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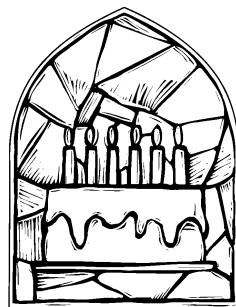
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Worship
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. winter months
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Memorial—Labor Day
Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Congratulations Class of 2011

Trevor Lilyquist
Caitlin Daudt
Sierra Likens
Sophia Gilsrud
Brittney Nornberg
Beth Digre



**Church
BIRTHDAY'S**

You Are Invited to the All Church Birthday Party

Sunday, June 26th after worship

Sit at the table
of the month you were born.

MESSAGE FROM REBECCA

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to serve and minister as your Ministry Associate! As many of you know, my father suffered a massive stroke on November 28th of last year and though much progress has been made, he still is in need of 24 hour nursing care. I am now called to, and indeed, consider it an honor, to help this man who has supported me in so many ways my entire life.

I informed many of our young people and/or their parents some time ago of the imminent release of my father, and that my life would most likely change. So it is no surprise for them that I am no longer able to carry out my duties as a staff member here.

I wish you all God's very best and of course, I wouldn't want to leave without giving one last challenge to theologians of all ages:

Go out and show the world who you are in Jesus!... What are you waiting for?

Enthusiastically, Rebecca <><

Pic says it all...

a happy family around the breakfast table- not in a nursing home and Dad finally gets to eat oatmeal.



Kudos to Andrea, Alyssa Semmler and Brittney Wolter who told the story of the little serving maid who made a difference (II Kings 5) to a very large group of children at First Lutheran Church in Pine River May 15th. I am deeply grateful to John and Robyn Semmler and Tim and Denise Wolter who wholeheartedly encouraged and supported this outreach ministry. -Rebecca



Dear Salem Lutheran Friends in Christ,
Thank you for coming and adding to the celebration of our Sunday School and Prayer Warrior year. Sharing your time and talents with us is a blessing we very much appreciate. Sincerely,
Your new friends from First Lutheran
(enclosed a \$50 check for Salem Lutheran Church Youth)

Office Notes



Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. Please contact the church office for more information. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our "friends" list and to receive our monthly newsletter online or by email.

TO MY SALEM FAMILY

I can't begin to thank you enough for the support, love and concern for me and my family when we lost Ralph so suddenly. To Pastor John for the great tribute to Ralph both at church and at Camp Ripley State Veterans Cemetery. For the cards, memorials, flowers, visits to our house, phone calls, for the funeral lunch committee and all their helpers or whatever your part was. Blessing to you all.

And from our "Bonus Dad", Arnie, he would like to thank you also. Your concern and support for him was awesome and he really appreciates that.

Thanks to each of you for being a part of Ralph's life.
His memory will live on.

Doris Schmidt and family
Arnie Ohnstad

CAITY DAUDT

is the Valedictorian for Pine River-Backus and will be giving a commencement address at graduation.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your April, May, June 2011 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. We also have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

TO MY DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

Thanks to all of you who sent cards, called, visited, helped in many ways during Dick's battle with cancer which he lost on April 26, 2011. Your love, kindness and concern have been a huge help during this difficult time which will continue in my heart forever.
Karen Lehmann

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy on the death of my dad, Carl Vierkant. It is very much appreciated.
Love, Mike & Judy Czeck

TRANSFER OUT

John & Mary Underwood
Farmington Lutheran
Farmington, MN

Garold & Joyce Digre
St. Edward's Catholic Church
Longville, MN

Acolyte Schedule



"We light these candles to remind us that in worship Jesus is present with His light and life."

Sunday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship
Amanda and Trent Mix

Sunday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Worship
Hayley Hol and Shawnee Johnson

Sunday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship
Jack and Connor Daudt

Sunday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Worship
Logan Gross and Shawnee Johnson

(At "Praise Connection Services" acolytes will NOT be wearing albs. On communion Sundays acolytes have the added duty of assisting the servers at each table with the pottery grape juice chalice. If you have any conflicts with any of these assignments, please substitute with someone else, and notify the church office.)

