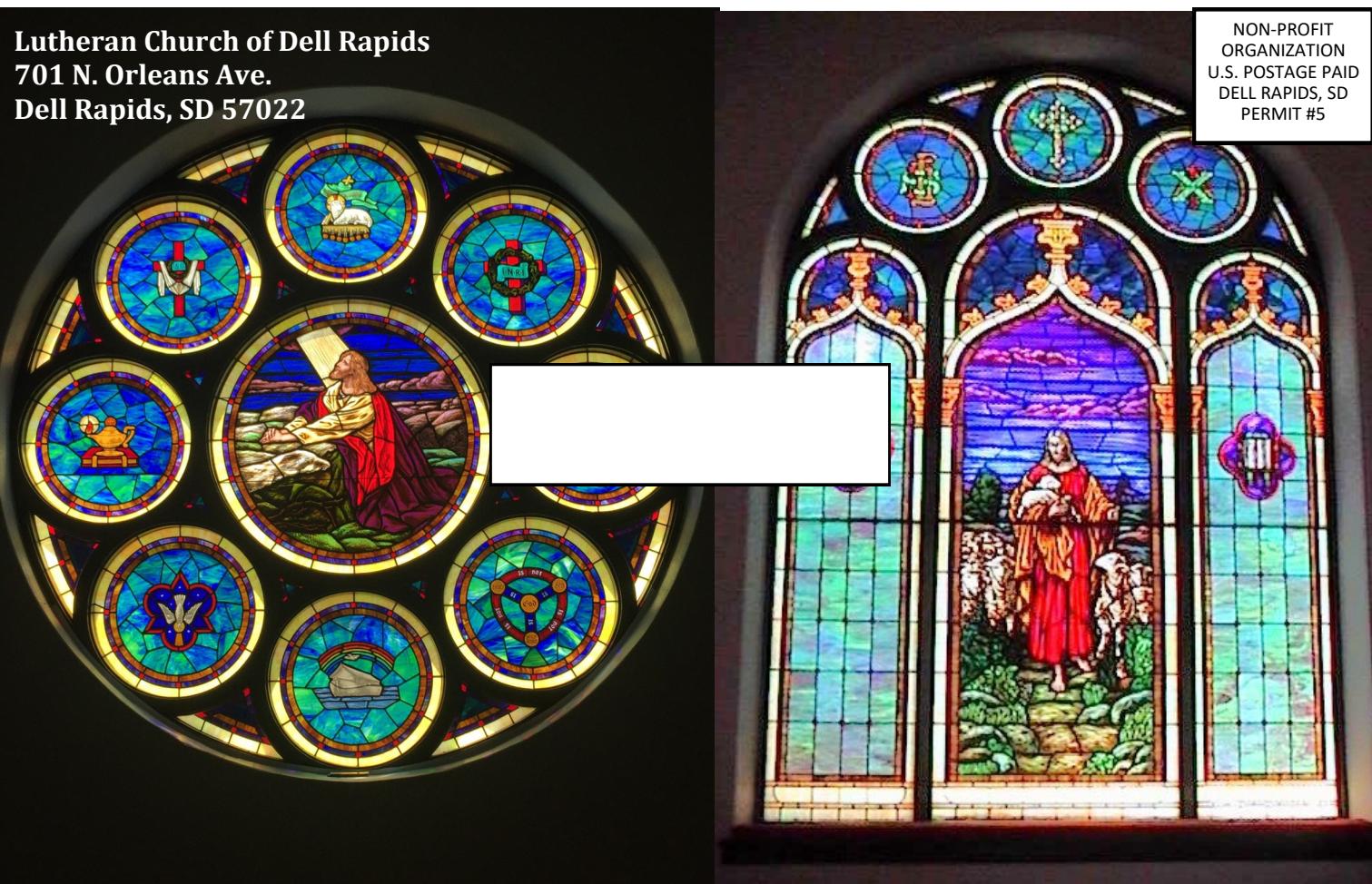


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Dell Rapids, SD 57022



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The Shepherd's Staff

Our Mission: Chosen to Serve + Sharing the Journey + Making Christ Known

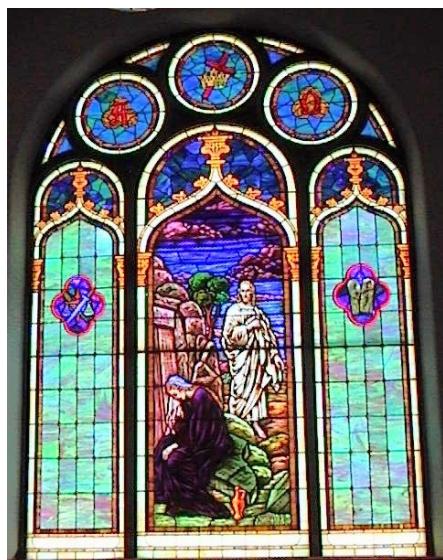
Sunday Worship

beginning July 12

8:30 am—For only those people age 60+ or whose health is immunocompromised. Masks are required.

9:45 am—Masks strongly encouraged

11:00 am—Masks strongly encouraged.



Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday
8:30 am—5:00 pm

Worship (the 9:45 am service) will continue to be posted online on Sundays via Facebook and YouTube.

Coming Up at LCDR

**July 5—9:30 am Online Worship ;
10:30 am Zoom “Coffee & Conversation**

July 12—Worship @ LCDR—8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11 am

July 15—Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

July 19—Worship @ LCDR—8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11 am

July 26—Worship @ LCDR—8:30 am, 9:45 am & 11 am

Worship During Covid-19 at LCDR

1. If you are sick please remain at home.
2. Three services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00.
3. 8:30 am for ONLY THOSE AGE 60+ or HEALTH is IMMUNOCOMPROMISED.
4. To protect our neighbor, everyone is expected to wear a cloth mask at the 8:30 service, and strongly encouraged to at the other services; if you do not have one, it will be provided for you.
5. Please sit as a family at designated places at least six feet apart. Ushers will help you. Overflow in the fellowship hall.
6. Use hand sanitizer on entry/ departure.
7. Pick up Communion wafers on arrival.
8. Two persons in restrooms, maintain distance while waiting.
9. After worship, please maintain distancing and visit outside, to minimize time inside and allow time to sanitize before next service.

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2020 Council Members

Rich Larson, President

Jared Hohn, Vice-President

Bob Harms, Secretary

Lisa Wilber, Treasurer

Gary Croon, Julie Wynja, Amy Ahlers, Beverly

Rieck, Tony Siemonsma, Grant Olson, Kurt

Peppel, Lee Weidauer, Olivia Prasek

