



*Keeping in
touch with the
heart of the
faith community
of
Gaylord
United
Church
of
Christ*

*A Welcoming
Congregation*

Parish Paper

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Come join us on Rally Sunday

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 12 with the commissioning of our Sunday School teachers during worship. All teachers, substitute teachers and students are encouraged to be present for this special service.

The Board of Christian Education will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes!

UCC Sunday School 2010-2011

Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Gail Estenson and Deb Meyer

7th - 12th Grade

Phil Keithahn

Music K - 9th

Pauline Marlinski



Rally Sunday will be "Name Tag" Sunday, we will have a skit

My Seat in Church, Bibles will be presented to students in 4th and 5th grade and we will learn a new song "Walk in the Light."

We will also have a "Ceremony of Baptism" that day as we welcome Sophia Joy Johnson, daughter of Tia Johnson, into our family of faith.



Choir Practice Begins

Come join us
Wednesday, Sept. 8

at 6:30 p.m.

for our first
choir practice.

We will sing on
Sunday, Sept. 12.

You'll be glad you came!

Ushers: Ted Pinske, Agnes Schue
Jane Peterson

Greeters: Harriet and Dayle Troidahl
9-5, 9-12
Ruby and Ewald Keller
9-19, 9-26

Acolyte: Cole Bruhn



Fellowship Hour:

September 5open
September 12 Rally Sunday-Board of Ed.
September 19open
September 26open

**Lectionary Readings for the Month of
September**

Sept. 5, 2010: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 18:1-11, Ps 139:1-6, 13-18, Ps 1, Philemon 1-21,
Luke 14:25-33. UCC Theme: A New Identity.

Sept. 12, 2010: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 4:11-12, 22-28, Ps 14, Ps 51:1-10, 1Tim 1:12-17.
UCC Theme: Growing in God's Love.

Sept. 19, 2010: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 8:18-9:1, Ps 79:1-9, Ps 113, 1Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.
UCC Theme: Prayerful Living.

Sept. 26, 2010: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15, Ps 146, 1Tim 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31.
UCC Theme: Surprising Investment.

In our prayers this month: Jill Schlichting,
undergoing treatment for cancer.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Doris Wilson who passed away August 26 and to Sandy Wentzloff and her family on the death of her brother-in-law who was recently killed in an accident.

Pray for Randy Pauly and others serving in our military services.

Continue to pray for others who have been ill or are home bound.

Upcoming camps at Pilgrim Point include:

Women's Retreat	Sept. 17-19
Adult Craft Camp II	Sept. 24-26
Quilt Camp II	Sept. 24-26
Confirmation Camp	Oct. 8-10
Conference Youth Event (CYE)	Oct. 22-24
Sing the New Century	Oct. 16

**Women's Retreat at Pilgrim Point
September 17-19, 2010**

Registration deadline is Sept. 3.

"Faith Stories"

- Brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall-

Sing the New Century

With Jill Warner

October 16, 2010 at Pilgrim Point Camp

Jill will be sharing her gifts and songs
from the

Sing! Prayer and Praise Songbook

The praise supplement to the
New Century Hymnal

- Brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall-

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"Keeping it Simple"

MN Conference Youth Event

October 22-24 at Pilgrim Point Camp

A weekend retreat for high school youth focused
around living simply and turning down the
technology demands of life.

Early registration by Sept. 19

\$75 youth \$50 adults

Registrations are available on the table in the
Fellowship Hall.

“No Excuses Sunday” ~ “See Ya’ In Church!!!”

To make it possible for everyone to attend UCC this Fall, there will be some special “No Excuses Sundays.”

- ◆ Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say “Sunday is my only day to sleep in.”
 - ◆ We will have steel helmets for those who say “The roof would cave in if I ever went to church.”
 - ◆ Blankets will be provided for those who think the church is too cold and fans will be provided for those who think the church is too hot.
 - ◆ We will have hearing aids for those who say the preacher speaks too soft and cotton for those who say he preaches too loud.
 - ◆ Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visit their family on Sundays.
 - ◆ There will be TV dinners for those who can’t go to church because they have to cook dinner.
 - ◆ One section will be devoted to trees and grass for all those who like to see God in nature.
 - ◆ Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.
- ~ Source Unknown

Just kidding. But now that we have your attention, and hopefully your worship commitment, we can only tell you that our steadfast God will be present each and every Sunday, with grace and truth. Our relationship with God involves the gathering of the faith community!

Some further thoughts from a recent MN Conference UCC “Revitalization” Workshop.

“Speak to a new person about a ‘happening’ at your church.”

“It takes about 6 people connections for a newcomer to return and stay.”

“Take off the bib and put on the apron.”

“Money follows mission.”

“Welcoming everyone from 2 to 102.”

On Sunday, August 1st I shared an interesting bit of trivia about world records for chickens. “Do you know what the world record is for the time a chicken was in flight?” The Answer is on page 5!

Blessings,

Pastor Hank will be on vacation Sept. 4 - 6th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care contact Deacon Deb Meyer at 320-894-5041.

