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Pastor's Pen by Rev. Dr. Candace Adams

As I am preparing this article we are experiencing some of the hottest days of summer – the heat index is well over 100 degrees. During these extreme temperatures it is particularly important to stay well hydrated. Not having a well-hydrated body can cause serious problems; the same is true of having a well-hydrated soul. The impact of not keeping one's soul hydrated can cause several damaging conditions: apathy, lethargy, and even spiritual death.

There are many beverages other than water that a person can drink; however, science indicates that there is no real substitute for pure, clean water. Other beverages may quench our thirst, but none of them satisfy the body in the same way.

The same is true of our souls. There are many substitutes that allude to quenching our souls – leisure activities, money, fame, addictive behaviors, etc. But, they will never truly satisfy the soul. Saint Augustine of Hippo declared that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. There is nothing that will quench our thirst like our relationship with God.

The psalmist declared, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:1-2a). Our souls thirst for God; we were created for an intimate relationship with God.

This message is reiterated in Psalm 62:1-3, "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Does your soul long for the Lord? Do you seek the Lord with all your heart?

The good news is that God is always ready to extend to us living water for our souls. We can drink deeply of God's love and compassion. We can find refreshment for our weary souls and be satisfied.

If you are thirsty for God, but uncertain as to where to find the living water, please call me or stop in for a visit. God has more than enough water to hydrate everyone. Drink deep of God's life-giving water!

Session Highlights from July 11

- The Session discussed Chapter 2, "The Practice of Passionate Worship" of the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase.
- Allow members to participate with Eagle Lake Lutheran Church (where Jason Bents is employed) in an outing to Valley Fair on Sunday, August 21, at their own expense.
- Approved the following vacation days for Rev. Dr. Adams: October 20-23, November 25-27 and December 26, 2011 through January 1, 2012.
- Approved the following retreat days for Rev. Dr. Adams: August 4, October 24-25 (Presbytery Retreat), November 3 and December 1, 2011.
- Approved the purchase of a stereo amplifier for the organ at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.
- Approved obtaining photo releases for adults and children for all photos taken on church property and used on the church's website and in media.
- The Session approved allowing the member name tags to be removed from the mailboxes.

Counseling Services Available at Hope Presbyterian Church

Victoria Knight Wohnoutka (a member of our congregation) is a licensed marriage and family therapist. On Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. she will be available for counseling. She has extensive experience offering services to children, adolescents, adults, couples and families related to but not limited to marriage/relationship, stress and anxiety management, grief and loss, and parenting concerns.

The church is offering the space for her to provide counseling. She retains her own liability insurance. Each session will cost \$50.00; payment is due at the time of the appointment. If you are unable to afford her services, the Deacons will assist at the rate of \$25.00 per session for six sessions. A scholarship form must be completed and approved in advance to one's appointment. Scholarships will be reviewed **only** by Victoria and Pastor Candace.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Victoria at 320-295-1263. The church office will **not** schedule appointments in order to maintain confidentiality.

From the Treasurer - Jerry Bents

Giving Statements

Offering Giving Statements for January through June 2011 are available for pick up in your mailbox in the fellowship hall.

Per Capita

Reminder: If you have not already done so, please pay your per capita of \$29.50 per member in your household. Please write "2011 Per Capita" in the memo line of



HPW Highlights

July

On July 11th we made close to 20 table runners that will be sold at the Bazaar that is coming up in October. Thank you, Janet Barber, for all the prep work and supplies that you brought with. With two sewing machines, two stations for ironing and 3-4 people sewing on buttons, the time simply flew by. Thank you also for the cookies and Shar, for the brownies and donuts to go with coffee.

August



Our final craft night for the summer will be August 1st at 7:00 p.m. Kelli Haglund will be leading us in creating something wonderful. If supplies are needed, a note will be placed in the bulletin that week.