Auction Items

If you have items that you want to give to the church for the annual auction you may come to the office for the key to the storage building. If you need help getting your items to the church please call the church office and someone will come out to pick-up your donation. Thank you!
Property Management

Council Minit-Highlights

May 11, 2011

“Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”
A Shared Vision for the Future to Which God Is Calling Us

Cemetery Committee update - Cemetery Sextons Harold Burley and Ron Wiehle attended the meeting to give their annual report to the council. Resale of plots - Upon a death of a cemetery plot owner the cemetery plots in that person's name become part of the estate. There are state statutes regarding how the plots are to be handled in this situation. It has come to the attention of the cemetery committee that the estate of a plot holder is trying to sell a plot. The cemetery committee and council are working on this problem. The committee discussed the new policy for the cemetery. After some discussion a motion was passed stating that plot owners prior to the new policy will be grandfathered in under the policy that was in place when they purchased their plots. Repairs - the committee was authorized to purchase the necessary black dirt to maintain the cemetery. The sign also needs repairs and the committee will get a price for the repairs necessary and come back to the council for approval.

Synod Assembly Reports - Pastor Monson, Sandre Strausser and Dennis Johnson gave reports on the Synod Assembly. They all thought it was a wonderful experience.

Treasurer's Report - Ardis stated that the month of April ended financially better than expected. The council discussed the guidelines for paying a supply pastor. A motion was passed stating that Salem will follow the Synod guidelines for paying a supply pastor and mileage. There was some discussion about the pastor's expense - is this part of his salary or not? A committee of Ardis Aagard, Mark Houghton, Ilene Moore, and Jim Ballenthin will look into this question and will review all the monthly expense reports.

Pastor's written report - is attached.

Rebecca's written report - see insert.

Fellowship Ministry Team - The all church birthday party will be held the last Sunday in June.

Property Maintenance - written report page 6

Worship and Membership Ministry Team reports are attached.

Resignations - The council accepted the resignations of Rebecca Waterhouse and Louise Daudt, with regrets. The council thanked Rebecca for all the work she has done at Salem. The council thanked Louise for her dedication to Salem and to the council.

Pastor’s Report (excerpts, full report available from the church office)

MEMBERSHIP 1. New Members. The date for new member orientation has been set for May 14 with recognition on June 5.... **2. Membership Audits.** Annual membership audits have been completed. Follow-up contacts are in progress.... **3. Partnership Covenant.** ...attached existing council policy regarding membership expectations.... **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** Upon completion of the final requirements of Salem’s three-year confirmation program, the following young people will be presented for confirmation on Sunday, May 22nd: Evan Daudt, Tyler Daudt, Tia Lilyquist, Felicia Murtley, and Justin Wicks. Themes for the three-year program have been “The Small Catechism,” “Discipleship 101,” and “The Book of Faith.”.... **SYNOD ASSEMBLY** There were many highlights at this year’s Synod Assembly held at Cragun’s Conference Center. The theme from Isaiah 55:10-11 (with its reference to rain and snow/both were sent to us during the weekend as a fitting object lesson), provided the touchstone for the events of this year’s Assembly....inspiring leadership from our Synod Bishop, Tom Aitken; positive news about the financial stability of our Synod and the ELCA; moving stories shared by guests from the Lutheran Churches of Honduras and Russia....vibrant music and worship....\$28,223.50 raised for hunger relief from quilts, quarters, marketplace, and “buy it now,” including donations from members of Salem....Salem was honored again for its generous giving to world hunger relief.... Rev. John Nunes, President of Lutheran World Relief, both entertained and inspired delegates with his passionate, energetic and relational persona....Catherine Anderson gave a high energy overview of youth ministry in our Synod with the goal “to make good on the promises we made to our young people in baptism.”....The location of next year’s Assembly is the Civic Center in Grand Rapids.... **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND** Among the events planned for Memorial Day Weekend is a viewing following the worship service of the DVD produced during the recent honor flight journey to Washington D.C. taken by Herman Hohlen and Norb Morris.... **YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY**....With respect to forming a Youth & Family ministry team, months ago I offered two points to ponder: 1) That Rebecca be consulted to determine what would be most helpful to her in her role as MAYF....2) That Youth & Family Ministry not become a “silo” ministry of the church, divorced from its central role in the DNA of the congregation...As a congregationally-owned ministry, the goal is that Youth & Family Ministry not be compartmentalized but “fully integrated into the life of the congregation” (*MAYF Position Description*, page 2). I have experienced among our team members lots of positive

