

# Our Father's News

In May we attended the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly — the Annual Meeting of our Synod. One of the speakers was Rev. Dr. Steve Bouman who is the Executive Director of the Congregational and Synodical Mission for the ELCA.

Dr. Bouman's words continue to inform and increase my imagination about just what God's doing in the world and I share some of his thoughts from my notes here this month.

“The arc of life is moving toward what God intends... reconciling...restoration. God intends his people to be together at a time when all the world is walking away from others.”

Why Lutheran?

- We take Bible seriously [Scripture alone].
- In recovery and brokenness, I'm welcomed and accepted [Grace alone].
- The meal, creed, confession and forgiveness [Christ alone].

Here are some of Dr. Bouman's key points on the focus for evangelism:

- 1) See pastoral acts as a process, not an event. Follow up on families involved in baptisms, confirmations, funerals, etc., to continue to care for them and keep them involved in the life of the church.
- 2) Minister to the community groups using your building (AA, Compassionate Friends, etc.).
- 3) Keep in or make contact with the people on your prayer list.
- 4) Communicate intentionally: put a window on what we already do—

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make members of our congregation and the community aware of the ministries which we already provide.

- 5) Everybody worships all the time, not only on Sunday. How do our lives reflect our faith on the other days of the week?
- 6) Fix the money—identify financial issues and deal with them. Nothing derails imaginative Missional thinking more than wrong thinking money. Face it head on and don't allow money to define the life of the church.
- 7) Talk to each other. Provide an opportunity for one-on-one communication with congregation members to obtain their feedback, identify their talents, etc.
- 8) Provide programming for families with children. How much money and ministry are we investing on children?
- 9) Organize the elderly in the community, and provide programming for them. Seniors can take risks and be keepers of the story...relationships. See the gifted-ness of elders.
- 10) Power of Prayer. Develop prayer networks within the congregation. Practice Intercessory prayer and get away from saying, "I'll pray for you." Changing it to, "Let's pray." Prayer cuts the distance between us and God.
- 11) We ought to be a church known for thoughtful and critical encounters with the Bible.

Friends, we're already doing many of these imaginative and faithful things. Our focus and activities are changing as, together, we're "Building Christ's Community through Hospitality, Relationships, Teaching and Service." Come and join in our new and purposeful life.

Love,

*Pastor Jon*



## Council Corner

### *"Building Christ's Community through Hospitality, Relationships, Teaching and Service"*

#### Leadership Notes:

The spring weather has been challenging to those garden and plant crops. Many fields are not planted and muddy. Other fields are flooded and eroded. Please include in your prayers the ones who grow the food we eat.

Recently my neighbor who is a dairy farmer had lightning strike his barn. Another neighbor, who saw the fire knocked on his door and informed him his barn was on fire. They both rushed out to get the cattle out of the barn. Most of the cattle were saved. The neighbor who had helped got small burns from dripping tar. This was the first time these neighbors had met. Other neighbors helped corral the cattle. Later another neighbor brought a bouquet of flowers in sympathy. His pastor came and prayed with him. Many of those that came he had never met before. I heard his story and we talked about when disaster strikes, our faith and trust in God gives us hope for the future.

Do you have a good neighbor story to tell? I heard a story about delivering meals for Lunch Box Fever from Amy Field and asked her to share it here. It's a story of how we teach our children to help other people who are strangers to us.

It has been on my heart to participate in Lunch Box Fever for a while now. I heard the most beautiful and unexpected thing from someone who delivered meals last summer: they said that even more important than the meal itself, was the neighborly act of greeting children with a brief check-in to break up a long day while their parents are at work. Well, that did it for me! I wanted to be involved for sure. But as much as I wanted to jump in with both feet, I couldn't help but groan a little at the thought of my 3 1/2 year old daughter Ari tagging along. In and out of the car seat umpteen times, the inevitable whining, her repeated attempts to swipe a pudding cup from the lunch bags....let's just say hesitation was *definitely* a factor in my decision making! But now, with multiple deliveries under our belts, I couldn't be more glad that we did it together! It was the most wonderful thing to greet those grateful, smiling faces and be the ones to brighten their day! After just a few deliveries, Ari started insisting that I stand back while *she* knocked on the doors. What a thing to hear her little voice ring out, "Lunch Box Fever!," as she knocked her heart out on each door. Her beaming face handing over those lunch bags was something I hope I never forget. Not to mention the joy the children shared at meeting one another and making small talk. Wow! If you ask me, the people who benefit most from Lunch Box Fever are the people who deliver the meals! But more than the renewed love I have for this ministry, is my relief at having shrugged off the inconveniences of toting a toddler and instead embracing what turned out to be a lovely opportunity to serve together.