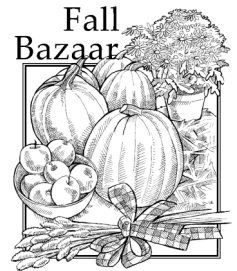
September

Reminder to put on your calendars our HPW meeting which is Tuesday September 6th (due to the Holiday) where Don and Sue Anderson will be telling us about their trip to the Galapagos Islands.

October

Advance planning - Fall Bazaar, Cookie Walk and Bake Sale are October 1st. Be thinking of what you might or will make to bring in both the craft areas, bake sale or even newly discovered items to bring to Grandma's attic. Just a reminder that we do not accept clothing for the bazaar; save it for the Spring Rummage sale. Anyone willing to coordinate the event can contact me for more information.

Jonelle Foreman, HPW Moderator



Library News by Ruth Grom

Our library has received some more books.

Karen Kingsbury, a favorite author, has written another book, *Learning*. If you start reading her books, you will want to keep on! In the fall, another book will be here.

I got the *Daughters of Amana* series, as I have been to the Amana (Iowa) colony to eat. A good big meal! They are written by Judith Miller. I put *Somewhere to Belong*, the first in this series, in Pastor Jack's memory. The other two are *More Than Words* and *A Bond Never Broken*. They are very good.

Heaven books are on the lists now. Virginia Hanson gave us *Heaven Is for Real*. Read and find out about a little boy's experience, written by his father, Todd Burpo.

Edward Grinnan's book *The Promise of Hope* is in our library. He is editor of *Guideposts* magazine.



Missions by Cathy

Jack Anderson Alaska Mission Trip

The summer of 2012 will be an exciting time at Hope Presbyterian Church. Members of Hope Church will be traveling to Alaska for a trip in memory of Pastor Jack Anderson. Alaska is one of the places that was dear to his heart. There is much to do before then, including fundraising, planning, praying, and building up a team to go on this mission trip. There are many details that are being worked on right now with the mission committee and session. There will be out of pocket costs for each person planning on going on this trip. We have set up three installment deposit dates: December 1, 2011, March 1, 2012 & June 1, 2012. The deposit amount will be put towards each individual's costs including, plane ticket, ground transportation, lodging and meals. Meals during travel there and back and any personal souvenirs are each person's responsibility.

If you are interested in hearing more about the trip, there will be a Alaska meeting on August 15th at 6:00 p.m. You do not need to commit to going on this night, just come to the meeting and learn a little bit more about the trip.

Care Pantry

It has been a while since an update on the Care Pantry has been written. The Care Pantry remains very busy. The government shutdown brought in some families that had not made a visit in a few months, one being a family where the dad had just begun his new job working for the state highway department a few weeks ago, to already being laid off because of the shutdown. This family was so thankful to be able to come to The Care Pantry and get hygiene, cleaning, and emergency food items to get them through until the shutdown is over.

Many people coming to the Care Pantry are employed but still can't make ends meet, or they are single mothers who because of circumstances cannot work. We have made sure that those coming to the Care Pantry know that they are cared for. Pocket prayer shawls are handed out to people who visit; books are given to the children and lots of hugs are exchanged.

We recently received a grant from United Way. We did not receive what we had requested, but it is still a blessing to have received it. For those wishing to donate items to the Care Pantry there is a blue tote in the narthex for donations. Some items that seem to go fast and that are not on the Second Harvest ordering list very often are: laundry soap, dish soap, conditioner and garbage bags. The continued support from the congregation is appreciated. If you wish to volunteer by taking appointments, please contact Cathy.

Give to Grow, Grow to Give

To date the \$1,500 of our mission dollars that were given to the congregation in January has grown to \$2,296.75. This is truly God working in our congregation. Thank you to everyone who has returned their Give to Grow mission voucher. As of July 17th, 60 vouchers have not been returned. In a way this is very exciting to know that there are 60 more vouchers out there; this means the mission dollars will be growing even more by the end of 2011. Reminder postcards will be sent to those who still need to return their Give to Grow pledges towards the end of the year.