Council Highlights Cont.

energy and enthusiasm for their work in supporting our staff and integrating Youth & Family Ministry into our congregation. I trust them to do good work on behalf of our congregation.... **PASTORAL STAFF POSITION DESCRIPTIONS** These documents presented to Council on March 9th are intended to be viewed primarily as mission documents, rather than performance documents. They tell the story of who we are in ministry together, using scripture, letter of call, constitutional references, congregational vision outcomes, teaching illustrations, etc. Recurring goals come from the Letter of Call and Church Constitution as well as reflecting the most recent congregational visioning. Salem meets the criteria for and is published on the ELCA Website under the category of "Program" size congregations by the department for ELCA Research and Evaluation. Whatever label is used to define congregational church size, however, is largely irrelevant. What is important is how the congregation functions..... **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LEAVE WEEKEND REPORT** During my recent time away, cut short by a death in the congregation, in addition to enjoying time with family, I was heavily and happily immersed in educational and inspirational reading....On my leave weekend I made a site visit to an ELCA congregation in Inver Grove Heights. Words cannot describe what a gift it is to a pastor to be able to participate as a worshiper instead of as the worship leader....I am grateful for the willingness of those who so capably filled in for me while I was gone: the four supply pastors; the three on-call pastors; Craig & Barb Anderson for their pastoral care visits; Lenten leaders, Jim Ballenthin and Andrea Semmler; and Rebecca, a marvelous colleague, gifted communicator, and grace-filled servant of Christ. **SUPPLY PASTORS**....I urge....prompt payment of this [mileage reimbursement] obligation, using the funds designated. Although previous councils have asked me to be responsible for recruiting supply pastors during my absences, I think it best for now to return this constitutional responsibility back to Salem's Council....The Synod provides a list of supply pastors updated annually. Current Synod Guidelines state: "Weekend Supply-Sunday Worship, Single Service \$100. Mileage should be paid at the IRS approved rate for the year in which the car is being driven." (*currently \$.51/mile*). A full description of the guidelines is available online at www.nemnsynod.org. **PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES**....I have....provided [Aagard] a document from Salem's Financial Committee describing how the professional expense category has had its genesis as a spin-off of base salary dating at least to 1993....This long-term practice represents a voluntary reduction of salary as agreed by Pastor and Congregation for Pastor, at his discretion, to purchase tax deductible items (up to \$3,800 annually) used in the performance of his ministry. **PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS IN SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (2005)** This was a "proactive"....policy drafted many months after Salem experienced significant levels of conflict in our congregation....The principles put forth in this brief flyer focusing on prevention have served our congregation well....Dennis Johnson's "Civility and Personal Behavioral Concerns" policy....references a number of common sense concepts influencing good behavior....since Johnson's document has a significantly different focus from the "Policy for Addressing Questions and Concerns" as well as the "Ten Rules for Respect"....I see no reason....why we cannot utilize all three of these different, but related, documents to serve as *guiding documents* in our pursuit of achieving civil, orderly, respectful behavior at Salem. In my reading of them, none of them conflicts with each other and, at least the two previously released writings, have had recognized value for Salem. All of them have scriptural grounding.... **CONSECRATION SUNDAY** It is my understanding that Sandy S. and our Council are making progress in organizing a leadership team and recruiting an outside leader for this year's campaign with dates yet to be determined.... **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** The 40-voice choir from Brainerd Teen Challenge is scheduled to share with us again at worship on July 31st. Amy & Adams will be our guests on August 7th. Other special guest musicians are also being invited to share their musical gifts with us this summer. At our May 4th meeting, interest was expressed by our Worship Team for offering a "contemplative" worship service on Saturday evening in the summer. Also, a Wednesday service involving youth and others during the winter months is being explored. Team members are seeking input from our members and guests regarding alternative worship. Pastor John Monson, May 11, 2011