Amy L. Blake Field

A leadership group has been meeting and is attending workshops studying a holistic approach to stewardship. It supports faith based giving and year around stewardship.

God's Peace, President, Jim Strehlow



Why do we gather weekly in worship?

Why do we worship the way we do?

During a recent worship class at seminary we were asked these questions to ponder. We gather around the central things: the Word and the Sacraments. The order, the traditions, and the style may all look different depending on the gathered community, yet certain things remain central.

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."* John 4:23-24

Worshipping God--turning our hearts to God and lifting up all that we have to the one who created us.

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*  
Romans 12:1

We all have certain parts of worship or styles we love. We love them because these elements connect us closer to God and open us to the Spirit's work. We want everyone to feel that same encounter with God in the way we have felt it. In a recent Stewardship meeting we were talking about such things, I was surprised to hear everyone report something different: music, the liturgy, old hymns, dwelling in scripture and reflection on what it means with others, hearing the message and Holy Communion. We come to the Word in different ways through our faith community. What a blessing to meet God in new and unexpected ways during worship, ways we may not always fully embrace, but we know are pleasing to the One who created us.

The essentials of worship according to pastor and professor Gordon Lathrop is, "an open and participating community gathered on the Lord's Day in song and prayer around the scripture read and preached, around the baptismal washing, enacted or remembered, around the Holy Supper, and around the sending to a needy world." This gathered community is open to God's grace and responds in pleasing worship to God. I am truly thankful to be part of church who is working toward worshiping in this way. As we continue to gather and lift our praise to God, let us also continue to be wondering about the "whys."

In thankfulness and love, Pastor Cathy



## NEWS FROM HARVESTERS OF HOPE & CHEETAH DEVELOPMENT

This month has been a busy one for the Harvesters of Hope TEAM. Earlier this month we had a great time after Sunday services where kids and adults were invited to dip their hands into bright colored paints and make handprints on a part of the combine:



We hope these handprints tell the world about the many hands that joined together to make this combine project happen...and prompt people on the other end to ask questions so that we can tell the story of Our Father's and the combine!

This month has been an encouraging one on the fundraising front; last month we were stuck at around \$7,000 but now we have just topped the \$11,000 mark. Thanks to everyone who has "chipped in"...so now we are on the verge of sending off the combine to Africa! We are still short of our goal by about \$3,000; we need to keep raising funds to send the two experts to Iringa to put the machine back together and train local operators and mechanics to run and maintain it properly. Please consider a donation to help us meet this goal by the time the combine arrives...and join us in this great adventure!

This year the rains have been unusually good and a bumper harvest is expected by all. Our combine will be a god-send to more than a thousand families who are members of the cooperatives that Cheetah is in partnership with...as they anticipate the largest harvest they have ever seen...with hybrid seeds and fertilizers made possible with loans from Cheetah! Pray for us as we deal with documentation and red tape as part of the ocean freight process...we really want to get this combine out there in time to help with the harvest that starts in mid to late July.

Pray also for the continued recovery of Ray Menard's daughter, Rena, from her serious illness that necessitated a liver transplant in Rotterdam, in the Netherlands. Ray plans to return to Tanzania and Iringa by the end of this month...to resume his work with the small farmers of Iringa, bringing them hope for a brighter future in which they can afford to pay school fees for their children and pay for medicines when they get sick... plus all the other things parents need for healthy children. We have a great chance to help move this process forward! Let's all get on board with this great opportunity to

help our brothers and sisters in Africa in the spirit of Christian love. Ray has shown us this love, by his example in spending his life in helping others...even at the cost of nearly losing his daughter who was there working with him for almost three years. Let us support him in our own small way!



The Cheetah staff in Iringa, mid-2013; Rena is second from the left in the back row.

