

St. John's Church  
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## St. John's Messenger

August, September, October 2013

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## Reflection

### A Child's View of Thunderstorms

*A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school.*

*As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.*

*The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child.*

*Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along. At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile.*

*More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.*

*When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?"*

*The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."*

*May God bless you today and every day as you face the storms that come your way.*

*"Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for those who don't."*

*Submitted by Karen Konerza*

### *Where Is Jesus...*

*Four year old Breanna was at the doctor for a checkup. When the doctor looked into her ears he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" Breanna only giggled.*

*Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. This time he asked, "Do you think I'll find "The Cookie Monster down there?" Breanna giggled again.*

*Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heartbeat he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh no," Breanna replied, Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants.*

*Submitted by Margie Block*

*Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the TEN COMMANDMENTS to follow in life all the time..*

- 1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.*
- 2. Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our FUTURE. So look ahead and move.*
- 3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, and it takes years to write.*
- 4. All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.*
- 5. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are like Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base! of Gold.*
- 6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says "RELAX , "it's just a bend, not the end!"*
- 7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems; HE has faith in your abilities.*
- 8. A Blind person asked St. Anthony: " Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight? He replied: " Yes, losing your vision."*
- 9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.*
- 10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.*

*Submitted by Jerry Block*

## Pastor's Notes



This week Mary shared with me a story that I thought you would enjoy, a story that conveys a very important spiritual truth.

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looks on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hangs her wash to dry, the young woman makes the same comments. A month later, the woman is surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and says to her husband: "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replies, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And so it is with life... What we see depends on the clarity of the window through which we look.

*as it is written:*

*"What no eye has seen,  
what no ear has heard,  
and what no human mind has conceived"<sup>[b]</sup>—  
the things God has prepared for those who love him—*

<sup>10</sup> *these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.*

*The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for,*

*“Who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”<sup>[d]</sup>*

*But we have the mind of Christ. I Corinthians 2:9-16*

When we have the Spirit of Christ living in us we look at all of life from a very different perspective, God's! Just like that woman 's perspective on her neighbor's laundry hanging on the clothes line changed the moment her husband cleaned the window through which she was looking.

Pastor Bob

### **Council Meeting 5/08/2013**

Council members present were Brian Alsleben, Dave Swift, Joe Blackbird, Doug Block, Randy Rose and Pastor Bob, absent Cory Garoutte.

Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Doris Bren (Maynard Rannow and Eileen Moehring's sister now at Ecumen Care Center In Litchfield, Mary Garoutte, Gloria Wigern, Betty Benjamin, Mary Schaefer (Glen Schaefer's mother at Abbott Northwestern Hospital), Cameron's adoption court date at McLeod County Courthouse.

Dave Swift and I met with James Peters and several other representatives of the Glencoe American Legion concerning the Memorial Day weekend service at our church. Prior to the beginning there will be of the colors. At the end of the service the colors will be retired, there will be the playing of the taps and a gun salute. Weather permitting the entire service will be outdoors. May 26<sup>th</sup> also begins our summer hours with worship at 9:30.

Two students, Robin Swift and Chase Blackbird were confirmed this past Sunday. I purchased small plaques for Robin and Chase. The plaques read Confirmed in Christ – I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12. On the back there is space to record the students name, date, church and pastor.

This year we have three students graduating from High School: Kyle Frahm, Nick Rose and McKenna Streeter. I have also purchased graduate devotional books for each of our graduates. The graduates will be recognized during the 6-02-13 service.

I am looking for someone to fill in for me on two Sunday's following my upcoming knee surgery: June 23 and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Swift called the meeting to order.  
Secretary's report was read by Randy Rose and approved.  
Treasurer's report was read by Brian Alsleben and approved.  
Building report was read by Doug Block and approved.

Checking:

Beginning balance \$27,956.27

Ending balance \$31,758.57

Benevolence:

Balance \$2,485.00

Youth Group:

Balance \$11,880.99

Memorial fund:

Balance \$2,955.00

General fund

Balance \$13,317.58

Roofing Fund

Balance: \$1,120.00

Building Fund:

Citizens Bank: \$45,678.99

Old Business:

\*Roofing project update: Start date is set for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

\*Accounting system is under way, things are going good, and program will be running next month.

\*Cash Wise credit card is being discussed by the Women's Guild.

\*Lights not working in the kitchen, fellowship hall and stairway.