Pastor’s usual office hours or visiting hours during the week are Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday afternoons as needed. If you need to reach him call the church office 237-2595 or New Ulm UCC at 507-354-4242 or his cell 507-217-9848.

No matter who you are or where you are in life’s journey, you are welcome here! 9

Council Presidents Article

As I write this article for the September newsletter the weather is cool, crisp and beautiful. What a contrast to the previous three weeks of what could have been the most humid August that I can remember in the recent past. Yet, despite those uncomfortable hot August days, our church, in what normally is suppose to be a quiet time, was as busy as ever. There were a number of activities that our church members were involved in...the pie social, Gaylord royalty tea, a visit to the homeless shelter in Minneapolis, camp work week, the Gaylord parade, the Men's Fellowship corn feed, ecumenical services at the park, Shannon Hruska's mission trip, plus Pastor Hank's enrichment trip, not to mention the enjoyable worship services with Hank as well as the visiting pastors.

A congregational meeting is being planned for September 19 following the normal 9:00 a.m. worship service. Agenda items include treasurer's report, secretary's report, board reports and committee reports. There will also be an opportunity for further discussion on purchasing the New Century Hymnal. At this point the council feels there is enough interest in this newer hymnal to have a Congregational decision by the time we begin the next church year. Council also recommends the use of memorial money to help cover the cost. A display copy of the hymnal and a VHS tape of Arthur Clyde's service on the New Century Hymnal is available on the Narthex table. Other possible agenda items will be discussion of the transition reports—goals and plans and a survey for church start times and rotation schedule for 2011.

By now most of you have probably heard, that the construction of the streets near our church might have caused the chimes to fall from the wall. The trustees are working with the insurance company on the matter.

The council approved a special expenditure of \$2300 to hire a firm to remove bats from our church. They have already installed devices to prevent bats from entering the church and will continue to monitor the situation over the next several months. I know you've all heard this joke before and you're probably sick of hearing it but maybe if we baptized and confirmed the bats, they would leave on their own!

Ha-ha!

I met with four members of the *One Voice Mixed Chorus* on August 11. Lisa Boynton, their planning coordinator, gave details and provided us with infor-

mation regarding this professional concert which will be held at Gaylord UCC on November 14 at 2:00 p.m. There are approximately 70 members of this professional choral group. This group is on a tour across the region and will be traveling by motor to Gaylord. Our church will be providing a light lunch for the group as well as our church members or anyone from the community who would like to attend. There will be no cost to us for the concert except the provision of a light lunch to the group. Even though the cost of this musical group is quite significant they, from time to time, do free concerts for colleges such as St. Olaf and for various church organizations. In years past this group has performed at the New Ulm UCC.

I plan to attend **The Seven Secrets - For Renewed Leaders, Renewed Churches, Renewed Hope**, a Conference for Clergy, Lay Leaders and Congregations, at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN on Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. This is open to all the members of our church and I would strongly encourage anyone to attend. For details contact Pastor Hank or myself. **Next Council Meeting – Sept. 8 at 7:15 p.m.** Darrel Mosel, Council President

The whole Church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years!

Stewardship News

Is your pledge up-to-date? If you have fallen behind in your pledge commitment this summer, please try to bring it up to date in September.

Thanks for your faithful support!

Children's Time ~ We invite volunteers to help with this part of our Sunday Worship. Please contact Pastor Hank if you would like to help do "Children's Time" on Sunday.

Women's Fellowship

Our Eggstravaganza Pie and Ice Cream Social was well attended and appreciated by all who enjoyed the delicious BBQ's and home-made desserts.

A special **thank you** is extended to all the women, men and youth who helped with the planning, purchasing, preparing and baking, serving and cleanup. **At last count Women's Fellowship reports that approximately \$968.00 was raised and there still may be a couple people who have not yet turned in the money pledged in lieu of baking. Please get your check to Harriet Troidahl if you have not turned yours in. Thank You.**

****Women's Fellowship will meet
Monday, September 13 at noon.****

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Priscilla Circle

will meet Thursday, Sept. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

All the women of the church are invited to join us for our fall meeting in the Fireside Room.

Our program will be a video about the Orphan Train as told by one of it's riders.

Hostesses are: Aggie Schue and Gloria Sinell

Priscilla Circle's quilt sale during Eggstravaganza was very successful. We sold 4 quilts and many dish cloths. Thank You to everyone who made a purchase.

Confirmation Service Project

The confirmation class cooked and served the evening meal on August 21 at the Simpson Homeless Shelter in Minneapolis. The meal was served for 85 adult men and 25 adult women. We served pizza hot dish, bread, deviled eggs, green beans, cantaloupe, bananas, cookies and bars. The shelter guests were very appreciative of the meal and thanked us repeatedly. The cantaloupe was a hit as many guests commented that they rarely get fresh fruit. Thanks to all who provided meat and cheese, eggs, bars and cookies. Special thanks to the confirmation students and mentors who tirelessly pitched in to cook and serve the meal.

