

**SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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**Pastors' notes for the month of September**

I am so ready for this month to begin as we look forward to so many ministries restarting from a long, lonely summer's rest. The monthly calendar will give you dates of what I am going to talk write but I wanted to be more welcoming than just dates so as you allow me space in your newsletter I will try to bring to life the events that are coming up.

Rally Sunday on September 10<sup>th</sup> kicks off the new days of our faith as the ministries of this congregation Sunne, will restart. and to start it off we have a new Blue Grass group that will bring us the Word of God in Songs of praise and hope. Sid Stromme, his son and Dave from the Cottonwood Blue Grass group have joined to bring us to a time of music celebration in Christ. They are called the Trinity Trubadors and we look so forward to their performance. Along with the music we will have readings, songs, (especially with the kids in mind) prayers, and of course. OFFERING: After worship, our confirmation group with the financial help of Thrivent will have grilled burgers, (cheese) brats and hot dogs along with chips and cake. The confirmation class is **accepting donations** for the great cause of **Brave the Shave**. Please come, eat and celebrate the ministries of this church and the hard work of our confirmation group.

Our ladies will be starting up again with their quilting on Wednesday mornings and I can just see the buzz of all who gather to fit together gifts from the heart for those who are in need to be wrapped in the warmth of beautiful grace. Thank you ladies for your dedication in being God's love in a very profound way. (In my time here, I have not seen men within that group but if you have a burning desire to help out I know that you'd be welcomed) And not to forget the women's bible study begins again once a month in September. See the calendar for the dates but go to be wrapped in the Word of God.

Sunday School begins on the 10<sup>th</sup> with rally Sunday and I know there is a lot of preparation going on for the arrival of so many beautiful young people who come together to learn the boundless joy that Jesus has for each of them Sunday School at Sunne is not boring, but rather filled with activities that enjoin our children to learn and see the ever presence and love of God who calls to us in Jesus to come and see. In Worship on Rally Sunday we will bless the backpacks of our children who are attending school this year.. Please have your children bring their backpacks to church on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. On the 24<sup>th</sup> in worship, Sunne will present Bibles to our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. you know the Bible is a great book. but it is useless if it is just used as a decoration on ones night stand or just to look up verses that aid in our self-righteousness. The Bible is the life Word of our faith that enlightens us, exposes our weakness and frailties and builds us in character as we move through God's loving word. Then on October 1<sup>st</sup> we will bring hymnals for all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. When my father passed away I was given his hymnal and it has been a treasure for me. You see even though time has passed the format of worship has stayed the same. My father had a service that was in Norwegian and though I am my father's son, I know nothing about the Norwegian language. But he did and to know his faith comes through knowing that his worship was very important to him and the community he was surrounded with. Our hymnals are like that, they are the explanation and form of how we worship as Lutherans and there is so much to learn within its pages.

Confirmation begins on the 10<sup>th</sup> as well with an informational meeting with students and family. Confirmation will begin at 8:50 AM We will be doing a whole lot more this year: working on the 10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Bible, the Sacraments and we will be reading a book: "You Are Witnessed of These Things" that speaks about ministry for folks who believe but do not have any desire to be part of "organized" religion. We will discuss how we are called to minister, proclaim and build up God's created people.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Graders who are finished with Confirmation class work and preparing for the Rite of Confirmation will meet a few times coming up. **we will meet after worship on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> of September and on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.** our time together will be a time of review and preparing for meeting with the council on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. I am blessed to be part of their faith life.

Importantly too on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we will have a congregational meeting considering the budget set for the year. I believe Marcus, SuAnn and maybe others on the council will bring you some news on the realities of the budget and encourage all of us to consider our benevolence to God's work here at Sunne.

Nope we are not done yet for this activity filled month of ministry at Sunne. On the 24<sup>th</sup> after worship Sunne will be celebrating with a giant meal of those traditional Meatballs, Mashed potatoes, Coleslaw, and MORE. come and be together in community as we celebrate what is behind us and what lies before us in the mission of this fantastic congregation.

Through all this activity the Call Committee is looking forward to candidate opportunities and I know that God has a plan for this congregations to Shepherd and be called here. Have no fear, Jesus says, Believe!!

I know that throughout the year we will be facing this and other kinds of activity together, as a community of God's people joined together in the loving arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Again, I am blessed to serve you in this time of Transition.

Lets get going.