Financial Snapshot for May 2020

Monthly Total Income Goal: \$28,204.17

May Thankoffering: \$64,197.79

(includes PPP Loan)

May Expenses: \$34,386.20

YTD through May: Income \$173,811.75

Estate Income \$12,500

Expenses \$152,709.77

\$33,601.98

Building Fund:

May Income \$3,306.00

May Loan Payment \$13,395.00

Remaining Loan \$18,273.31

7.5% of Offering is given to our Synod monthly

From the Senior Pastor:

Dear people of LCDR,

I'm eager, as I'm sure you are, to be together in person for worship again on July 12. Our LCDR Council leaders have worked hard to ensure that gathering for worship will be as safe as possible given the continued risks of Covid-19.

Martin Luther himself addressed worship during a pandemic in 1527, in "Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague." He encouraged people to worship in ways that minimized the danger, and to follow the science (as it was known in his time).

There's much we don't know about this disease, but we do know that the way we normally gather for worship makes it more easily contagious. The chart below shows that on a scale of 1 – 9, indoor worship is ranked at an 8 for risk. Factors such as being in a confined space, with large numbers of people, for a long period of time, and speaking/singing all add to the risk. Some of the largest outbreaks have been traced back to worship services where adequate precautions were not taken

So, for a time, we will observe precautions at worship that I would never have imagined. It will feel odd. It may feel scary. It's going to be hard to not be able to be up close, greet each other with a touch, or remain in the building for extended talk and fellowship. As we grow into this new way of being, I'm sure things will change and evolve. We also will continue to post worship online if that is more comfortable for you.

We are thankful for your patience, your continued prayers

and financial support of our ministry, and your loving care of one another in this time.

I so look forward to seeing many of you again! May God keep us safe, bless our worship, and keep us mindful of the health and needs of our neighbor.