Some of the designated money has already been paid out. For those who designated their money to Clearwater Camp, Hilda has received these dollars and along with the Meatball Supper funds we were able to help 19 children and youth experience Clearwater Camp. For those who designated their money to the Hope Garden, Jack has received these dollars and is harvesting a plentiful bounty. For those who designated their money to a missionary, these dollars were designated to support a Presbyterian missionary from St. Cloud. For those who designated their money to Tuesday's Table, Sharon has received these dollars and approximately 175 people are enjoying a fantastic Tuesday meal at Hope Church on each 5th Tuesday.

The Give to Grow funds have been grown in some unique and fun ways: a lemonade stand was set up during a garage sale and bracelets sold for Habitat; dog treats were made and sold for The Humane Society; luminaries and cookbooks were sold for Relay for Life; a book shelf was made and sold at the Silent Auction for the youth; ear rings were made and sold for The Care Pantry and Hope to Home Meals; and someone put their \$10 in with others and raised money for a family who lost their wife and mother to brain cancer. These are some of the ways that people have grown their Give to Grow pledge. If you have an idea for another way to grow your money, please contact Cathy. Happy growing!



Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers for the following projects:

General construction continues on the new office building on the corner of Litchfield Ave. and 7th Street SW in Willmar. Volunteers of all experience levels are welcome to join the crew working mornings from 8-12 Monday through Thursday. Looking for a group opportunity? Call us to set up your own construction day!

Paint crews are needed for afternoon and evening shifts on Saturday, August 6, and August 8-12. Sign up as an individual or gather a crew and get ready for some fun group service! To sign up, please call the Habitat office at 320-231-2704.

Poster

The Link

Health Ministry by Bev Jones

West Nile Virus is a concern this time of the year due to the high population of mosquitoes. This year especially with the amount of rain we have had and standing water for the mosquitoes to breed. West Nile Virus is spread by certain kinds of mosquitoes that have bitten infected birds and then spread the virus when they bite other people. West Nile Virus can be spread through an organ transplant or blood transfusion so all donated blood in the United States is screened to see if the virus is present.

Most people have no symptoms. About 80 out of 100 people have no symptoms. Mild symptoms include fever, headaches, body aches, pain in your eyes, a rash on the chest, back, and arms, feeling very tired, not hungry, sick to their stomach, vomiting, and swollen glands.

Symptoms in a mild case usually last 3-6 days. If it is more severe, symptoms can last for weeks or months. Severe cases involving problems with the brain and spinal cord are rare. These symptoms, in a severe case, are headaches, high fever, stiff neck or paralysis, confusion, reduced attention to surrounds, tremors, convulsions or muscle weakness and coma. In rare cases, can cause death.

If these symptoms are present, see your doctor. The doctor may test your blood for antibodies to the virus, do a spinal tap, and/or an MRI to see pictures of your brain.

Most people can recover at home. If there are severe symptoms, hospitalization may be necessary to get IV fluids and prevent other complications such as pneumonia.



How can we prevent infection?

1. Use insect repellent when you go outdoors.
2. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants if you are in an area with lots of mosquitoes.
3. Don't leave water standing in puddles or open containers near your house.
4. Stay indoor at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening when mosquitoes are the most active.

A vaccine is not available yet, but researchers are working to create a vaccine.

A reminder for symptoms of a stroke. F.A.S.T. stands for:

1. Face - ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
2. Arms - ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
3. Speech - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Do they have trouble or are the words slurred?
4. Time-is critical. Call 911 immediately.

We will have 81 mg of aspirin available in the first aid kit in the kitchen.

October 1, 2011 will be the Willmar Walk and Alzheimer's. See information on the bulletin board.

