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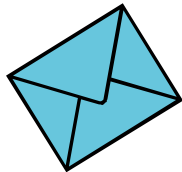
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JULY & AUGUST 2011

In the Mail

Dear friends at SHELCH

I've settled in Medora for the summer- this is a different summer as the town has been flooded from the Little Missouri River- I'm lucky that my lodging is on the second floor of one of the stores in downtown Medora so I've not been displaced as has many of the other employees who were housed in trailers at the company campground. Not too many tourists as some of the roads leading into town have been closed due to the flood water. The sale of my condo in Granby closed May 26th and I put an offer on a condo in South Fargo on Sunday, May 22nd that was accepted. I will close on that condo on July 5th- My plans are to spend my days off here in Medora getting settled in Fargo. Come and see me - I expect I'll be lonesome for awhile but even if I'm not lonesome all are welcome. I should be settled in Fargo sometime after Sept. 20th



Carlyn Stevens

School Supplies Collection

The stickies are in the narthex for backpacks and school supplies for area children in need. The goal is to distribute 25 filled backpacks. The due date is Sunday, August 14th. Social Responsibility will then distribute the items before the kids start school. Thank you for your generosity!!



We Need Your Help

To make this mission trip a meaningful time in the life of our students we hand our %Care Card Packages+ to our missionaries on Wednesday evening during our devotional time. These %Care Card Packages+ are filled with notes of encouragements and special treats by the members of our congregation. You will see these %Care Card



Packages+ on the narthex windows in the next few weeks. Please feel free to fill them up. Also, if you would like to help our vans with gas cards that we may be able to use during our trip please do not be afraid to hand them to Paul or Marji LaFreniere, Lori O'Neil, or Scott Chambers. One last way you might be willing to help is with donation Visa, Master Card, or American Express gifts cards that we may be able to use to purchase food for a local food bank in Ohio that Group Workcamps will donate to. These gift cards you can give to our adult leaders.



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WHAT'S NEW?

My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This month I want to share a few notes about some new things happening in worship this summer.

First of all, a note about our lessons for the Sundays after Pentecost ó starting on June 26th, we will be using an alternate lectionary (the lectionary is the list of lessons from the Bible assigned for each Sunday of the year). During most of the Sundays after Pentecost (late June until mid October) we will be using what are known as the õsemi-continuous readingsö from the Old Testament.

As the Sundays progress, each week our first lesson will carry us through the highlights of the books of Genesis and Exodus. We will have a chance to hear and reflect upon portions of scripture that don't normally appear show up on Sunday mornings.

I am especially looking forward to this because many of these are lessons I've never preached on. Having a chance to examine these lessons and preach on them will be a refreshing opportunity for meí and hopefully for you.

Another change I'm excited about came out of our Prayer Team Ministry. We were going over the Prayer List before we began our prayers and one of the group asked, õDo we have a -Prayers Answeredö section?ö The answer up until the question was asked was, õno.ö But not any longer.

Starting in a week or two, we will add a õPrayers Answeredö section to our Prayer Concerns page. I invite you to please tell us when someone or something you have requested prayer for has been answered.

And don't be shy about this. Answered prayers can be anything from the most joyous healing of a disease to the granting of a peaceful death after a struggling illness. However your prayer is answered, sharing God's faithful response with those who have been praying is a way of encouraging faith and the practice of prayer.

The third thing I'd like to share with you is about our õeternal candle.ö The other day someone

was asking me about it. It's the candle that hangs over the pulpit in the sanctuary. They were wondering about its significance, and after my explanation, they suggested that I share my answer with youí so here it is.