\* Lights in kitchen need new ballast

\*Organ service is done. Repair needs to be done on the speakers at an estimated cost of \$300.00.

New Business

\*Dave Swift is looking for suggestions should the area where the fuel line was dug last fall needs repair in the dirt. It was decided to wait and recheck the area at the next meeting.

\*A motion was made that when the wine is gone, we will start using only grape juice. Starting in June the 2 inner circles will be grape juice and the rest will be wine until the wine is gone.

\*Council will do grounds assessment at June meeting.

\*A motion was made to have the church cleaned professionally after the completion of Vacation Bible School.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Rose, Secretary

## Council Meeting 6/05/2013

All Council members present and Pastor Bob.

Pastor's Report:

Visitation: Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Loretta Jungclaus, Maynard Rannow, Lillian and Irene Nemitz.

John Wuethrich along with the Dave Swift family will handle the June 23<sup>rd</sup> service in my absence and a representative from Crown College will handle the service on June 30<sup>th</sup>. My knee replacement surgery is June 18<sup>th</sup> at Southdale Fairview Hospital.

Dave Swift called the meeting to order.  
Secretary's report was read by Randy Rose and approved.  
Treasurer's report was read by Brian Alsleben and approved.  
Building report was read by Doug Block and approved.

### Checking:

Beginning balance \$31,758.57  
Ending balance \$32,036.23

### Benevolence:

Balance \$2,650.50

### Youth Group:

Balance \$11,989.99

### Memorial fund:

Balance \$2,139.09

### General fund

Balance \$13,871.65

### Roofing Fund

Balance: \$1,385.00

### Building Fund:

Citizens Bank: \$45,682.92

### Old Business:

- \*Roofing project was held off until after the ice cream social because of weather.
- \*Accounting system changed and will be up and running next month.

- \*The Women's Guild has agreed to handle the Coborns (Cash Wise) credit card.
- \*Youth Group will once again handle their own finances.
- \*Parts have been purchased to repair lights in basement.
- \*Communion is changing over to all grape juice when all of the wine is gone.
- \*Church policies have been moved from a CD to a flash drive.
- \*Outdoor sign has been changed.
- \*Jerry Block contacted about getting Minnick's to clean church after VBS.
- \*Milk cans in storage shed will be put on silent auction at ice cream social.

New Business:

- \*Council did property inspection and found the following:
  - 1) Shed needs paint and shingles.
  - 2) Side walk rails need paint.
- \*Robin Swift wants to become a member, motion made and approved.
- \*Discussion held regarding the need for new letters for the outside sign.
- \*New numbers for the hymnal board will be purchased.
- \*Approved \$200.00 to buy new printer and ink.
- \*Dave Swift will install door stopper for the basement door.
- \*Quade Electric of Hutchinson donated light bulbs for the candle abra.

Nothing in suggestion box.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30

Respectfully Submitted  
Randy Rose Secretary



# SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

We would like to say a big thanks to everyone that has helped in anyway with VBS. It is because of the involvement of the congregation and children that we are able to create an atmosphere where kids can stand strong for God.

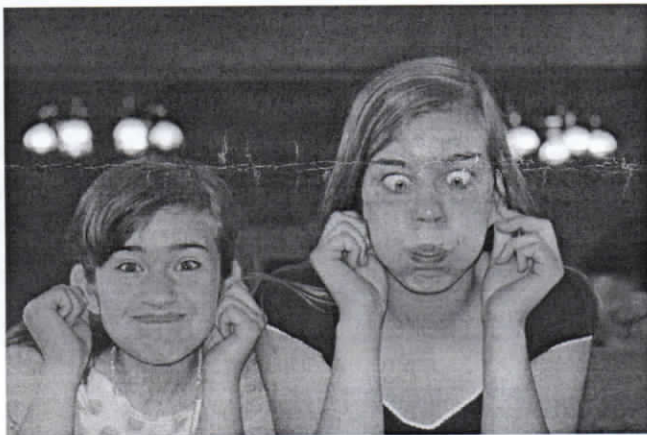
The dates below are the dates you will want to get on your calendar :

September 8<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School starts up 9:15 A.M