The **Hope Walkers** are approximately 600 miles from San Diego. We are really moving thanks to the combined efforts of many walkers. We stopped in Seattle for a nice meal at the Space Needle before we resumed our trek. Our miles so far are 2,664 and climbing. We are enjoying the cool breeze off the Pacific coast as opposed to the high heat indexes in Minnesota. Thank you for the prompt reporting and good luck. *Jan Saulsbury*

Youth Ministries and The River of Hope Youth Center by Cathy

Looking ahead to September we are hoping to jump start the youth group right in the beginning by having great attendance every Wednesday and more people involved with the youth program in various ways. We want to really encourage the youth this year to invite someone from school who isn't involved in a youth group to come and join us. If you have something on your heart that you would like to share with the youth group, please contact Cathy. We had several faith chats last year that were amazing. The youth enjoyed listening to individuals sharing their faith journey and struggles along the way. If you have an idea of a topic or Bible study for the youth group, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The River of Hope Youth Center is someplace that we want to keep busy with activity by our church and outside organizations who deal with youth. If you are aware of someone who could use the youth center, stop by my office and pick up an activity request form.

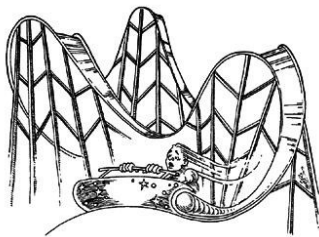
The River of Hope Youth Center will be used for an overnight retreat for teens who have siblings with disabilities on October 28th-29th from 5:00 pm Friday to 7:00 pm Saturday. It will be a week-end retreat to give teens coping mechanisms for dealing with siblings with disabilities. It will be an opportunity to meet others in the same position and have a chance to have some fun while learning something and making new friends. This retreat is put on through West Central Industries.

On September 25th from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the youth center they will be hosting a family dinner to have the teens as well as their families meet each other before the retreat in October. If you need more information you can contact either Cathy or Marla Kalin at 320-262-2052.

Summer Activities for the Youth and Their Families:

Valleyfair Trip

Sign up SOON for the Valleyfair trip. We will be leaving at 9:30 am on August 21st. Cost per person is \$37.00 (ticket and transportation) if we have 15 people sign up.



Amazing Race

Get a team of 3 or 4 of your friends and come to church on August 24th at 6:00 pm for the Amazing Race. Be prepared to get dirty and have some fun in the NLS community. You will get clues that will send you off doing some different activities and challenges. We are in need of Amazing Race drivers, so contact Cathy if you are interested in driving some of our amazing youth around the community.



Confirmation Retreat

The recently confirmed students: Jenna, Nick, Austin, Wyatt, and Ellie, will be having their Confirmation retreat on August 28th, beginning at the 10:00 am worship service and running through the day. We will be traveling to different stations during the day and be spending some time with God in meditation, prayer and activity. Lunch will be provided.



Children and Families by Cathy

Summer vacation is coming to a close soon and the fall schedule of events will be upon us before long. I have listed below dates of some of the activities in August and September:

August 8th: Children, Youth and Families meeting at 6:30 p.m. All those who are going to be teaching on Wednesdays or Sundays should be at this meeting along with those who will be making those delicious meals on Wednesdays for the Bible Club kids. This is an important meeting so please plan on attending.

August 15th: The carpet installers arrive:) This means that all painting needs to be done, so please let me know if you have a spare day or evening to do some more painting before this date, I'll fit you in my schedule.

August 21st: Valleyfair Trip - Sign up or give me a call. Children 6th grade and lower need to have an adult with them. Cost is \$37.00 if we have 15 people sign up. This is for the ticket price and transportation. Sign up by August 7th so I can order tickets.



September 11th: Rally Day for Christian Education and the first day of Children's Church. Even though we do not have our classes on this Sunday we are asking that the kids and teachers come this Sunday. We will be having an open house of the Christian Education area with its new paint and carpet. The teachers will be in their rooms to greet people and hand out goodies. We will also be having a mission fair on this day, so it will be a big rally day for Hope Presbyterian Church. After the 10:00 am worship service we will be having a potluck so bring along something to share.

September 14th: Christian Education begins from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., for 3 year old - 9th grade. Senior High will meet from 7:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m., but will still have an extra hour from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. to chill out in the youth center.