In Christ,
P Jeff Sorenson

COVID-19 RISK LEVELS		tinyurl.com/c19risk
9	• Bars • Big concerts	• Sports stadiums
8	• Gyms • Amusement parks	• Churches • Buffets
7	• Playing basketball • Public pools	• Schools
6	• Casinos • Restaurants – indoor • Playgrounds	• Hair salons, barbershops • Pontoon boat rides • Movie theaters
5	• Home dinner parties • Airplanes • Backyard barbecues	• Malls • Beaches • Bowling
4	• Dentist offices • Walking in busy downtown • Offices	• Doctor waiting rooms • Restaurants – outdoor
3	• Grocery stores • Camping • Hotels	• Golfing • Libraries, museums
2	• Walk, run, or bike with others	• Get car gasoline
1	• Restaurants – takeout	• Tennis

Dr Matthew Sims, Dr Dennis Cunningham, Dr Mimi Ernig, Dr Nasir Husain. Based on risk factors including inside/outside, nearness to others, exposure time, compliance likelihood, and personal risk.

LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

June 17, 2020 (abbreviated)

Pastor's Reports

Pastor Thurow reported that he has completed calls to all members age 65 and over. He does call other elder members twice monthly. They are missing the personal visits and communion opportunity due to visitation restrictions of the COVID 19 issues. He also expressed appreciation for the cards received commemorating his 50th anniversary of ordination. Pastor Sorenson reported he is now in the office Tuesday through Thursday and some on Fridays. He is working with staff to develop goals for ministry and activity this fall. Unable to 'resume normal' due to COVID 19 guidelines but want to do activities that accomplish specific ministry goals for the congregation.

Unfinished Business

Security/Emergency Preparedness – No report
Oversight of Expenditures – Jared and Lisa did complete a policy document regarding 'Expense Approval Process' and 'Bidding Process for LCDR'. A copy is attached to the minutes. This will be a guide for the budgeting process of the 2021 budget year. Motion made and carried to approve the policy.

SBA Loan – Payroll Protection Program – LCDR is participant. No further questions or discussion.

LCDR constitution update – The last update of LCDR constitution was 2011. There have since been several changes by ELCA of the 'model constitution' that need to be incorporated into our constitution. Pastor Sorenson provided material that explained these changes. Bob, Rich, and Kurt will meet with Pastor Sorenson to work on the details and create a draft of constitution changes. This will need to be approved at the congregation annual meeting in January.

New Business

Update with COVID 19 restrictions – Much discussion was done regarding when and how to resume in person worship services. It was decided to resume in person worship services on July 12. Will have the first service at 8:30 AM for persons with risk factors and elderly persons. Masks need to be worn and will do social distancing using every other pew. Limit singing. Will have second service at 9:45, with cleaning of pew backs and other sanitation between services. This service is for all members. Attendees will be asked to wear mask and do social distancing. A third service will be at 11:00 AM. This service is also for all members, and masks will be strongly suggested, but not required. Lee will meet with Pastor Jeff and develop a guideline sheet incorporating these concepts for in person worship. These guidelines will be reviewed and approved at a special council

meeting by Zoom on June 24 at 8:30 PM. LCDR will also offer the service weekly by video format for viewing by those not in attendance.

Equipment for outdoor services – The cost is about \$2000. There is need and will be used, especially for youth programming. The equipment is identified. At this time will table the acquisition and discuss when to acquire in the future.

Use of LCDR for FCCLA regional meeting – Beverly presented a request for LCDR to be host site for South Dakota Regional FCCLA meeting. This will occur in either December 2020 or January 2021. This meeting will occur if COVID concerns have lessened significantly and it is safe to have a large, in person meeting. The South Dakota state FCCLA committee will make decision by September whether is it safe to have the regional meetings. They would use our facility from about 7:30 AM until about 2:30 PM. It would likely be on a Wednesday. They can clean and have our facility available for youth activities later that afternoon. Motion made and carried to approve that request for our facility use.

Replace Tellers – There is a request to rotate and replace the persons that count and document the offering money and make bank deposit. The current persons have been doing for several years and wish to rotate away from that duty. This job takes about 2 hours. Bob and Lisa will try to find 4-6 persons willing to do this function. Two persons at a time could do this duty and would likely need to do it every other week.

Committee Reports

Parish Education – Are preparing family packets for activity to do at home this summer since there will be no Vacation Bible School this year.

Property/Chapel - The thermostats that were used for the chapel AC/furnace project were not the correct ones. These will be replaced with the correct thermostats.

