



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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Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Pets (All inclusive)

Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
City Park - Large Shelter

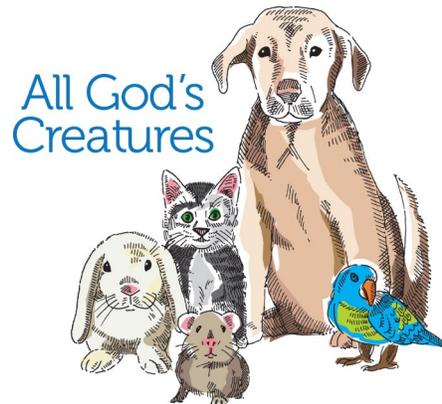
Bring your own lawn chair.

We invite friends and neighbors to come and join us for this unique *Service in the Park* as we give thanks for the special gifts that are shared through our pets.

All are welcome - *pets not required!!*

Invite a friend!

After the service we will have a potluck lunch.
Beverages will be provided.



The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our creator.

June Ushers: Chuck Klimmek, Pauline Marlinski

June Greeters: Dick and Gail Estenson

6-1, 6-8, 6-15

Beth Wilson

6-22, 6-29

Fellowship Hour:

June 1Armstrong's

June 8 Eunice, Candy and Don

June 15open

June 22open

June 29open

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Lectionary Readings for the Month of June

June 1, 2014: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 1 Peter 4:12-14, John 17:1-11.

June 8, 2014: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 1 Cor. 12:3-13, John 20:19-23.

June 15, 2014: First Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Cor. 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20.

June 22, 2014: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10,16-17, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39.

June 29, 2014: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42.

Among those who were lifted up in prayer this past month: Dayle Troidahl, Albert Meyer, all women, mothers and families, those who have been ill are homebound and those at Oak Terrace. Our Sunday school teachers and students, music leaders and our Confirmation class. We also pray for farmers and rural communities.

Pray for Brit Keithahn, Alex Thoele, Mark Thoele, May and Raymond Ysasaga, and others in the military.

Thank you to all of the Sunday School teachers for your leadership and dedication this past Sunday School year. Thank you also to the Confirmation Mentors for your dedication to the Confirmation program.

52nd Annual Meeting of the

MN Conference UCC

“Strangers No More”

Delegates are needed to attend the MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting at College of St. Ben’s in St. Joseph, MN, June 13-15, 2014. Expenses can be covered for any/all of the meeting. Child care/activities available. If interested contact Pastor Hank or Pauline Marlinski.

News and Notes:

- ◆ **Pastor Hank will be away June 14 -16.** Emergency pastoral needs should be directed to Deacons Harriet Troidahl or Dale Johnson.
- ◆ **Special thanks** to Rev. Brian Brosz for leading Worship on Sunday, June 15.
- ◆ **Worship continues to be at 11:00 a.m.** June, July, & August unless otherwise stated. Communion will be June 1, July 6 and August 3.
- ◆ **Church Council meeting June 11** at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ **UCC Blessing of the Pets Service** - Sunday, June 29, 11:00 a.m. City Park Shelter. Potluck lunch to follow.
- ◆ **Flag Day** - June 14.
- ◆ **Father’s Day** - June 15.
- ◆ **First day of summer** - June 21.

Upcoming at UCC:

- ◆ **Dick Kimmel will be at Gaylord UCC on July 20.**
- ◆ **UCC Pie and Ice Cream Social** - Friday, August 8 serving from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wider Church News:

- ◆ **Bernadotte Lutheran Pie & Ice Cream Social— Wednesday, June 4 serving from 5:30 - 8 p.m.**
- ◆ **“Swedefest” at Bernadotte Lutheran Church. Saturday, June 21 from 4 - 8 p. m.**

“School Recognition Sunday” is June 1st. Even though Gaylord UCC has no Sibley East graduates this year, we want to recognize all of our school students, teachers and staff. And we honor others we know who have reached a milestone marker in their education. We are grateful for how our schools play a vital role in the educational and moral development of our children! Our public schools should be recognized for serving the majority of children with special needs or challenges. This is one of the great things about our American society and our education system.