Worship Ministry Team report (excerpts, full report available from the church office)

Pastor Monson announced that the musical leaders at the Praise Connection service are stepping down. The last service will be the third Sunday in May. The committee thanked the group for their leadership over the years. Plans are being made to bring in special music throughout the summer. Team Challenge will be here on July 31 and Amy & Adams will be here August 7th. Worship services on Wednesday in the winter and Saturday in the summer were discussed. The organists requested a dolly for the keyboard in the Martin Luther Room and a new cover for the grand piano. Anderson will bring these items to the council

Evangelism/Membership Ministry Team report (excerpts, full report available from the church office)

Church Photo Directory Update. Liz & Dennis Pinz will be helping on the May 31st thru June 4th photo sessions. Jean Westermann will be doing the Directory layout. Everyone is being asked to fill out a "Time & Talent" sheet while they are waiting for their photos to be taken. **Church Membership Audit** - Audit conducted to determine the status of numerous families/individuals that have not contributed or communed or participated in one year. We have sent out 92 letters asking the member status of the family. **New Member Orientation** - We have 12 individuals wishing to join Salem. Orientation will be May 14th from 10 to 12 on Saturday fishing opener. Dick Loeffler will fill in for Clarence. Recognition Sunday will be **June 5th, 2011** with cake and coffee being served. Note: Need to make sure communion cards with pencils are in place for all Sunday's.

Treasurer's Report 4-1-11 to 4-30-11

General Fund

Amount Pledged Y-T-D 2011 \$ 55,951.
 Amount Pledges Received to 4-30 39,193.
Difference-arrears \$(16,758).

Beginning Balance 4-1-11 \$ (4,900).
 Contributions 4-30 \$ 20,614.
 Expenses 4-30 \$(18,934).
Gen Fund Bal. 4-30 \$ (3,220).

General Fund

Total 2011 Pledges \$167,854.
February Pledges Received \$ 8,302.

Debt Retirement

Beginning Balance 4-1-11 \$ 4,842.
 Contributions Received 4-30 \$ 2,524.
 Expenses 4-30 \$(1660).
Debt Ret. Bal 4-30 \$ 5,706.

| GENERAL FUND | EXPENSES | | 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| | APRIL | YTD | APPROVED | REMAINING |
| Staff Expense | \$11,462 | \$ 45,970 | \$154,924 | \$108,954 |
| Church Bldg Expense | 2,460 | 10,702 | 30,950 | 20,248 |
| Worship Expense | 1,292 | 4,714 | 15,850 | 11,136 |
| Growth in Faith Expense | 220 | 1,754 | 12,715 | 10,961 |
| Fellowship Expense | 160 | 550 | 2,200 | 1,650 |
| Administration Expense | 868 | 3,705 | 14,000 | 10,295 |
| Total Regular Expenses | \$16,462 | \$67,395 | \$230,639 | \$163,244 |
| Local Ben & World Hunger Exp | 2,472 | 2,472 | 8,519 | 6,047 |
| Benevolence Expense | 0 | 0 | 17,038 | 17,038 |
| Total all General Fund Exp | \$18,934 | \$69,867 | \$256,196 | \$186,329 |

| DEBT RETIREMENT FUND | PAYMENTS | | LOAN BAL 4/30/11 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| | APRIL | YTD | |
| | \$1660. | \$6,640. | \$10,080.95 |

In God's name,
 Ardis Aagard, Treasurer

| Mortgage Update | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Beg. Mortgage Balance | \$ 11,684.96 |
| April payments: | |
| Principal | \$ 1,604.01 |
| Interest | 55.99 |
| Mortgage Balance 4-30-11 | \$ 10,080.95 |

Property Management- Trampe compared the average electrical usages for the first quarter 2007 through 2010 to the first quarter of 2011.

| 2007 - 2010 | Kilowatts used | Cost | 2011 | Kilowatts used | cost |
|-------------|----------------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|
| January | 31,680 | \$1,457 | January | 25,880 | \$1,255 |
| February | 25,198 | \$1,250 | February | 21,280 | \$1,034 |
| March | 20,090 | \$ 931 | March | 15,200 | \$878* |
| Total | 76,968 | \$3,638 | | 62,360 | \$3,167 |

* Note kilowatts were down 4,890, but costs were up \$119. We saved \$531.42 this year.