**Pastor Dan**

### Council Highlights

- ◆ It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the secretary's report.
- ◆ It was decided to move the budget meeting to September 17<sup>th</sup> in hopes that there would be better attendance. A plea for financial help will be sent to the congregation, as our revenue has been steadily declining. After all discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to receive the treasurer's report.
- ◆ Call Committee Update- At a standstill.
- ◆ Parsonage Update-Countertops will be ordered. Branches need to be cleaned up-will be scheduled at a later date.
- ◆ Railing Update- Approximately a month out from installation.
- ◆ Property insurance was updated- new policy.
- ◆ Pastor Dan's last day will be December 26, 2023 for this year.
- ◆ Harvest Festival is scheduled for September 24. The committee will meet at Vollar's soon. Proceeds from this will be decided at the September Council Meeting.

### Financial Report as of July 31, 2023

Endowment Fund	18,442.83
Equity-Building	657,794.63
General Fund	39,402.37
Memorial Fund	1,560.00
Parsonage Fund	4,759.09
Seminary Student Fund	22,815.26
Special Projects Fund	12,059.88
Wilton Food Pantry	9,471.02
Net Income	-11,942.63
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>829,686.30</b>

### Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off on  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am with  
Rally Sunday.**

Schedule: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9am

### Confirmation

Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ) will have a meeting on  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:50am.**

Schedule: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:50am



### Wilton Food Pantry

*Distribution will occur on  
Thursday, September 21st  
from 3-5pm @ the Wilton  
Senior Center.*





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

2--David Falkenstein

5--Mackenzie Olson

7--Mason Oswald

10--Danielle Schill

11--Jaycee Staloch & Jeanine Helm

13--Lincoln Murrey

15--Tavi Hirschert & Tori Hirschert

21--Betty Falkenstein

25--Pamela Vetter & Joanna Olson

27--Jolene Perkins & Ridge Rhone

28--Chad Oswald

30--Lynette Clausen

## Mark Your Calendar

### \$ Budget Update

### Congregational Meeting

September 17th @ 9:30 am



### Readers, Greeters and Ushers

We are in need of individuals willing to assist with worship in the months of August through October.

Please feel free to sign up as much as you would like.

The Sign-Up sheets are on the round table in the narthex.

THANK YOU!

*Sunne is sponsoring a community event that is still in the planning process, but the concept is allowing kids from PreK to 5<sup>h</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> Grade Bibles

Because we value the Word of God and the study of God's Word, we will be giving Bibles to the fifth graders during worship on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents Please Mark your calendars.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Hymnals

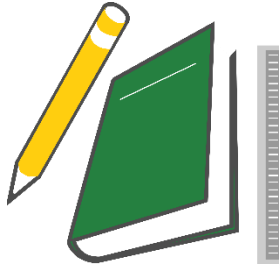
Because we value worship so highly at Sunne, we will be giving personalized hymnals to all our third graders during worship on Sunday, Oct. 1st. Parents Please Mark your calendars.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmands (Those being confirmed on Reformation Sunday)

They will meet after worship on the following Sunday's: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. They will meet with the council in October, with the date to be announced. Please contact Pastor Dan or Lyndsey Cleveland with questions.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Readers	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
September 3	Joanie McCormack	Lester & Sylvia Vollan	Lester Vollan	Malia Tooke
September 10	Kathy Paulson	Cleveland Family		Caleb Jans
September 17				Joanie McCormack & Stella Rust
September 24				Cutter Modin & Logan Hansen



### School Kits

We are in the process of raising money and collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We are especially in need of erasers (2”), scissors, pencil sharpeners, rulers, notebooks and crayons. Bring supplies to the tub designated in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be made by writing “school kits” in the memo line of your check or on your offering envelope. **THANK YOU!**

◆ A FULL LIST of what supplies would be needed for each school kit can be found on the website at: [www.sunnelutheran.org](http://www.sunnelutheran.org)

### *Harvest Festival*

*September 24<sup>th</sup>*

worship at 10 a.m. & dinner from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 There will be a sign-up sheet at the church for all the needed donations and for volunteers to help prep, set-up, etc. Set-up will be on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm and Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am. People of all ages are encouraged to help. Freewill offering for the dinner.



### RALLY SUNDAY

*September 10<sup>th</sup>*

Bluegrass Band “The Trinity Trubadors” to perform at the 10am worship service.

Sunday School kicks off @ 9am & Confirmation @ 8:50am  
**FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** Grilled Burgers, Brats and Hot Dogs:  
 A fundraiser for “Brave the Shave”



### CALLING ALL QUILTERS

All are welcome to join a core group of women to help assemble quilts for local and world relief efforts. No Experience Necessary. We will meet from 10am-3pm on Wednesday’s starting September 20<sup>th</sup>. We also need quilt tops sewn. We can find a job for anyone, including men. Please contact Myrna Hochhalter for questions @ 286-7795 (home) or 527-1947(cell).