<i>Summer Music Schedule</i>			
<u>Sundays</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
July 6	Nancy VanSickle	August 3	Jan Larsen
July 13	Tammy Jarvi	August 10 (River Days)	Tammy Jarvi
July 20	VBS Counselors	August 17	Tammy Jarvi
July 27	Amber Stefan	August 24	Amber Stefan
		August 31 (Labor Day Weekend)	

## LIFE & GROWTH

***ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT***      *Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm*

### OUR FATHER'S WISH LIST

July 2014



**Clever Climber & Tikes of Steel Overhead Climber Playground System - \$16,975**  
(\$12,907 has been donated) **Additional amount needed - \$4,068**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship Red Hymnals - \$24.50 each**

Optional : Hymnals can be dedicated In honor of or In memory of someone special.

**Telescopic Banner Storage System - \$500**

**Banners – Baptismal - \$500/each**

#### SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS

Camperships & Retreats (range from \$20 - \$200)

#### GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Any amount may be given, Pastor will use as he sees a need.

Gas cards - Grocery cards

### *Women's Ministry News*

**OFLC's Spring Rummage Sale** -- Thank you to all for the hard work in making our sale a huge success.

**Twins Game** - We have reserved seats for the Twins Game on September 7th. Watch for more information.





*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10*

**Our General Fund at a Glance**

	<b>2014 Actual Year to Date Jan. 1 – May 31</b>	<b>2013 Actual Year to Date Jan. 1 – May 31</b>
<i>Contributions</i>	\$100,456	\$94,403
<i>Expenses</i>	\$105,860	\$112,236
<i>Net of Contributions &amp; Expenses</i>	-\$5,404	-\$17,833

***May 2014 - Memorial & Special Gifts (these gifts are not included in General Fund)***

- Gifts totaling \$1,949 to the Harvesters of Hope Fund
- Gifts totaling \$624 to Playground Fund
- Gifts totaling \$289 to CCFA (Crohn’s Disease)
- A gift of \$25 to Good Samaritan Fund
- Gifts totaling \$163 to Rockford School Strive Program
- Gifts totaling \$1,474 to Lunch Box Fever
- Gifts totaling \$10 to MOPS, \$25 to Love INC & \$45 to RiverWorks Food Shelf support

Nancy Varner, Congregation Treasurer

**Our Father’s Foundation News**

The Foundation would like to thank everyone for all the support we receive each year for our annual membership drive. This year was no exception! We received many renewals and new memberships this spring for single, family and sponsorships. If you have not had a chance to do a membership yet, please give it some thought. We would be glad to welcome your donation to a good cause.



Our annual bluegrass concert will not happen this year for lack of support. Please watch for details about a new event the Foundation is planning to be part of in March. This is a music event that will involve the entire congregation.

Any questions about the Foundation, please contact Krista Fisher, Tom Lemmage, Mark Nelson, or Denise Wold.

**JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**SERVICE**  
**SERVICE COORD:**

July 2 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)  
Paulette Podratz

**SERVICE**  
**SERVICE COORD:**  
**USHERS/GREETERS:**

July 6 (Sunday 9:30 am)  
Suzanne Otten  
John & Korki Blodgett  
Joe1 & Jen Boulton & Family

**READER:**  
**COMM PREP/CLEANUP:**  
**COMM ASST:**

Jen Boulton  
Joel & Jen Boulton  
Jen Boulton, Suzanne Otten

July 9 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)  
Jen Boulton

**SERVICE**  
**SERVICE COORD:**  
**USHERS/GREETERS:**

July 13 (Sunday 9:30 am)  
Sarah Sanderson  
Wade & Jennifer Deshaw & Family  
Erik & Sarah Dahl

**READER:**  
**COMM PREP/CLEANUP:**  
**COMM ASST:**

Sarah Dahl  
Wade & Jennifer Deshaw  
Sarah Dahl, Jennifer Deshaw

July 16 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)  
Tari Brase

**SERVICE**  
**SERVICE COORD:**  
**USHERS/GREETERS:**

July 20 (Sunday 9:30 am)  
Barb Strehlow  
Rick & Kathleen Dvorak  
Jan Hendrickson