4th quarter savings were \$612.73 + \$531.42 brings the savings total to \$1,144.15! We had a much colder March this year compared to the 4 year average, as you know, and the months bill was well above the 4 year average.

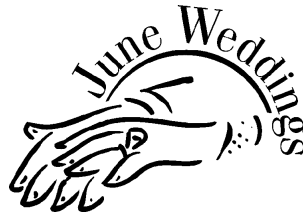
The Minnesota Department of Health tested our water. Our water is fine. There are two possible roof leaks. The parking lot needs resealing. The committee is looking into both of these.

Dave Trampe, Property Management

June's Special People



| | |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Geraldine White |
| 1 | Nathan Moe |
| 1 | Alexander Moe |
| 2 | Kathy Dollins |
| 4 | John Roscoe |
| 4 | Matthew Daudt |
| 4 | Debra Halver |
| 4 | Julie Monroy |
| 5 | Drew Wilberg |
| 5 | Leona Overby |
| 5 | James Joiner |
| 6 | Gerald Ramsay |
| 7 | Casey LaVallee |
| 11 | Mina Mouw |
| 11 | Roger Googins |
| 12 | Beverly Felton |
| 12 | Mike Czeck |
| 13 | Bob Savre |
| 14 | Hayley Hol |
| 15 | Sandy Roscoe |
| 15 | Steve Seifert |
| 15 | Amber Nornberg |
| 16 | Norma Andreassen-Neumann |
| 16 | Devin Wheeler |
| 17 | Ed Parkhurst |
| 18 | Leslie Letson (Ploetz) |
| 19 | Scott LaVallee |
| 20 | Robyn Semmler |
| 21 | Connor Galvin |
| 21 | Brad Schwartz |
| 22 | Brittany Cole (Lewis) |
| 22 | Ruth Lerom |
| 23 | Robert Powell |
| 23 | Bob Madsen |
| 24 | Eileen Higgins |
| 24 | Sue Hol |
| 24 | Denny Ploeger |
| 25 | Robert Berg |
| 26 | John Holmer |
| 26 | Norma Jansen |
| 27 | Paula Carpenter |
| 27 | Harold Burley |
| 28 | Judith Olson |
| 29 | Leeann Herheim |
| 29 | Clyde Nordstrom |
| 29 | Beverly Bixby |
| 30 | Frank Stephenson |



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|----|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Terry and Lori Daudt |
| 5 | Allan and Evelyn Pflugshaupt |
| 6 | Jerry and Ruth Lerom |
| 6 | Lorin and Carol Neuenfeldt |
| 7 | Steve and Cindy Moe |
| 7 | Don & Idelle Eide |
| 10 | Del and Ginger Minske |
| 10 | Kenn and Ellie Wheeler |
| 10 | George and Dianne Black |
| 11 | Andy and Trista Becker |
| 12 | Kenneth and Cindi Becker |
| 13 | Bill and Jan Elliott |
| 13 | Clyde and Becky Nordstrom |
| 13 | Boe and Joan Antonson |
| 14 | Dennis and Linda Ford |
| 14 | Sean and Shelby Lewis |
| 15 | Scott and Carol Raines |
| 16 | Clinton and Marilyn Lilyquist |
| 16 | Lenny and Phyllis Brooks |
| 17 | Herb and Pat Krause |
| 17 | John and Robyn Semmler |
| 17 | Karlo and Betty Schultz |
| 20 | Terry and Jean Nagorski |
| 22 | David and Debra Halver |
| 22 | Bob and Sharon Smitten |
| 24 | Matt and Katie Daudt |
| 26 | Mark and Carole Houghton |
| 29 | Gene and Marlene Olson |
| 29 | Tom and Toni Mix |
| 30 | Troy and Nancy Loren |



Altar Guild

Shari Pretzer, Co-Chair
Ruth Lerom, Co-Chair
Kathy Joiner, Judith Olson,
Ginny Muller, Avis Savre,
Carol Zahn and
Karen Osmundson

Ushers

Barb McCuskey (363-3385)

**Salem Lutheran
Church Cookbooks**
are still on sale in the office
for \$10.00

They make great
gifts!