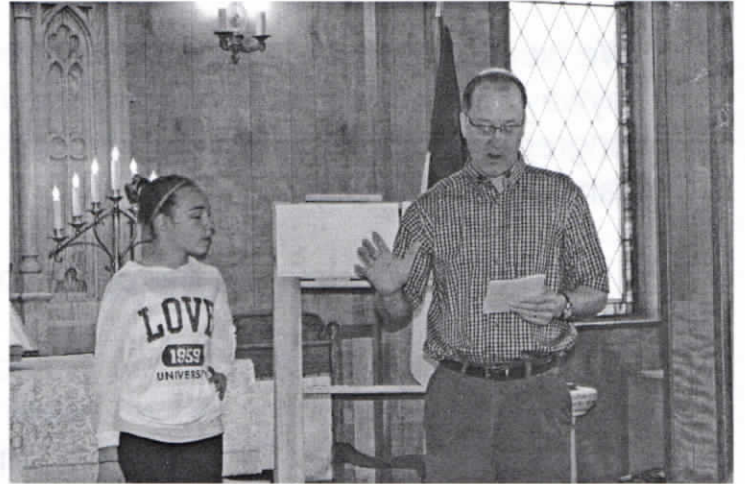
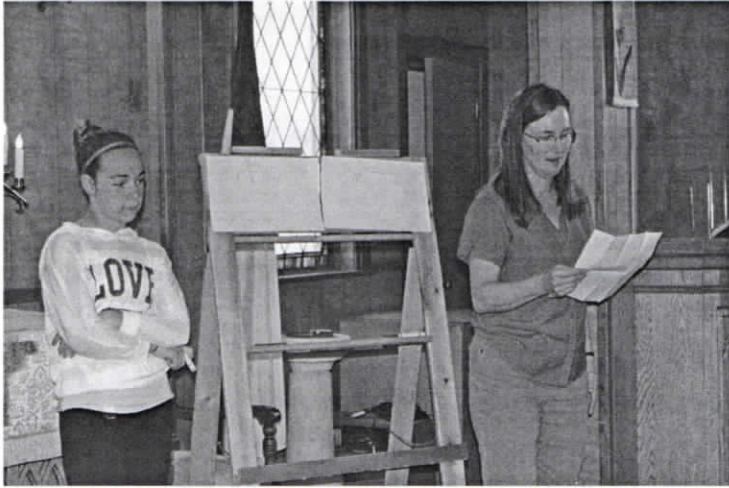
\*September 15<sup>th</sup> – Children sing during the church service

\*October 20<sup>th</sup>- Children sing during the church service

**Last Sunday of Sunday School, May 18th**



# Quiz Time



# Youth Page

**What we've been doing:** It has been a busy, fun and productive few months for the youth group!

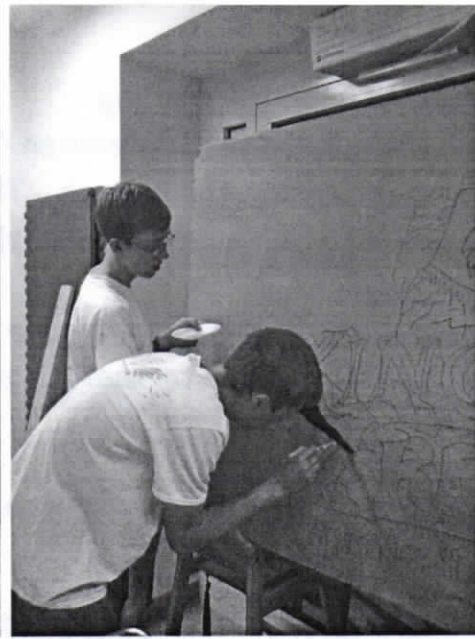


- May 8<sup>th</sup> we had a picnic and delivered flower order. Thanks to all who bought flowers/plants from our youth. I know when we delivered I was wondering if they would freeze if we planted them .... As I write this we have lots of wonderful blooms and we're picking tomatoes, peppers and lots of other garden veggies!
- June 25<sup>th</sup> the youth group scraped and painted the shed at church. We went for a quick swim over at the Swifts pond to cool off after finishing our painting project.



- July 17<sup>th</sup> we made decorations for VBS and also put a second coat of paint on the shed.





- July 22-24 we went camping at the Sladek's cabin. We went tubing on the St. Croix, lots of swimming, campfire time, and games.