**READER:**  
**COMM PREP/CLEANUP:**  
**COMM ASST:**

Jan Hendrickson  
Rick & Kathleen Dvorak  
Barb Strehlow, Jan Hendrickson

July 23 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)  
Sarah Sanderson

**SERVICE**  
**SERVICE COORD:**  
**USHERS/GREETERS:**

July 27 (Sunday 9:30 am)  
Paulette Podratz  
Joe & Kelly Roelofs  
George & Pat Sawatzke

**READER:**  
**COMM PREP/CLEANUP:**  
**COMM ASST:**

Joe Roelofs  
George & Pat Sawatzke  
Paulette Podratz, Kelly Roelofs

July 30 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)  
Becky Miller



July

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
h & Flip Flops <b>Worship</b>		7:30 pm AA Meeting	
	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Rebekah Circle h & Flip Flops <b>Worship</b>		7:30 pm AA Meeting	7:30 am Man Meeting 9:30 am Baptism Class
	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
h & Flip Flops <b>Worship</b>		Newsletter Articles Due 7:30 pm AA Meeting	
	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
pm Vacation ool h & Flip Flops <b>Worship</b>	9 am to 3 pm Vacation Bible School	7:30 pm AA Meeting	
	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
h & Flip Flops <b>Worship</b>		7:30 pm AA Meeting	



<b>AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>
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<b>SERVICE</b>	<b><u>August 3 (Sunday 9:30 am)</u></b>	
<b>SERVICE COORD:</b>	Jen Boulton	
<b>USHERS/GREETERS:</b>	William & Sherry Berkowitz Mario & Kim Lucarelli & Family	
<b>READER:</b>	Jen Boulton	
<b>COMM PREP/CLEANUP:</b>	William & Sherry Berkowitz	<b><u>August 6 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)</u></b>
<b>COMM ASST:</b>	Jen Boulton, Norie Siers	Sarah Sanderson
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b><u>August 10 (Sunday 9:30 am)</u></b>	
<b>SERVICE COORD:</b>	Jen Boulton	
<b>USHERS/GREETERS:</b>	Jason & Brenda Fortin & Family Kurt & Betsy Pennuto	
<b>READER:</b>	Betsy Pennuto	
<b>COMM PREP/CLEANUP:</b>	Kurt & Betsy Pennuto	<b><u>August 13 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)</u></b>
<b>COMM ASST:</b>	Jen Boulton, Betsy Pennuto	Jen Boulton
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b><u>August 17 (Sunday 9:30 am)</u></b>	
<b>SERVICE COORD:</b>	Barb Strehlow	
<b>USHERS/GREETERS:</b>	Ken & Kathy Lunderby Paul & Lynette Schultz	
<b>READER:</b>	Kathy Lunderby	
<b>COMM PREP/CLEANUP:</b>	Paul & Lynette Schultz	<b><u>August 20 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)</u></b>
<b>COMM ASST:</b>	Kathy Lunderby, Barb Strehlow	Suzanne Otten
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b><u>August 24 (Sunday 9:30 am)</u></b>	
<b>SERVICE COORD:</b>	Paulette Podratz	
<b>USHERS/GREETERS:</b>	Brad & Renee Tostenson Paul & Tiffany Stecker	
<b>READER:</b>	Lily Stecker	
<b>COMM PREP/CLEANUP:</b>	Brad & Renee Tostenson	<b><u>August 27 (Wednesday 7:00 pm)</u></b>
<b>COMM ASST:</b>	Lily Stecker, Tiffany Stecker	Suzanne Otten
<b>SERVICE</b>	<b><u>August 31 (Sunday 9:30 am)</u></b>	
<b>SERVICE COORD:</b>	Becky Miller	
<b>USHERS/GREETERS:</b>	Jeff & Veronica Kvam Jason & Jo Tornell & Family	
<b>READER:</b>	Jason Tornell	
<b>COMM PREP/CLEANUP:</b>	Jeff & Veronica Kvam	

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### *Lunch Box Fever – Sponsor a Child*

For just \$50 ***YOU*** can sponsor a child for Lunch Box Fever this summer. These are children who receive free or reduced price lunches (and breakfasts) during the school year. Lunches are prepared at OFLC by volunteers and delivered to the children's homes by volunteers. Because of the privacy issues, you will not know the child's name, but we can tell you gender and age. If you wish you could give us encouraging messages to include in your child's lunches.