RAM

This old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the "herd," as well as a sacrifice for people's sins. Jesus' sacrificial death was foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac's place, just as he provided Jesus, God's only Son, to take our place on the cross.

Attention CANCER SURVIVORS

June 17th is Relay for Life in Pine River. This is in your Honor and we hope YOU will come.

For more info, call Evelyn Burley at 682-3052.

Everyone is invited.

The Burley Bunch

Martha Circle

Wednesday, June 7th

Meet at Salem at 7:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m. Hostess: Ilean Moore

Ruth Circle

Thursday, June 9th

1:00 p.m. at Salem

Hostess: Evelyn Burley

MS 150 June 11-12

I will again be riding in the MS 150 June 11-12. This is a bike ride to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis. We pray that researchers will soon find a cure. We keep riding until a cure is found. If you choose to support me in this, checks can be made out to: The National MS Society. This year I need to have a minimum of \$300. turned in prior to the ride. Therefore it is helpful to receive donations early so I can mail them in a couple weeks before the ride. Pray for a safe ride. Thank you for your support.

Larry Nelson

2426 N Long Lake Dr. NW

Backus, MN 56435

Phone: 682-2285



2011 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Justin Wicks, Tia Lilyquist, Tyler Daudt, Felicia Murtley and Evan Daudt

Synod Assembly Delegate Report, Dennis J. Johnson

As you have no doubt read from Pastor's report this year's Synod Assembly held at Cragun's, near Brainerd, MN was a wonderful experience. It was my pleasure to represent Salem in fellowship with members within our Synod family. I not only wanted to hear and experience the many wonderful missions and ministries ongoing within the ELCA, I also wanted to see the leadership and organizational efforts that has maintained our unity these past few years. The respectful environment present was clearly attributable to the leadership of Thomas Aitken, Bishop, NE MN Synod who is a loving, charismatic and inspirational leader who articulates messages of collaborative and interactive involvement in ministry. At Friday's opening session, he emphasized our need for personal reflections to practice the six marks of Discipleship; 1-Daily Prayer, 2-Weekly worship, 3- Daily Bible reading, 4- Relationship (s) within the congregation, 5-Ministry in and outside the congregational walls, 6-Tithing. For individual NE MN Synod congregations, he emphasized; 1-form genuine relationships, 2-in your diversity I have learned that people who thought differently than I do actually have made me think and grow, it is God's gift that each of us are different, 3-that our congregations would seek out committed lay-leaders, 4-congregations would do long-term visioning and not be afraid of change, 5-that we take real notice of young people of all ages and 6-this church has never been monolithic, but always changing, and that is a good thing! For active involvement in the "world," he suggests; 1-that the brick and mortar would become less and less important, Mission and Ministry to the whole world should be the norm of our congregations, 2-ministry to the outcast, poor and marginalized (Matthew 25) should be seriously engaged, 3-congregations would take stock of their "mission field" near and far and 4-that each congregation re-visit it's long term mission/ministry goals every-year. A complete summary of Bishop Aitken's 2011 Vision Synod Assembly Outline is available at the Church Office.

I highly support and endorse following our Bishop's 2011 Vision Synod Assembly Outline.

A GODLY FATHER

God had something special in mind when He made the first father. He assigned him a specific role in life. All of a father's activities are measured against that standard.

A little boy needs a father. He needs someone to teach him how to be a man, to take him by the hand and lead him through the maze of life, to teach him to be strong, gentle, loving, and to be a defender of the right.