Youth and Family Team – Are refunding camp deposit money since not able to do camps this summer.

Technology – Rich will review the budget needed for equipment to do service video and recordings. Will discuss at the council retreat.

Announcements

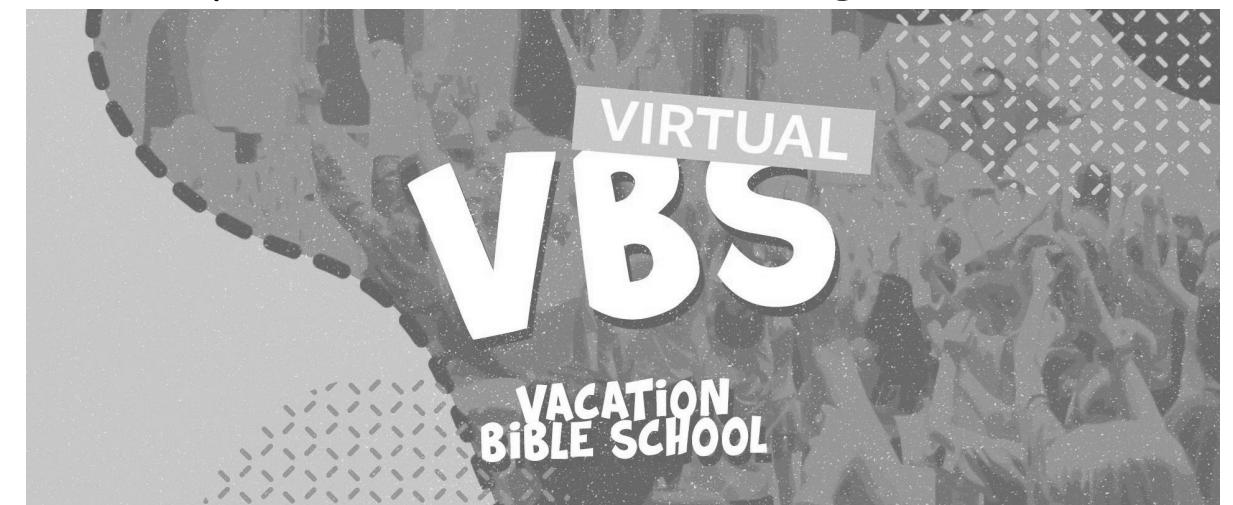
The next congregation council meeting will be July 15, 7:00 PM. This will be in person meeting at the church with masks and social distancing.

Council Retreat – The date of the council retreat is changed to Sunday, August 2, from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM. This will be in person meeting.

Special council meeting by Zoom format, Wednesday June 24, at 8:30 PM. Topic is to review guidelines for in person church services.

Submitted. Robert Harms. Congregation Council secretary.

Dell Rapids Community VBS 2020



In light of these unprecedented times, we are saddened to have to cancel our Dell Rapids Community VBS regular programming due to COVID-19. We were so looking forward to gathering once again to enjoy the songs, bible stories, crafts and all that went along with making VBS a fun experience for kids, volunteers and committee members.

However, we have found a program entitled Day Camp At Home which can be utilized by all families, at no cost! You will be able to complete this as a family whenever it fits in your schedule. This curriculum package will be composed of four days with a theme for each day, including:

- Opening and closing worships (with words to songs and actions so kids can dance and sing along!)
- An arts and crafts project, nature project, snack idea video, story time segment, and afternoon activity challenges
- A devotion to do with your family!

We will provide you with links to the videos, devotional pages, materials list and nature activity pages for each day. We will also be putting together a packet with all of the materials needed for the crafts for the 4 days.

If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, here's what we need from you:

Send an email to drcommunityvbs@gmail.com and include your name, email address to send the links to and how many children will be participating so we know how many crafts bags to make in advance. **Deadline to sign up is Friday, July 10th.**

During the week of July 14-17 (Tues-Fri) from 8:30 - 4:30, you can stop by the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids and pick up a craft packet inside the entryway. We will have the devotional pages and nature activity pages printed in case you're not able to print at home. (If you are not able to pick them up, all the information is provided in the links that will be sent you.)

By Sunday, July 19, you will be emailed the link with all the information for you to use with your kiddos that week.

If you have any questions, you can contact Darcie at lcdrdarcie@siouxvalley.net.