Jesus urges us to "welcome the child" into our fellowship, to make a place for them. "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." We will be striving to do this as the family of Hope this next year, to continue portant factor of our Christian Education time cate not only the child, but also their family. child and their family. Jesus' parable of the we have a responsibility to and for children. needs of children and their family, we are like find the one lost sheep. It is not enough that homes, plenty to eat and a solid educational foundation. Jesus wants all children, every last child, to be safe, loved, and nurtured. He wants every child to recognize the Spirit at work in his/her life through the kindness of his body-the Church.



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Praise and Play Preschool - Registration for Fall 2011

Registration for next fall is in full swing! Give your child a quality, faith based early childhood experience. Reserve your spot now. Forms are available at the Welcome Center at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer or on our website. We serve children ages 3-5 years old and have a variety of options! 1-5 days per week, 9:00 a.m.- noon, with extended child care hours available. For more information, visit us at www.faithspicer.org or contact us at 796-2522 and at praiseandplay@tds.net.

Thank you,
Trisha Voss



Volunteer Schedule

Lay Readers

August 7: Kathy Taatjes
August 14: Howard Jones
August 21: Jean Bauer
August 28: Sue Block

Sound Operators

Harold Foreman
 Pete Bratberg
 Dan Fischer
 Duane Taatjes

August Screen Operator: Stephanie Bents

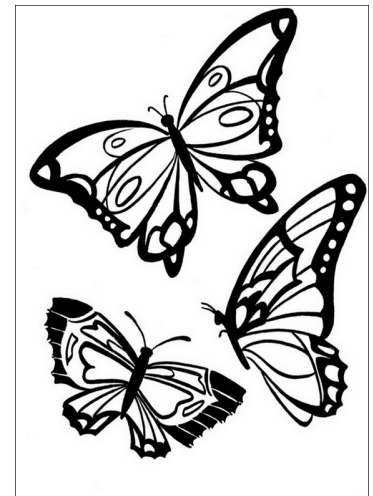
Coffee Servers

August 7: Glenyce & Marv Gulbranson; Ella & Burt VanOrt
August 14: Audrey Dean; Jody & Jerry Leason
August 21: Dee & Palmer Norling; Bev & Howard Jones
August 28: Jan & Pat Saulsbury; Lisa Thorson

Ushers

August Early: Elroy & Sharon Jones; Bob Sietsema

Late: 7th - Allan Hanson; Gaylord Lind; Mark Radabaugh;
 14th - Lyle & Melissa Mangen & family
 21st - Allan Hanson; Mark Radabaugh;
 28th - Lyle & Melissa Mangen & family



August Acolytes: Nic Barney; Devin Bundy

August Communion Servers: (to be decided at next session meeting)

Nursery Care: A quiet room is available in the Christian Education hallway.
 If you need assistance, please visit with one of the ushers.

Deacon's Report by Karen Bents

Two new books have been added to our library, funded by the Library Fund. They are *Women as Healers: Voices of Vibrancy* and *Grace Notes - Reflections on the Harp and Healing*. Both of these are by Tami Briggs, the wonderful harpist we were blessed to have with us on Saturday, June 18th, for a concert and on Sunday, June 19th, for special music during our services.

The Deacons have also purchased two CD's by Tami Briggs - *Calm as the Night - Music for Deep Relaxation and Sleep* and *My Peace I Give You- Hymns for Healing and Hope*. We will have them available for anyone who would like to borrow them. Just contact one of the Deacons and we will be glad to give them to you.

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests for those with Health Concerns, Grieving or Other Concerns will be included in the bulletin for one month. If you or your loved one continues to need prayer, please contact the church office to remain on the list.