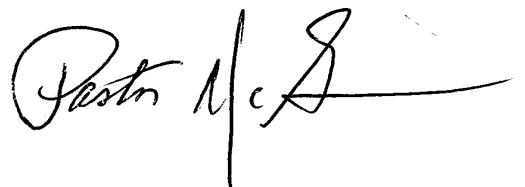
The practice of always keeping a candle lit in the sanctuary began many years ago in churches that kept a õreserved sacrament.ö The reserved sacrament was the consecrated bread that remained after the celebration of the Mass. The consecrated bread was stored in a tabernacle (usually a small decorated metal box on a rear or side altar). A candle would be lighted and kept near the tabernacle as a sign that the Body of Christ was present in the church. If the tabernacle was empty, the candle would not be lit.

This practiced eventually spilled over into some of the churches that don't reserve the sacrament, or that don't use a tabernacle. In those churches, like our own, the eternally-lighted candle is used as a reminder that the Lord is always present in his house. That is the function the eternal candle in our sanctuary serves.

Finally, one last worship note as a reminder: please remember to share your favorite hymns with us. Each week there will be a form in the bulletin for you to tell us your favorite hymn and why it's important to you. Fill out as many as you'd like and drop them in the offering plate or in the basket in the narthex. We are looking forward to singing your favorites and learning about the ways those songs touch your heart and lift your faith.

Well, that's all the worship news for now. I look forward to experiencing and sharing all this with you in person as we give glory to God together on the beautiful days of summer.

With Christ's love for you,





Happy Birthday to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Jordan Valentino	07/03
Marji Lafreniere	07/04
Carlyn Stevens	07/07
Kristen Endorf	07/08
Regina Hausmann	07/12
Richard Ferrari	07/16
Casey Gajewski	07/18
Jennifer Waddington	07/21
Cheryl King	07/29
Alexa Moon	08/04
Kyle Chambers	08/08
Loren Boudreau	08/09
Steve Stickel	08/09
Jessie Huffman	08/10
Reed Zacharias	08/15
Laurie Granstrand	08/17
Lindsey Boudreau	08/18
Robert McGurn	08/19
Daniel Clark	08/19
Jack Gajewski	08/22
Nicole Havighorst	08/22
Susan Garrett	08/25
Dan Cunningham	08/28
Marge Vanderbilt	08/28
Leslie Schneid	08/29
Louise Hoar	08/30
Ethan Shepherd	08/30
Eleanor Bennettson	08/31
Mark Tschiegg	08/31
Shari Rourke	08/31



Happy Anniversary to:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Peter & Sally Crowe	07/02
Craig & Kathy Waddington	07/07
Fred & Beverly Christensen	07/12
Roy & Pat Johnson	07/15
Gregory & Lori O'Neil	07/16
Robert & Cheryl King	07/17
Scott & Sharon Shepherd	07/19
Alan & Karen Koproske	07/28
Richard & Linda Ferrari	08/07
Randy & Lucy Bremer	08/09
Ed & Carolyn Calhoun	08/10
Fred & Patti Lorenzen	08/16
Joseph & Dorothy Puglise	08/17
Jim & Nancy Clark	08/20
Greg & Karen Levan	08/20
Randy Moon & Susan Garrett	08/21
Mike & Beth Trinks	08/31



Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin deadline each week is Wednesday at noon. Announcements may be dropped off at Claudia Steele's desk or emailed to office@shelc.org.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the May issue is August 21st. Articles may be dropped off at Claudia Steele's desk or emailed to office@shelc.org.

Food Bag Sunday

Social Responsibility continues our Food Bag Sundays, the first Sunday of the month (July 3rd and August 1st). Please consider donating Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Rice, or Hygiene Items. Just bringing in 1 or 2 items a week would be a great help, too. Food items are always needed. Items can be left in the narthex under the choir stairs. Thank you for your generosity.



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

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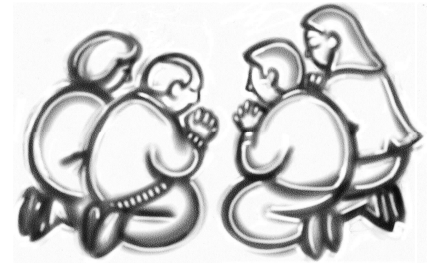
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PRAYER CONCERNS

LET US PRAY...