06/24/2020 LCDR Church Council Protocol to Return to Indoor Worship

In March, 2020 because of increasing rates of Covid-19 infections in South Dakota and at the recommendation of the CDC, the LCDR Church Council ceased in-person worship until those trends changed. The Council now sees that the trend of new Covid-19 infections in South Dakota is plateaued, and has decided to begin worship in-person in the building again on July 12.

Because gathering in large numbers, in an enclosed space, with singing and speaking, for an extended period of time all add to the spread of Covid-19, the Council adopted protocols to minimize risk that are in line with CDC and ELCA/Synod recommendations.

Things that LCDR staff/volunteers will do for safety

Everything that might be touched by more than one person has been removed: hymnals, bibles, busy bags etc.

The ventilation system will be reset to maximize the exchange of outdoor air.

We will not distribute bulletins. Announcements will be available to take home when leaving.

Sanitize between services: pew backs/ends, pew cushions, door handles, sinks, counters, microphones.

Water fountains will remain off.

For distancing, places to sit will be marked in every other pew w/ a 'stadium stagger'.

Doors will be propped open so that people don't have to touch the handles.

Because singing and loud talking increase the spread of droplets/ virus, we will sing less. The worship team will sing at the beginning and end of worship; the congregation will sing after the sermon; there will be instrumental music during an extended prayer time. At the traditional service the liturgy will be spoken.

Pastors will remain behind the altar rail. A space will be left open between the worship team and congregants. Front pews will not be used.

Because extra family members may limit space remaining for others, we will inform the congregation when baptisms are scheduled. Families may ask for a private baptism, with a public recognition of baptism to follow when it is more safe to do so.

A small group of Lee Weidauer, Sue Bredlow and Pastor Jeff Sorenson are empowered to observe trends, the response of people at worship, and make changes to this protocol at any time.

Expected protocol for people who worship at LCDR

Anyone who is at all sick is asked to remain at home.

Beginning July 12 there will be three in-person services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am on Sunday mornings. This is more than normal, to allow space to physically distance in the sanctuary.

The first worship service at 8:30 am is for ONLY THOSE PEOPLE AGE 60+ OR WHOSE HEALTH IS IMMUNOCOMPROMISED. This will help those people to be and feel more safe at worship.

A remote worship service will continue to be provided on Facebook Live.

To protect our neighbor, everyone is expected to wear a cloth mask at the 8:30 service, and strongly encouraged to at the other services. If you do not have one, it will be provided for you.

Hand sanitizer is placed at the entrance; please use it upon entry and again when you leave.

You will be asked to sit as a household at designated places that are spaced at least six feet apart. They will be marked and ushers will help you find those places. If more people come than we have designated spaces for, they will be asked to "overflow" into the fellowship hall (where there are speakers on the same system).

Please refrain from touching each other: shaking hands, passing the peace, sign of the cross, holding hands, during worship and after.

A children's sermon will be given, but kids will remain with their families. For now, the noisy offering is suspended.

Offering plates will not be passed, but plastic offering receptacles will be placed at the entrance.

Communion will be served in this way: please pick up wafers for your household upon arrival; you will serve yourself at that point in the worship service. Communion will be in one kind, bread only.

There will be no coffee/treats.

Please limit the number in restrooms to two persons, and maintain an appropriate distance while waiting.

As you depart, please maintain physical distancing and visit with each other outside the building to minimize time spent inside and give time for a crew to sanitize before the next service.

These protocols will be observed for weddings, funerals and other gatherings that may be held at LCDR.

These protocols are put in place while the trend of new Covid-19 infections in South Dakota is plateaued. If we observe the infection rate climbing again, the policies will be revisited.

From the Associate Pastor—

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Are you getting tired of the restrictions that we are required to live with today? I know that I am. Nothing is normal anymore. I miss seeing you and worshiping with you. I miss not being able to get together for "Young at Heart". I miss not being able to get out to visit with many of you. Things are just weird.

Even as we do begin to worship in the building starting on July 12, things will still not be like we want them to be, for we will need to keep our distance from one another. There will be no shaking hands and hugging one another. We won't even be able to do much singing together. Communion will be different and we will all need to be wearing masks. How weird is that?

