

# SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## NEWSLETTER



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### A Word or Two From the Pastor

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

First I want to say what a privilege it is to continue to serve you here at Sunne until the Holy Spirit calls one to serve you as full time called pastor of this wonderful congregation. Thank you.

As we enter this Summer Season we have entered into the Long Green season for the church. Actually, the texts that we will see and read and hear about are about the ministry of Jesus and how his followers were sent to go and do and be the Children of God. In Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter .. Jesus is out and about teaching, healing and being with the folks he came across. They were hungry for grace and Jesus not only offered it but gave it in the Spirit of love and joy for each of them. He saw how desperate they were and how helpless they were and he tended to their needs. But he also saw that the multitudes needed others who would act in Jesus name and so he equipped the first 12.. disciples known as the apostles and they were Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James and Thaddaeus, Simon and Judas. These were instructed and given authority over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

So people of God, what are your names? Who do you follow? And what authority do you proclaim the Glory of God? The names above were people Jesus picked for his ministry.. he made them righteous in grace and empowered them in the Spirit of God to go and do and be the children of God.. just as you are empowered by God through your baptism.

When I read, a book or an article or most anything, I try to imagine myself within the story. I get an inside glance into what is happening and how it must be in the medium. When you read or hear God's Word, know this, you are part of the story that IS, not of what was, but of what IS. God is speaking to you and telling you, showing you, empowering you to be in this ministry together with God and that God is depending on us to do the ministry of healing, of loving and of caring. The ministry of nurturing, feeding and equipping all people in the joy of God's abundant Grace.

So now as we go through this time of Sundays after Pentecost may you live that Gospel by being part of the story and taking on the name of a called child of God. Equipped and empowered by God's love, Jesus Grace and be enlightened by the Spirit. Amen

In Christ,

**Pastor Dan**

## Council Highlights

- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report.
- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the treasurer's report. Discussion occurred regarding a need to amend the budget. Congregational meeting will be August 27, 2023 prior to worship at 9:30 am.
- ◆ Pastor Dan has been coordinating a bluegrass service (Sept. 10) in conjunction with Rally Sunday. Confirmation will be doing a freewill lunch to raise funds for Brave the Shave.
- ◆ Parsonage Update- Doors installed with new lock on all doors. Light fixtures purchased and installed, laundry room/entry to be completed this week. Quotes received for cabinets and waiting for upcoming sale to order. *Grounds*- Clean up went well; however, those present felt that another day (July 9-time TBD) is needed. Lawn is to be mowed in exchange for using the garage moving forward.
- ◆ Bek Update- It was reported that services were not broadcast the last 2 Sundays.
- ◆ Church property updates- Issue with eaves has been identified and are braces are being made; with a goal to be installed by fall.
- ◆ ND WSI premium audit conducted- approximate increase of \$4/year.
- ◆ iPad possible issue with slow power on time, but once it is streaming it works well. Unless further issues arise, council felt that it was not going to pursue purchasing a new iPad.

## Financial Report as of May 31, 2023

Endowment Fund	18,424.85
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	38,817.69
Memorial Fund	1,560.00
Parsonage Fund	14,065.09
Seminary Student Fund	19,276.13
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	12,143.53
Net Income	-9442.80
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>828,217.02</b>

### VBS

Vacation Bible School is set for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Time is still TBD- tentatively 6-8pm



### Wilton Food Pantry

*Distribution will occur on Thursday, July 20th from 3-5pm @ the Wilton Senior Center.*



## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
July 2				Seth Morlock
July 9	Sue Szczer			Trayton Bauer
July 16	Shelley Porter			Parker Huby
July 23	Daphne Hall	Marcus & Daphne Hall	Ben Olson	Kevin Schill
July 30			Barney Strand	Madi Besterfeld

Important

SAVE THE DATE

July 17th- Blood Drive @ the Wilton City Hall from 4-7pm



July 13<sup>th</sup> – Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Foundation Golf Tournament



August 27- 9:30 am Budget Update Congregational Meeting



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

7—Isaiah Buchholtz and Sophie Kinnischtzke

10--Lindsey Schock

11—Penelope Magnuson

13—Mariah Smallbeck, Madisyn Biesterfeld & Colt Biesterfeld

15 Madelyn Hurt

16—Slade Schatz

17—SuAnn Olson

18—JoyAnn Holsten

21—Ella Strand

22—Tandy Olson & Kaitlyn Schock

23—Lailah Buchholtz

24—Kevin and Ever Dearing

25—Ty Earsley

27—Erick Smallbeck

28—Marissa Hruby, Cassandra Perkins & Iyla Franklund



**WELCA BIBLE STUDIES**

Bible Studies are held at the church one Sunday of every month except August.

The next Bible Study will be July 9th @ 9am.

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

If there is anyone interested in leading the SLY on a faith adventure to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans the summer of 2024, please speak to Lyndsey Cleveland. The Gathering is July 16-20.

*Sunne is sponsoring a community event that is still in the planning process, but the concept is allowing kids from PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to come to the hall on a school day and shop for their families. Everything there will be donated by the community and will be free of charge to kids. There will be a personal shopper for each student and a gift wrap station. If you are interested in donating new or slightly used items (no clothes) for this event, you can contact Pastor Paul Schauer at 701-391-0584 for more information.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillview Cup

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Foundation Golf Tournament  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ *Prairie West Golf Course*, 2709 Longspur Trail, Mandan, ND

*Cost: \$125/golfer or \$500/team*

For more information or to register please call: (701) 223-9407 or email:  
[foundation@mslcc.com](mailto:foundation@mslcc.com) or visit the website at [missourislope.com/events](http://missourislope.com/events)

You can also contact Shelley Porter at 701-955-4031

## ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK OPPORTUNITY

Join *Camp of the Cross* for their annual night at the Bismarck Larks:



Friday, August 4th, 2023

Come out and support Camp and use code "Cross" for great prices, opportunities, and to be part of the group! We always have a blast at the Larks and have won the "Fans of the Game" award all 3 years we've done this. Hoping to see you there, and tell your friends!

***There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex if you are interested!***



## Mark Your Calendar

**\$ Budget Update**

**Congregational Meeting**

August 27 @ 9:30 am

## BLOOD DRIVE



Monday, July, 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm  
at the Wilton Memorial Hall.

Register @ [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or  
call Shelley Porter at 955-4031 to schedule.