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

<u>Pray for:</u>	<u>Reason:</u>
Barbara Holtkamp	Severe shoulder pain
Paul Huffman	Cancer of the Bile Ducts
EmmaLee Smith	Impaired vision from a concussion
Marilyn Havighorst	Polymyosistis
Jinny Hooper	Broken leg
Elise Hausman	Recovery from surgery



FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS (CURRENT CONCERNS):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Requester</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nicole Steele Granstrand	Steele	Daughter-in-law	Surgery July 14th
Lola Dossey (2 ½ yr.)	Calhoun	Friend's great granddaughter	On Heart Transplant list
Sharee Culin	K. Gajewski	Friend	Melanoma
Kyla Pkorney	C. Gajewski	Friend	Cancer
Laurie Baier	Baier	Daughter	Pending knee surgery & chronic Lyme disease
Richard Miller	Bremer's daughter's father-in-law		Pancreatitis & complications
Rick Blackburn	Calhoun	Son of a Friend	Prostate cancer
Emily Johnson	G. Crowe	Classmate	Cancer
Dorothy Clinton	J. Gajewski	Sister	Surgery
Heidi Geithner	K. Gajewski	Step sister	Breast Cancer
Bette Ramino	K. Gajewski	Aunt	Pancreatic cancer
Libby	Garrett colleague's 11-yr old granddaughter		Brain cancer
Jenna Czarnota	Garrett	Niece	Health concerns
Julane Anderson	Granstrand	Friend	Liver problems
Debra Schmidt	Gruell	Sister	Health Issues
Greg Cuerko	Gruell	Brother-in-law	Health issues
Bob Roderick	M. Lenentine	Friend	Cancer & diabetes
Deb Chase	L. McGurn	Colleague	Breast cancer metastasized

FOR THOSE THAT ARE ON OUR SHUT-IN LIST. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO SEND A CARD OR GIVE THE GIFT OF A VISIT.

Shirley Buckley	Governor's House	36 Firetown Road	Simsbury CT 06070
Rita & Bill Dailey		23 West Point Terrace	Tariffville CT 06081
Joan Dubinski	St. Mary's Home	2021 Albany Ave	West Hartford CT 6117
Mavis Lenentine		24 Sarah Lane	Simsbury CT 06070
Edna McCarthy	Meadowbrook of Granby	350 Salmon Brook St	Granby CT 06035
Dorothy & Joseph Puglise		47 North Main Street A1	East Granby CT 06026

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT ARE LISTED IN OUR BULLETIN EACH WEEK.

FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE THAT ARE LISTED IN OUR BULLETIN EACH WEEK.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE OFFICE. WE WILL FORWARD THEM TO THE PRAYER CHAIN.

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OFFICE HOURS (unless otherwise noted below) Mon. & Tues.: Noon – 4:00 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.					1	2
3 9:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Happy 4th!	5 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	6 10:00am AA 7:00pm Lifeway Family Worship Center	7	8 5:00pm Ballroom Dancing	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Senior High Mission Trip</div>
10 9:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center	11 7:00pm Council	12 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	13 10:00am AA 7:00pm Lifeway Family Worship Center	14 Granby Food Co-Op	15 5:00pm Ballroom Dancing	16
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Pastor on Senior High Mission Trip						
17 9:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">Mission Trippers Return</div>	18	19 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	20 10:00am AA 7:00pm Lifeway Family Worship Center	21	22 5:00pm Ballroom Dancing	23
				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pastor on Vacation</div>		
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31 9:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4 Pastor returns to the office		
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August 2011

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14 9:00am Holy Communion w/ Godspeed & Farewell to Graduates 10:00am Coffee Hour 11:30am Lifeway Family Worship Center	15	16 5:30pm Tails-U-Win	17 10:00am AA 7:00pm Lifeway Family Worship Center	18 7:00pm Prayer Team	19 5:00pm Ballroom Dancing	20
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The Stranger in the House

Years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.