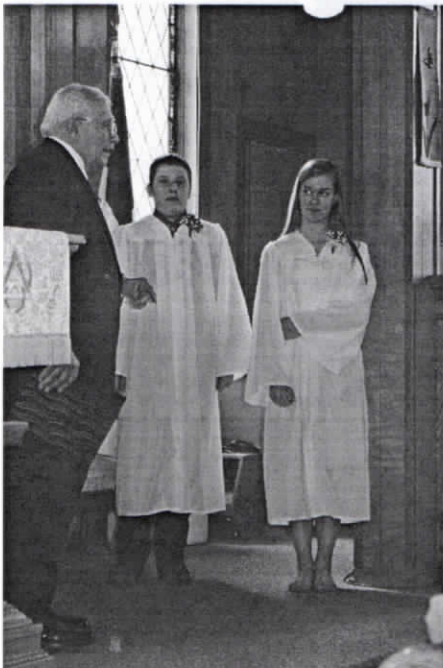
## Looking Ahead:

- August plans are still pending.
- Beginning Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 we will be back to our regular monthly meetings at the church. Those meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month during the school year, except during Lent.

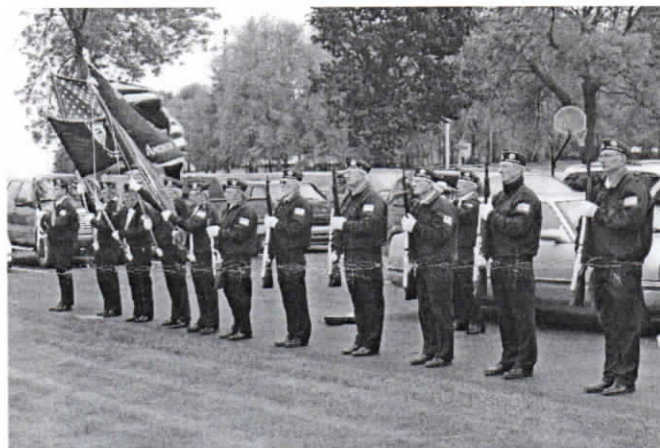
Note: Please watch the church bulletins for more info on youth group activities and be sure I have your phone number for last minute information by text. Send me a note or call 320.455.7218. Thanks.

\*For questions about the youth group contact Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 or Julie Karl 587-7702

### *Church Happenings* *Confirmation, May 4th* *Robin & Chase*



*Memorial Sunday Service, May 25th*  
Glencoe American Legion Post

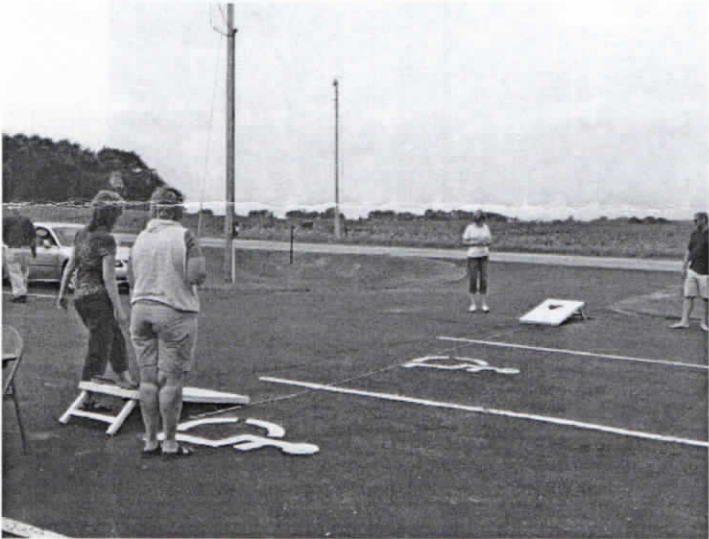


*Church Picnic, Sunday July 14th*



*Sing Along*

*Games*





A special "**Thank You**" to everyone that helped with the Ice Cream Social Raffle. Advance ticket sellers you did a great job! We are grateful and thankful to the members that made and/or donated the many beautiful and unique items for the raffle. You truly make the raffle a success. Ticket sales for 2012 were \$1,029 and this years sales were \$871. Winners are as follows:

Afghan - Andrea Wigern	2 gray bowls - Julie Schuch
Queen Size Quilt - Vicki Schrupp	3 colored bowls - Theresa Adrian
Saw Horses - Gloria Wigern	2 " " - Summer Blazinski
Wishing Well-Greg Peller	Wood bowl - Norma Witte
Wishing Well - Annie Senske	1 large wood bowl - Zoe Lakovic
Small wooden chair - Dave Meyer	1 sm. " " - Connie Eggert
Small wooden cart - Sandy Otto	1 sm. " " - Dawn Zeleke
Wishing well - Linda Smestad	1 medium size bowl - Mavis Mielke
Bird House - Brenda Garoutte	1 " " " - Kathy Urban
Bird House - Alan Jerabek	2 " " bowls -Nick Karnes
Small wooden cart - Donna Kohls	2 bowls - Barb Haggemiller
Small wooden cart - Mary Garoutte	1 bowl - Diane Norstrom
Lg. wooden chair - Grace Garoutte	1 bowl - Stavey Pauly
Coat rack - Vi Ziemer	1 bowl - Robert Brady
Wooden Wagen - Eli Sladek	1 bowl - Jean Taylor
Small wooden chair - Dawn Zeleke	1 " - Roger Trimbo
Large bench - Karen Konerza	1 " - Brenda Schaefer
Step stool - Julie Karl	1 " - Laurie Cumber
Step Stool with handle - Dave Meyer	1 " - Charlie Block
Cord holder - Brenda Schaefer	1 " - Norma Halberg
Saw Horses - Shelly Humelchick	1 " - Julie Schuft
Saw Horses - Sharon Mielke	1 " -Emily Taylor
Bench - Michelle Alsleben	1 " -Bob Taylor
Postage Stamp holder - Jackie Campbell	1 " -Kathy Balzinki
Small stepstool - Casey Blackbird	1 " -Norma Halberg
Card holder - Alan Kaufmann	1 " -Barb Haggemiller
Cooling rack - Andrea Wigern	Wooden Spoon - Diane Hess
Napkin holder - Greg Peller	" " -Dawn Zeleke
Large bench - Norma Halberg	" " -Jon Luckemeyer
Shoe Caddy - Amy Brady	" " -Diane Alsleben
Greeting Cards - Carol Block	" " -Marly Senske
" " - Steph Hanson	" " -Norma Halberg
" " - Carol Block	Coat rack - Alan Mielke
" " - Vicki Schrupp	
" " - Barb Hagenmiller	
Table runner - Diane Alsleben	
" " - Lloyd Schmidt	

Auctioned cream cans went to: Dave Sanken got 2 for \$50.00 each Dave Swift 1 for \$10.00. This money is included in the raffle total.

## *Mark Your Calendars*

*Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, HEATHOLE SERVICE at 9:30 a.m. Come early and have a good breakfast and then come to worship service. A fun day!!*

*Oh where has summer gone!! Fall worship begins on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m.*

*Children sing during worship service on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> , and Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*They are at it again!*

*The Church Basement Ladies have a new play entitled, "The Last (Potluck) Supper". A group from St. John's will be attending the play at the Plymouth Playhouse in Plymouth, MN on Sunday afternoon, November 3rd. We will carpool from church after worship and attend the 2pm performance. You can join the group for a meal at the Green Mill following the play. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to reserve your tickets. The price is \$31.00 for the play. Plan to attend and invite your friends. These delightful ladies will keep you chuckling and provide some light-hearted entertainment and a great afternoon of fellowship.*

*Reminder: The Women's Guild continues to save receipts from Econo Foods as a money making project. Please save your receipts and place in the Econo Food box in the back of the church.*

*ATHC is in partnership with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to recycle Holiday lights. Working and non working lights are accepted. Recycling your old lights provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities at ATHC. The light bulbs will be removed from the wire strands and then the wire will be sold to a local recycler. Thank you for helping ATHC promote this new recycling effort. There is a box in the entrance that you can put the lights in. Any questions talk to Elaine Carrigan.*

*Looking for some great entertainment?????*

*There are some recent additions to the church library. Some wonderfully entertaining and inspirational DVD's have been donated to the library. These are*

*appropriate for a variety of ages (young to senior citizens). If you are tired of the programs on TV, check these out.*

Anyone wishing to send a card or note to our shut ins;.

