysabella Tarpley</i>	18 <i>Sophia Tarpley</i>	19 <i>James Theurer</i>
20 9:45 am Children's Time 10 am Worship Service	21 <i>Char Theurer</i>	22 <i>Ken Thomsen</i>	23 <i>Valerie Thomsen</i>	24 Quilting 10am <i>Roger Thomsen</i>	25 <i>Sandy Thomsen</i>	26 <i>Mike Tooke</i>
27 9:45 am Children's Time 10 am Worship Service	28 <i>Tina Tooke</i>	29 <i>Brook Tooke</i>	30 9 th Grade Conf 7pm <i>Jordan Tooke</i>			<i>The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another.</i>

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--COME HOME TO SUNNE--