The church, as a place of welcome for all of God’s children, seeks to do the same. This month’s “Parish Paper” published by the MN Conference UCC office focuses on “How to Welcome Children with Autism and their Families.” See handouts on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Biblical heritage values the gifts of knowledge and wisdom. In fact a few of the Bible books like Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are considered “the wisdom literature.” Ecclesiastes is known for that wonderful statement about the ebb and flow rhythms of our lives – as told of in this version of Ecclesiastes 3.

Treasured Seasons

*For everything there is an appointed season,
And a time for everything under heaven -
A time for sowing, a time for reaping;
A time for sharing, a time for caring.
A time for loving, a time for giving;
A time for remembering, a time for parting.
You have made everything beautiful in its time.
For everything you do remains forever.*

Pastor Hank will be away June 14—16. For emergency pastoral care please contact Deacons Harriet Troidahl or Dale Johnson. Thank you to Rev. Brian Brosz who will be preaching on Sunday, June 15.

Pastor’s regular office hours or time of visiting are Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1- 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 on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

June President's Notes

It's hard to believe that we are near the halfway point of 2014! June hasn't come soon enough for many of us. As much as I love June (it is my birth month!) I have to admit I haven't minded the slow, cool spring we've had this year. Gardeners and farmers will disagree with me, I'm sure. But I love to be able to watch the gardens and the trees as they change slowly. Every day it's a surprise to see what is starting to pop up out of the ground next. And when summer finally is in full bloom, I appreciate it that much more.

This slow blooming process has also been happening within the Gaylord UCC. I like the pace we're on. We've chosen to concentrate on a few of the ideas developed in the June 2013 visioning session. Over the past year, the members of this congregation have been working together on so many projects; it takes my breath away thinking about them. But I also hope we've been moving slowly enough that no one or no board/committee has been burned out.

Council is now talking about ways to keep this momentum going. We are planning a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 26th to review how far we've come and to discuss where to go from here. Mark your calendars now. "Continuing the Conversation.....On the Way to Taking Action!"

The next regular Church Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 11th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. Anyone is welcome to join us!

Pauline Marlinski, Council President

Construction is under way on our new Audio/Visual systems. Please be patient during this time as we watch things take shape.

Our new website is also under development with software upgrades and content input.

WANTED:

We are in need of people willing to type recipes from our church cookbook into a word document that could then be put on our website. People still ask for recipes from our wonderful cookbook so it would be nice to lead them to the website where they could find them. **If you are interested in helping with some typing please contact Phil Keithahn. Thanks.**

Women's Fellowship Update

Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 2 at 12:00 p.m. We will begin planning for our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social on August 8. Watch for sign up sheets and consider helping in some way.



Save the Date - Coming July 20



**Join us Sunday, July 20,
during our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
for some special music by
Dick Kimmel.**

**Dick will be sharing gospel, folk and
contemporary songs of faith.**

Dick Kimmel - "The Ambassador of Bluegrass" is a full-time musician living in New Ulm, MN. Dick's music is firmly rooted within traditional bluegrass and old-time string band music and includes some off-the-wall surprises. Over the past five decades, Dick has made more than two-dozen recordings and performed extensively in the US, Canada, and Europe as a solo performer, with his band Dick Kimmel & Co, and as part of other musical collaborations.

Update from the Mission Board

A sincere thank you for your donation of \$84 in our May From The Heart Offering, which goes to Strengthen The Church. You are supporting UCC's future!

Our June From The Heart Offering will be June 8 and will be supporting the UCC Scholarship Fund. Help our own UCC youth further their education.

Mission Board Scholarships

Any UCC students attending post secondary education can apply for scholarships. Applications are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall and are due in the Church office by July 13. Awards will be made in August.



Garden Produce

During the summer and into the fall, the Mission Board sponsors plants, fruits, vegetables, flowers, and various other items that you can purchase with a donation to the Mission Board. These donations are used by the Mission Board for their scholarships and various other Mission projects. A container is conveniently located for your donation. **If you wish to donate some of your extra garden produce, plants, etc. have it ready and on the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Thank You from the Mission Board.**

CC&O Update

On Saturday, April 26, fifty six people attended the Teddy Bear Band concert. Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and Gaylord Aquatic Center had staff present, advertising their programs. Donations from the Aquatic Center, Medical Center plus from the Gaylord Police Department were used to stuff treat bags for the children. A drawing was held where three \$50 gift certificates for the Gaylord Aquatic Center were awarded to three children. Snacks and juice were provided after the concert. Fun was had by all attending. ☺

Update from the Trustees

The trustees would like to thank everyone who came and helped with the spring cleanup we had on Wednesday, May 7. We got gutters cleaned, lawns raked and sticks picked up, washed windows and dusted. Chuck finished up landscaping that was needed by the air conditioning units. A meal was served to all those who all helped.

