

# NEWSLETTER

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.”

Philippians 4:6

As our ministry together comes to a close, I want to thank you, from the depths of my heart for twenty-nine and a half years of working together to live God’s love in our world – both locally and globally. It always amazes me how the Holy Spirit can work in our lives.

I think back to conversations, laughter, and tears around the kitchen table, at the café, Cenex, in the combine, at ballgames, at auction sales, in hospital rooms. I think back to baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals, worship experiences. I think back to all the Faith Adventures and the related in-depth discussions. I think back to the building project, to lunches with the quilters, to the school kits and the fun-loving group who put together the baby care kits. I think back to our involvement with Camp of the Cross and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Central African Republic. I think back to our work with the Wilton Food Pantry (and another fun-loving group of volunteers). I think back to all the pies that were thrown in my face by Sunday School and Vacation Bible School students. I think back to buffalo in our camp and rattlesnakes on the trail. I think way, way back to when a certain person (Jeanine Helm!) cut my hair short after worship when we met a worship goal. I think back to all the lefse, all the stock certificates, all the fundraising, and how we responded so, so generously. I think back to all the Ole and Lena jokes! So. Many. Memories. So. Much. Thankfulness.

We have been through joys and struggles, grief, celebrations, ups and downs ...and yet we continue to grow in receiving God’s love and in living God’s love.

I thank you for your commitment to living your faith, to living God’s love. I thank you for your openness to the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to continue this commitment and openness in the coming months as the search for a new pastor begins. When the next pastor is called, I encourage you to be as open and welcoming as you were to me nearly 30 years ago.

On a personal note, thank you for the kind words, the cards, the celebrations, the gifts, and the friendship. But mostly, thank you for your willingness to be open to the Holy Spirit, and for our work together. Thank you for your graciousness in welcoming me into your lives. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your pastor. Thank you!

## **FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Changes and Challenges! Well the day is upon us; the end of an era, the retirement of Pastor Paul. A day that I have not been looking forward to. But, alas, time marches on and now it is time to deal with the change. And the first thing I want to do is to apologize to you for messing something up. Not sure what it will be or when it will happen but I am sure that at some point something will not be done right. So, in advance I would like to say “Sorry”! The Council and I have been working very hard to learn all about how to run this operation without a Pastor at the helm but I am sure that we will forget something along the way. So please have patience with us.

As for a current update on what we have been working on, the Council and the Call Committee have been working hard to put together Sunne’s Site Profile (one of the first steps, and one of the most important, in the Call process). The Site Profile is a document that states “who” we are and “what” are we looking for in a new Pastor. It should be completed around the first of June and once completed we will be working with the Synod office to see if we can fulfil our Pastoral needs. The next item we have been working on is putting together a summer service schedule without having a full-time pastor on staff. As we continue to strengthen our relationship with Christ, we gather together to hear the word of God each week. We have included in this newsletter a proposed summer schedule that includes fill-in pastors and creative service options. At this point we have something schedule for each Sunday, however, stay tuned because things may change as we move forward.

The coming months will be full of challenges and all I can promise you is that we will try our best to marshal on and to continue to provide all of you a spiritual home on the prairie.

Marcus Hall  
Council Chairman

## Sunne Lutheran summer schedule:

Pastor Paul will retire the end of May.

**June 5** Pastor Paul will provide his last service to us.

**June 12** we will have the Paul Family Bluegrass band perform and we would also have Bishop Craig lead the "End of Call" liturgy.

**June 19** we will have Pastor Sharon Korsmo performing the service.

**June 26** we will have our Mid-Summer Picnic and WELCA will be performing the service.

**July 3** Hymn service – Lead by Church Council

**July 10** we will have Pastor Sharon Korsmo performing the service.

**July 17** we will be having our service at Camp of the Cross.

**July 24** WELCA will be performing the service.

**July 31** we will have Pastor Dale Nabben performing the service.

**August 7** we will have Pastor Dale Nabben performing the service.

**August 14** we will have Pastor Dale Nabben performing the service.

**August 21** we will have Pastor Dale Nabben performing the service.

**August 28** we will have Pastor Dale Nabben performing the service.

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### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Potluck will be Sunday, June 26th at Sunne with worship at 10 a.m. with the potluck and auction to follow.

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.

# CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 11, 2022

- Noted that pertinent files have been transferred from Pastor Paul's personal computer to the church's desktop computer.
- Heard updates on Pastor Paul's retirement and the call process.
- Noted that various accounts have been updated.
- Designated Marcus Hall to be the point person for the Collier funds (seminary student fund) and removed Pastor Paul.
- Reviewed a packet of information that Pastor Paul had put together regarding various programmatic items, account details, and calendar.
- Noted the following: parking lot stripes have been painted, a new dryer was purchased for the parsonage, snowblower has been moved to the parsonage garage, push mower is in the shed, riding mower has been serviced, and church furnace filters have been changed.
- Heard a report on the confirmation mixed up spaghetti supper.
- Designated deacons and tellers for June.
- Walked around the exterior of the building.

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## Financial Report as of April 30, 2022

Endowment Fund	9,913.91
Equity-Building	657,794.63
Equity-Kitchen Project	52,814.21
General Fund	43,105.04
Memorial Fund	1,150.00
Parsonage Fund	10,185.62
Seminary Student Fund	20,405.91
Special Projects Fund	12,059.98
Wilton Food Pantry	18,832.24
Net Income	<u>1,593.25</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$826,261.49</b>

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

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**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**

**REMEMBER DAD JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>.**

Special gifts will be given to all dad before and after worship.

**On Memorial Day  
REMEMBER**



**Those Who Served**

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School which will be held on August 9 and August 10 from 6-8:30pm. More info to come.

and Emory Mattson who were united in marriage at Sunne on May 7<sup>th</sup>. May God's sustaining grace be upon them.

## **BAPTISMS**

**Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in June.**

3--Brooklyn Olson  
3--Jeremy Hruby  
6--James Kleppinger  
9--Cheryl McCormack  
11--Patricia Herdebu  
12--Beverly Vollmer  
15--Jan Schauer  
15--Allen Vollmer  
18--Debra Jans  
26--Beverly Hausauer  
26--Payton Hruby  
29--Danielle Schuler  
29--Tucker Johnson  
30--Shelby Ell

**Thank  
You**

**Thank You to everyone who had any part in the Lutheran World Relief personal care kits, baby care kits, and quilts. We shipped 256 Baby Care kits, 227 Personal Care kits, and 50 quilts to Lutheran World Relief on May 11<sup>th</sup>. What an awesome way of living God's love**

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Tareena Johnson

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP  
IN JUNE**

**READERS:**

June 5: SuAnn Olson & Eric Schauer

June 19: Sandy Peterson

June 26: Shelley Porter

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sandy Peterson

**ACOLYTES:**

June 5: DonTaye Fetzer & Teigen Earsley

June 12: No Acolyte needed

June 19: Clay Anderson & Harper Clausen

June 26: Carson Quam & Mason Oswald

**MOWING SCHEDULE**

Before the Sunday of:

June 5: Earsley Family

June 12: Cleveland Family

June 26: Shelley Porter

# JUNE 2022

**Sunne Evangeli  
PO Box 217 V**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<i>The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another</i>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
			<i>Ever Dearinger</i>	<i>Marvin Dockter</i>	<i>Car</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

10 am Worship Service 11 am Retirement Program 12 pm Swedish Meatball Dinner	<i>Anne Earsley</i>	<i>Tanner Earsley</i>	Church Council Mtg. 7:00 pm <i>Teigen Earsley</i>	<i>Ty Earsley</i>	<i>Jennifer Egan</i>	<i>Robert Ell, Jr</i>
<b>12</b> 9 am WELCA 10 am Worship Service Paul Family Bluegrass Band End of Call Litany	<b>13</b> <i>Kristine Ell</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Caitlyn Ell</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Shelby Ell</i>	<b>16</b> Wilton Food Pantry 3-5 pm <i>Claudia Ewine</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Bernard Falkenstein</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Alice Falkenstein</i>
<b>19</b> 10 am Worship Service <b>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</b>	<b>20</b> <i>David Falkenstein</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Tammie Falkenstein</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Larry Falkenstein</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Betty Falkenstein</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Steve Falkenstein</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Connie Falkenstein</i>
<b>26</b> 10 am Worship Service 11 am Midsummer Picnic and Auction	<b>27</b> Faith June <i>Wayne Falkenstein</i>	<b>28</b> Adventure 26 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Joyce Falkenstein</i>	<b>29</b> <i>DonTaye Fetzer</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Dominic Fetzer-Mack</i>		

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**COME HOME TO SUNNE**