Update from the Mission Board

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone for your generous donations to our From the Heart Offering. Our last donation was for:

Salvation Army - August 8 \$181.00

Our next From the Heart offering is September 12th for the Sibley County Food Shelf.

The Mission Board is happy to announce we have five recipients for scholarship awards this year. The recipients, Megan Meyer, Katie Klimmek, Anthony Pomplun, Eric Thies and Todd Pauly have each been awarded \$150 to help pay for their college expenses.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall in September for anyone able to deliver Meals-On-Wheels in October. Thank You.



The Mission Board is asking for your help collecting school supplies for children in need. These items will go to Diane Mosel, Sibley East Jr. High Social Worker, to be distributed at Sibley East when there is a need. Supplies needed include:

- Crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Glue & glue sticks
- Notebooks
- Pocket folders
- Pencils & pens
- Pencil boxes
- Rulers, scissors, erasers & pencil top erasers

You can put your items in the box in the Fellowship Hall by September 19th.

Thank you for your help with this project.

Trivia question answer: 13 seconds!

(The first guess in New Ulm and in Gaylord was 20 seconds (not too bad!))

The Seven Secrets

FOR:

**RENEWED LEADERS,
RENEWED CHURCHES,
AND RENEWED HOPE.**

Leaders - clergy and lay - and congregations need to be competent in seven areas:

- ◆ Accessing their reality and the culture continuously and courageously
- ◆ Planning accordingly: vision casting, goal setting, evaluation, etc.
- ◆ Effective marketing, PR, and communication of identity, message and mission
- ◆ Externally focused
- ◆ Spiritual vitality
- ◆ Empowering structure, processes and procedures
- ◆ Transforming worship

Bring a team from your church for prophetic visions of community involvement, the endless power of transformational worship, and the empowering embrace of the Spirit. Gather at the table to share ideas, stories and successes with teams from across the Minnesota Conference.

**When: Thursday September 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
to Friday October 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Where: Christ the King Retreat Center
621 1st Ave S. Buffalo, MN 55313**

If you are interested contact Pastor Hank.



Confirmation Begins

Confirmation will be lead by Pastor Hank and will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting will be Wed., Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss expectations, go over scheduling and look over our study book "Affirming Faith."

Students, parents and possibly mentors are asked to attend this first informational meeting.

If you have any questions contact Pastor Hank.

Update from Congregational Care & Outreach

- Participants in the outdoor Ecumenical Worship Service held at the park on Sunday, August 15 at 9:30 a.m. were from American Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. Michael's Catholic and Gaylord UCC Churches. Pastors Bill Nelsen and Paul Kratzke were the leaders for the well attended service and members from the participating churches served as readers and assistants. An Ecumenical Choir provided beautiful music for the service.

The Dialogue Sermon, entitled "What Being an Ecumenical Christian Means," was written by Pastor Nelsen and presented by both pastors, with Gail Estenson as the representative lay person. The dialogue presented questions for the pastors to answer relating to what it means to be a good Christian, how to become one, and how we, as believers from different churches, can show our common love for God and each other.

Several copies of "What Being an Ecumenical Christian Means" and the program for the service will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one to read or ask for more if you don't find one. It is hoped that this Ecumenical Service can be placed on the Eggstravaganza calendar as part of the weekend and that it will grow in size and participation.

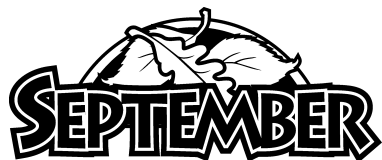
- In a booklet on the practical hospitality of a church (52 Ways), Rev. Dr. Randy Hammer writes: "The evidence is indisputable: whether or not a church grows or continues to grow primarily rests with its members. It takes both aspects for growth to occur... everyone inviting friends, relatives, neighbors, and coworkers to worship and other church activities, and then everyone demonstrating genuine warmth, welcome, and love to all who enter." During our last CC&O meeting, we agreed that Hammer's statement is a basic one that we have experienced in our church and would like to invigorate.

We have plans for a youth (grades 1 & 2) wood-working project on Saturday, October 2 including breakfast for participants and their parent or helper. Let us know if you would like to participate or furnish food items.

Our next meeting will be September 12 at 10:15 am.

It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do,
for which we are accountable. - Moliere

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Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour Follows Worship

Sunday School—10:15 a.m. Sept.—May

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor, Rev. Hank Campbell
 Council President, Darrel Mosel
 Church Secretary, Cindy Johnson

September Birthdays

01..... Les Meyer
 02..... Jeff Pomplun
 03..... Ted Pinske
 06..... Sandi Knoche
 09..... Nancy Cowell
 09..... William Pomplun
 11..... Lorraine Walsh
 15..... Clayton Johnson
 15..... Darrel Mosel
 17..... Neyland Ott
 18..... Pastor Hank Campbell
 19..... Beth Wilson
 20..... Grace Farr
 21..... Fran Armstrong
 23..... Albert Meyer
 23..... Peter Schue
 26..... Howard Armstrong
 28..... Jim Peterson
 30..... Wendy Solomonson
 30..... Abby Tourtellott