Thanks to Sandy Schulte for sharing her recipe and to Ted Pinske for bringing these wonderful bars to the Trustees spring cleaning night.

Craisin Bars

Preheat oven to 350 - melt 1 stick butter in 9x13 pan. then sprinkle with 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs.

Add:

1 cup coconut

1 cup white chocolate chips

1 cup craisins

1 cup pecans

Drizzle with 1 can sweetened condensed milk.

Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes.



Hanging of the Greens Reunion

Wanted: People willing to serve on a Hanging of the Greens reunion planning committee. Sue Keithahn is willing to chair the group and is looking for other people who are interested in helping plan the event. They are also looking for people to share pictures and remembrances of past Hanging of the Greens services. Gloria Sinell has already started doing some research to get us started. Contact Sue if you are interested in joining us as we plan for a reunion this year.

DEACONS' REPORT

We congratulate Jaci Tourtellott and Logan Wagenius, who were confirmed on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at our 9:00 a.m. service. They did a fine job with their Faith Statements and were welcomed as members of Gaylord UCC, sharing in Communion and followed by a reception.

Our worship time has now changed to 11:00 a.m. We look forward to some fun services throughout the summer, and will have a Pets in the Park Service on June 29th, followed by a potluck lunch in the park shelter. This service has been well received in the past and we look forward to sharing the outdoors with our pet buddies.

Jodi Pfarr, who was originally scheduled to provide pulpit supply in June, will be coming to speak on August 17 so mark your calendar. We are looking forward to sharing more information about that as the time approaches.



Hit the Road

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car.

His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said. "You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair"

"Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"

PILGRIM POINT

camps & retreats,

"Get to the Point - A place to meet Jesus!"

Mark your calendar for these scheduled Camps and Retreats at Pilgrim Point Camp:

- **Youth Camp** 2014 | July 20 - 25.
- **Youth Camp II** 2014 | July 27-August 1.
- **July Family Camp** | July 13 - 18.
- **August Family Camp** August 3 - 8.

WAYZATA COMMUNITY CHURCH PILGRIM POINT SUMMER CAMP 2014 SUPERHEROES!

Dates:

High School Session - June 14-20

Middle School Session 1 - June 8-13

Middle School Session 2 - June 24-29

Middle School Session 3 - July 5-9

Children's Camp Session 1 - June 21-24

Children's Session 2 - June 30 - July 3

Work Crew Camps include: June 8 - 20; June 21- 29; June 30 - July 9. (with a break from July 3-5).

Scholarship money is available to help pay for camp. For more information on Pilgrim Point Camp go to: www.pilgrimpoint.org



Coffee Hour

Beginning in June and continuing through the end of August coffee hour is open to anyone that wants to serve coffee and treats and keep the proceeds for their group. We ask that you put up a sign that states which group is serving. Thanks from the Camp Committee.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Fellowship 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	2 Women's Fellowship meeting 12 pm	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Fellowship 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	9	10	11 Church Council Meeting 5:30 pm	12	13	14 Scrapbooking at UCC 3 – 11 pm
15 Father's Day Fellowship 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	16	17	18	19	20	21
Fellowship 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27
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29 Worship in Park Blessing of Pets Worship 11:00 am Potluck lunch 12	30					

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Sunday Worship (June - August) 11:00 a.m.

Coffee-Fellowship Hour 9:45 a.m.

Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month

Pastor - Rev. Hank Campbell

Council President - Pauline Marlinski

Church Secretary - Cindy Johnson

June Birthdays

03..... Kelly Pinske Hickles
05..... Brandon Meyer
05..... Ginger Ott
05..... Tara Swenson
06..... Jodi Pfarr
08..... Shaylee Exsted
10..... Pauline Marlinski
10 Ron Max
10..... Barb Sneltjes
12..... Logan Wagenius
15..... Nathan Wagenius
18..... Tim Solomonson
19..... Cheryl Messner
23..... Lynette Ott
28 Jason Meyer
29 Sue Keithahn
30..... Ethan Pomplun