*Loretta Jungclaus*

*%The Pines birthday; 9/06  
1015 Century Avenue S.W.  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350*

*Joyce Karl Phone # 320-552-2171*

*Emmanuel Home Room 207  
600 S. Davis Ave. birthday 11/15  
Litchfield, MN. 55355*

*Eileen Moehring birthday 2/23*

*Elim Home of Watertown  
409 Jefferson Ave. S.W.  
Watertown, MN. 55388*

*Irene Nemitz Phone # 320-587-8748  
1361 Westwood Rd. N.W. birthday 3/25  
Hutchinson, MN. 55350*

*Katherine Rannow Phone # 320-327-2343*

*127 Park Ave. S.W. birthday 6/19  
Silver Lake, MN. 55381*

*Maynard Rannow Phone # 864-4050*

*1900 Ford Ave. N birthday 11/5  
Glencoe, MN. 55336*

*Kay Hahn-Sellers birthday 5/27*

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Carrolton, TX. 7500*

**CHURCH LEADERS**

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**COUNCIL 2013-2014**

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Fin. Sec. Cory Garoutte .....864-4646  
Bldg. Fund Cord. Doug Block .....328-5356

**WOMEN'S GUILD- 2013**

President: Charlie Block .....587-5737  
V. President:Lea Ette Peters .....864-3282  
Secretary: Susie Blackbird.....583-1025  
Treasurer: Mavis Mielke.....587-8722  
Sunshine Chair: Elaine Carrigan.....864-3330

**CEMETERY BOARD**

Jon Block ..... 320-296-4417  
Curt Paulsen.....587-4684  
Dave Sanken .....328-4164

**BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

Julie Karl.....587-7702  
David Sanken.....328-4164  
Elaine Carrigan .....864-3330

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES  
2012-2013**

**Preschool**

Bridget Block, Mary Taylor, Sarah Forbes

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade**

Jodi Sanken-Andrea Wigern

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Susie Blackbird, Robyn Field

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Brenda Garoutte

**Young Adults**

Michelle Alsleben-Kathy Trimbo

**Substitute List**

Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218  
Celine Swift 320-864-6188

**YOUTH GROUP LEADERS**

Roxanne Sladek ..... 320-455-7218  
Julie Karl.....587-7702

**CHURCH SECRETARIES**

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Clerical: Karen Konerza.....864-4554  
**CCCC** Area Rep.: Rev. Daniel Peterson 651-436-6021  
Conf. Minister:Stephen Gammon 651-739-1474

**Custodians**

January..... Sladek  
February..... Swift  
March..... Rose/Trimbo  
April..... Blocks  
May..... Alslebens  
June..... Mavis /Elaine  
July ..... Dale & LeaEtte  
August.....  
September ..... Kaufmann  
October ..... Garoutte  
Nov .....  
Dec.....  
January 2014..... Sladek

**Altar Guild**

January ..... Sladek  
February ..... Swift  
March ..... Trimbo  
April ..... Blocks  
May..... Blackbirds  
June..... Mavis/Elaine  
July ..... Dale & LeaEtte  
August ..... Alice Kaufmann  
September.....  
October ..... Garoutte  
Nov .....  
December..... Rose  
January 2014..... Sladek

**Ushers**

January ..... Sladek  
February .....Swift  
Mah ..... Rose/Trimbo  
April ..... Blocks  
May ..... Blackbirds  
June ..... Konerza  
July ..... Dale & LeaEtte  
August .....  
September..... Karls/Kaufmanns  
October ..... Garoutte  
November ..... Vacek/Huebert  
December .....  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... Dale & LeaEtte  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday .....  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.....  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.....  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.....  
January 201

**Remember FALL hours begin on Sept. 8th!!**

## August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Brenda G.	3
4 Communion Chase B.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Heathole Service Annie S.	12	13	14	15	16	17 Troy U.
18	19	20 Taylor M.	21	22 Elaine C.	23	24
25 Evan K.	26	27	28 Mavis M.	29	30 Andrea W.	31 Stephaine M

## September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Noah E. Gene K. Alyssa M.	2	3	4	5 Darrin U.	6 Loretta J.	7 Kyle F.
8 FALL HOURS Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	9	10	11	12 Deb S.	13 Karly E.	14
15 Children sing during worship!	16	17	18	19 Jerome K.	20	21 Grant K. Holden M.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Adam G.	30					

## October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Hailey M. Pam M.	4 Grace G. Hannah S.	5
6 Communion	7	8 Sandi S. Dylan W.	9	10	11	12
13 Brian V.	14	15 Alice K. Doug M.	16 Zachery Z.	17 Curt P.	18	19
20 Children sing during worship!	21	22	23	24 Casey B.	25	26
27 Braden W.	28	29	30 Robyn F. Kaitlyn U. Duane W.	31		

"Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up!"

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next newsletter will be due Oct. 25th .You can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me at [chubbers67@gmail.com](mailto:chubbers67@gmail.com).

*Karen Konerza*