As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mum taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies.

If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never stopped talking, but Dad didn't seem to mind.

Sometimes, Mum would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go to the kitchen for peace and quiet.

(I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)



Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated

to honor them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home - not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our long time visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and my mother blush. My Dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol but the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly, and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing..

I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked... and NEVER asked to leave.

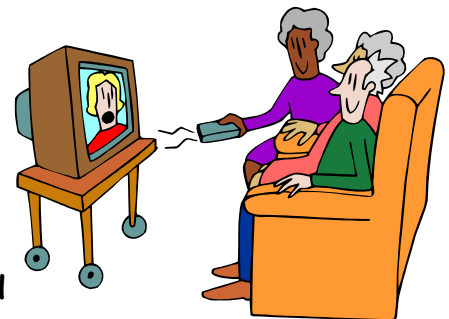
More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures.

His name???

We just call him "TV."

I hear he has a wife and kids now.

Her name is "Computer."



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY

July 3	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 ; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a ; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 10	Genesis 25:19-34 ; Psalm 119:105-112 ; Romans 7:15-25a ; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 17	Genesis 28:10-19a ; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 ; Romans 8:12-25 ; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 24	Genesis 29:15-28 ; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b ; Romans 8:26-39 ; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
July 31	Genesis 32:22-31 ; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 ; Romans 9:1-5 ; Matthew 14:13-21

BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

Aug 7	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 ; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b ; Romans 10:5-15 ; Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 14	Genesis 45:1-15 ; Psalm 133 ; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 ; Matthew 15:10-28
Aug. 21	Exodus 1:8-2:10 ; Psalm 124 ; Romans 12:1-8 ; Matthew 16:13-20
Aug. 28	Exodus 3:1-15 ; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b ; Romans 12:9-21 ; Matthew 16:21-28

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church Worship Servers Schedule

	07/03/2011	07/10/2011	07/17/2011	07/24/2011	07/31/2011
	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00
Acolyte	<i>(needed)</i>	H. Crowe	E. Lorenzen	B. Proto	<i>(needed)</i>
Worship Assistant					
Communion Assistant	B. Forler B. Christensen	S. Crosset S. Garrett	B. Gruell L. McGurn	L. Hoar R. Johnson	D. Endorf C. Calhoun
Ushers	Rourke	Weill/Stomski	Crosset	Smith/Burdick	O'Neil
Lector	D. Hausmann	D. Granstrand	B. King	K. Waddington	D. Endorf
Nursery	V. LaFreniere	S. Crowe	K. Waddington	S. Rourke	S. Crowe
Nursery Asst					
Coffee Hour Host	<i>(needed)</i>	Kelley	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>
Sound Tech	R. Rourke	P. Smith	G. Levan	K. Smith	C. Gajewski
Altar Guild	L. Ferrari	L. Ferrari	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>
Tellers	R. Rourke P. Crowe	S. Rourke R. Bremer	R. Rourke G. Harlow	P. Crowe E. Chambers	R. Bremer G. Harlow
	08/07/2011	08/14/2011	08/21/2011	08/28/2011	
	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	
Acolyte	E. Lorenzen	I. LaFreniere	B. Proto	H. Crowe	
Worship Assistant					
Communion Assistant	S. Chambers B. Forler	B. Christensen S. Crossett	L. McGurn C. Calhoun	R. Johnson L. Hoar	
Ushers	LaFreniere	Crowe	Rourke	Crosset	
Lector	L. McGurn	F. Christensen	B. King	B. Holtkamp	
Nursery	V. LaFreniere	K. Waddington	K. Endorf	S. Crowe	
Coffee Hour Host	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	
Sound Tech	K. Smith	P. Smith	R. Rourke	K. Gajewski	
Altar Guild	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	<i>(needed)</i>	
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