New Prayer Requests: Mavis Orr

Health Concerns: Emma Bennett, Ginny Hanson, Bret Illies, Barb Morris, Alan & Julie Roemen, Donna Reu, Audrey Ihlant, Sharon Lake, Mahlon Caylor, Louise Miller, Andrea Goudie, John Wassenaar

Other Concerns:

For those affected by natural disasters:

For all those who struggle with addiction:

Grieving: The Family of Jarvis Gunter (Brother-in-law of Dick Lindahl)

Military Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan: Adam Peterson, Brandon Dean, Jeremy Gehrke

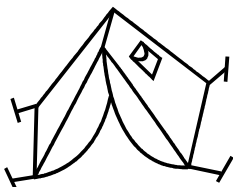
Shut-ins/Nursing Home Residents: Elsie Walquist, Dee Anderson, Val Johanson, Dorothy Jones

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp Work Weekend

The Fall Clearwater Forest Camp Work Weekend is fast approaching!

Mark your calendar for the following dates:
September 16, 17, 18

Questions: Call Harold Foreman at (320)796-2810



Thank You Notes & Announcements

We enjoyed immensely the 45th Wedding Anniversary Party our daughters planned to surprise us. Thanks to all of you who shared in the day with your presence, cards and gifts. Now we can relax because we know there won't be a big to-do for our 50th. ☺

Elroy & Sharon Jones

Thank you for prayers answered for our son, Mark. He's back at work and doing well. *Dale & Marlys Flickinger*

Thank You from the Session:

- to the volunteers who are painting the Christian Education rooms and
- to the volunteers and those who donated to Vacation Bible School

To Our Church Family,

Words could never express how much you've meant to us and Sharolyn those past months. The concern for her and now us has carried us through a difficult time. The day of planting and communion at our house was so special. She was so touched and grateful for that day. The flowers are blooming and bringing great comfort.

We thank you for the cards, food, phone calls and most of all the hugs. God's love is great and abounds at Hope Church.

In Christian Love, *Gaylord Lind*

Mark, Jolene, Samantha & Ben Barber

Doris & Mary Lou want to thank you for the meals that we received. We have good and caring people at our church. Thanks for all you have done for our family.

God Bless,

Doris & Mary Lou Swart

I want to thank Pastor Candace for visiting, prayer and caring. Also, for the meals the ladies did for me. They are delightful. Thank you for the prayers.

Donna Reu

Ice Cream Social & Supper

Hope Lutheran Church of Sunburg invites everybody to their Ice Cream Social & Supper on August 14th. Supper will be served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Supper will consist of bar-b-cues, beans, chips and a variety of homemade pies to choose from with ice cream. The Crow Creek Gospel Band will be entertaining in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity of West Central MN 3rd Annual Garage Sale

Friday, August 26 & Saturday, August 27

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

619 Benson Avenue SW, Willmar

Needed: Donations of High Quality items to sell at the sale.

(For a list of items, see the poster outside the offices in the fellowship hall.)

The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be in Kandiyohi at the Civic Center on Wednesday, August 24, from 12:00- 6:00 p.m. For an appointment, call Diann at 320-382-6490.

Habitat for Humanity/Give to Grow



Sandy Lee & Bev Barnes will be singing on Thursday, August 11th from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. at Jazz n' Java Coffee Shop Café located on business Hwy. #71 North, Willmar. Sandy & Bev are growing money for Give to Grow, a Hope Presbyterian Church mission project. They have chosen to support Habitat for Humanity. Please stop in for a bite to eat and listen to some beautiful gospel music. You may purchase, at your own cost, a meal off the menu. A sing-a-long will follow. Free will donations for Habitat for Humanity may be dropped in the hat.

Hope to see you there!



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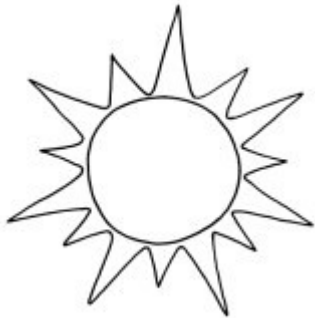
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Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship Outdoor Chapel

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

Fall Worship Schedule

Starts (after Labor Day) September 11th

9:15 a.m. Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