A little girl needs a father, too. She needs a father to protect her, to counsel her on life's problems, to teach her how to be a woman.

The home needs a father to serve as provider, protector, spiritual leader, and a counselor. While the world seldom hears what a father says to his children, the effects of his counsel will be felt by the next generation, and the next, and the next.

The Bible has these words of instruction for fathers: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

THE POWER OF PENTECOST

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

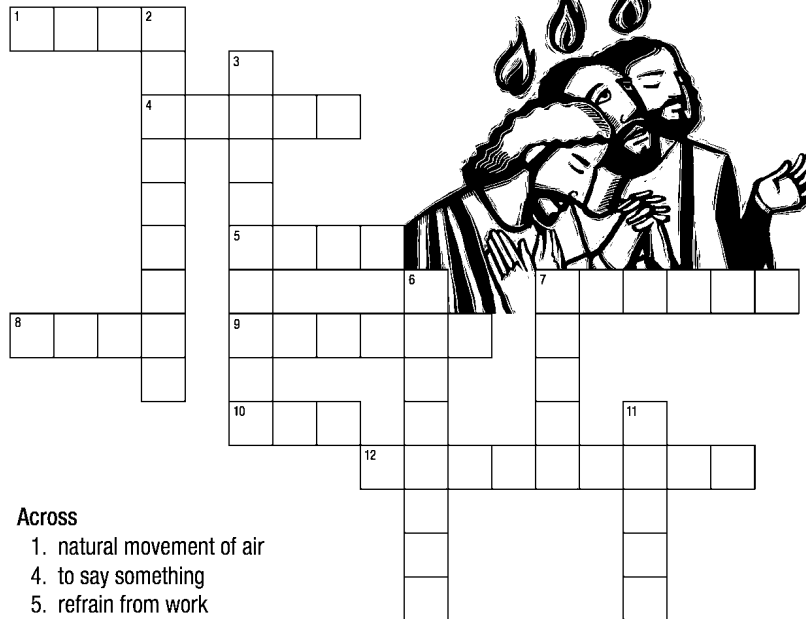
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

THE VIEW

“Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows.
 Standing without, you see no glory, nor can imagine any.
 But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.”

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

8:00 a.m.
Men's Renewal
9:30 a.m.
Martha Circle
6:30 p.m. Choir

2



3

9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building

4

5 *New Member Recognition*
9:00 a.m. Communion Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

6
9:00 a.m.
Music
Planning
1:00 p.m.
Busy Needles

7
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building
10:00 a.m. Long
Lake Property
Owners Assoc.
Meeting
4:00 p.m. PMLT
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Longville Comm.
Choir Rehearsal

8
8:00 a.m.
Men's Renewal
6:30 p.m. Choir
7:30 p.m. Council

9
9:00 a.m.
Chaplain's
Meeting
1:00 p.m.
Ruth Circle

10
8:45 am-3:00pm
Child/Teen
Checkup
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building

11

12
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship



13
1:00 p.m.
Busy Needles

14 9:00 a.m.
Bone Building
6:00 p.m.
Membership Team
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Longville Comm.
Choir Rehearsal



15
8:00 a.m.
Men's Renewal
5:00 p.m.
Smorgasbord

16
9:00 a.m.
Caring
Community

17
9:00 am-1:00 pm
Longville Clinic
Health Fair
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building

18
Andy
Smitten and
Roxanne
Johnson
Wedding

19
9:00 a.m. Communion Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship



20
1:00 p.m.
Busy Needles

21
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Longville Comm.
Choir Rehearsal

22
8:00 a.m.
Men's Renewal
6:30 p.m. Choir

23

24
9:00 a.m.
Bone Building

25
Allison
Lohnes and
Kyle Martin
Wedding
9 am-4 pm
Turtle Town
Art Fair

26
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. All-Church Birthday
Party

27
1:00 p.m.
Busy Needles

28
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)
Bone Building
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Longville Comm.
Choir Rehearsal

29
8:00 a.m.
Men's Renewal
6:30 p.m. Choir

30



Smorgasbord

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