With all of these changes that we will be forced to do, to be safe because of the COVID-19, there is really only one thing that remains the same. In Hebrews 13:8 we read, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." God loves us so much that he was willing to take on the flesh of a human being like us in the person of Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to give his life on a cross to pay the price for all of our sins. However death was not able to hold Jesus and he rose victorious over all the powers of sin and death, not for himself, but for you and me. There is no greater love than this. After Jesus' resurrection he returned to the Father, but he did not leave us alone. He came to us and continues to come to us in the form of the Holy Spirit. We are never alone, even when we go through weird things like this virus that is among us.

With God always being with us and caring for us we will get through this. We just need to continue to have faith in Jesus. He is always on the side of life and health and strength for us. There is nothing that can defeat us, even the death of this body. For by our baptism into Jesus the victory that he won over sin and death is always our victory. How soon we will get out of this weird way of needing to live we don't know, but with faith in Jesus we know that he will bring us through. He is guiding and directing the researchers right now as they work to find a vaccine that will enable us to live again without the threat of the COVID-19. So we need to pray each day for those people who are working to find that vaccine.

Jesus is still the same loving, forgiving, caring Lord and Savior that he has been for each of us from the day of our baptism. We only need to place our life into his hands and we will make it through this weird way of life.

Living in faith in Jesus with you each day, **Pastor Eldon**



What a beautiful day! Eldon and I ate our breakfast out on the deck. We try to grab every opportunity to enjoy the day. "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad".

All our conferences and gatherings have been canceled since March 2020. Sisters in Christ, this is the time to pray for our WELCA and our church as we go forward. I am sure you have brought church into your homes via the computer. I look forward to worshipping in the Sanctuary on July 12. Please uphold the Pastors and worship leaders in prayer daily. They have done such a wonderful job bringing the services to us via the computer. Thank goodness we live in the digital age where we can connect by Facebook and online worship services. We stay connected to our family in North and South Carolina by having a weekly Zoom get together. We need to do these things to stay connected with family, worship leaders and stay connected and resilient during COVID-19.

Hopefully we will soon meet as a group. Our gatherings will be different with the masks and social distancing rules. Women of the church have been challenged many times to keep WELCA alive and always conquered the challenges, so I ask you ladies for guidance when we once more start up the mission of LCDR's WELCA. Call or email me at dethurow@aol.com with your input.

The South Dakota Synodical Newsletter is published 3 times a year. If you share your email addresses with me I can forward the last one to you. Another option is contacting Darla Tobin, 47906 171st St. Clear Lake, SD. Mail her a check for \$5 per year. I look forward to hearing from you!

Donna Thurow, WELCA President

From the Record Book:



80+ Birthday

- July 1: Jean Berge
- July 6: Jim Kahler
- July 7: Margaret Godsk
- July 9: Jim Pollmann
- July 26: Gloria Brown
- July 29: Delores Nebben

Youth Ministries

Peace be with you, dear friends!

I hope you have all been enjoying summer so far. I have definitely missed doing all the events and camps and trips we would normally be doing right now, but also know that we are being safe by being more physically distant. We are currently planning for Fall and how to do youth group and other fun things safely!

I know how much coming to youth group, being with friends, learning about God in bible study, and all the things that make up our youth ministry means to you all, so we want to make sure we can be our church family. Youth group and everything at church will look a little different, but we will still be having fun, and most importantly: learning about Jesus and what he has done for us; for YOU!

Keep watch for updates as our whole youth team works to put together things for fall. Enjoy the rest of summer!

-Hans

Thank You

Dell Rapids Lutheran Church—

As you may know my family and myself recently lost our home, vehicle and just about everything we owned other than a few backpacks and a few personal items salvaged from the flooding that happened in our home September this past year. Thankfully our family made it out of the flooding safely, which was the most important part in all of this. I have to say we have never experienced such generosity and compassion as we experienced with the Dell Rapids community and the Dell Rapids Lutheran Church. Me and my family would like to express to your Church and Church members how very thankful we are for the extended relief that was graciously given to myself, husband, son and my daughter, along with her family who were also affected by the flood.

I cannot fully express the gratitude I have for the support, shelter, food, clothing and the sacrifices made by everyone to provide our family's basic needs to survive. You provided us with hope, comfort, encouragement and peace during a time of uncertainty and stress. You left our family with a lasting impression of a church community's selflessness and their involvement in our lives that gave us a passage to rebuild our lives. May God bless each and everyone of you.

~The Colaites Family, Peter, Daydra, Lane and Trooper