\$50 helps feed a hungry child! See display in fellowship hall or talk to Kathy Lunderby, Betsy Pennuto or Marilyn Nelson for more information.

### *Volunteer to Help with Lunch Box Fever!!!*

Lunch Box Fever is a program sponsored by Our Father's Lutheran Church. Lunch Box Fever is in need of volunteers for this summer's program. The program runs Monday - Thursday through August 28<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed from 9:00-11:00 am to prepare food and starting at 10:45 am to deliver lunches (usually takes about an hour). Some groups and families volunteer on a regular basis (such as MOPS Mondays). We would love to have you consider that option, as well as signing up for random days as you have time. We also welcome "drop-ins," call-outs," and kids. Besides the heart-warming feeling of feeding hungry children, we have great fellowship, laughter and fun. Please sign up ON the chart outside the fellowship hall or on google. You may sign up to volunteer for June online using this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4DADAD29A31-lunch>.



#### Ideas for donations to Lunch Box Fever:

Peanut butter	Juice boxes	Paper grocery bags
Jelly	Evaporated milk	Hamburger
Tomato soup	Cereal	Hot dogs
Mushroom soup	Pepperoni	Pork and beans
Pasta sauce	Granola bars	Velveeta cheese--3 lb. Boxes
Pizza sauce	Saltine crackers	Mozzarella cheese--shredded
French salad dressing	Graham crackers	Pasta--elbow macaroni, spaghetti, rotini
Ranch salad dressing	Fig Newtons	Sandwich bags
Pudding cups	Animal cookies	Reusable containers
Fruit cups	Butter	Reusable shopping bags
		Yogurt cups

And, of course, we are always grateful for monetary donations!

## *Love INC Heartland*

Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held on August 22nd at Pioneer Creek Golf Course in Maple Plain. Registration begins at 11:00 am with a shot gun start at 1:00 pm.

Tickets are on sale now at Love INC – Heartland, Delano State Bank and Coburns in Delano. The \$115.00 fee covers 18 holes of Golf, Dinner, and a cart. Join us for the Pastor's Putt, awards and dinner beginning at 5:30. Dinner only tickets are \$40.00. Hole Sponsors are also needed and the price to have your name advertised as a hole sponsor is \$200.00.

Our Current Bedding Needs:

- King comforters
- King sheet sets
- New pillows
- Queen sheet sets
- Queen comforters (gently used and clean)

Other Love INC Ministry needs, if you can help:

- Nice sets of everyday dishes, pots and pans (in good shape)
- Laundry soap, paper towels
- Liquid pump hand soap
- Diapers size 4,5,6, wipes, pack n' plays

Thank you for all your generous and continuing donations! We would love more helpers to make bedding calls or visits, or help sort/organize/or pick up bedding, contact Laurie Hanson at (763) 477-4834.



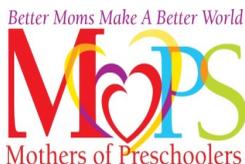
Love INC  
Love In the Name of Christ



## *RiverWorks Food Shelf* *July Focus – Cereal*



***RiverWorks Store*** - Your community thrift store. Proceeds used to enhance current and future programs to strengthen our community.  
***Store Hours:*** Monday through Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Accepting donations during regular business hours. The RiverWorks Store is located in the Rockford Mall.



www.MOPS.org  
www.ourfatherschurch.org/MOPS

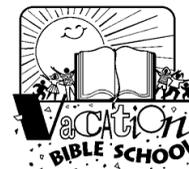
Our 2014-15 MOPS year will begin on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 - 11:30 am. We welcome anyone who has children from a newborn to kindergarten.

**MOPPETS TEACHERS OR HELPERS:** If you have older children and would like to help in the MOPPETS classrooms by being a volunteer teacher or helper, please contact us.

Contact Cristal McClain at (651) 403-0146 or cristalthedoula@gmail.com or Angela Schmidt at (763) 477-0033 or angela\_l\_schmidt@hotmail.com for more information.

### Vacation Bible School

- What?** Vacation Bible School Day camp 2013  
**When?** Monday, July 21 - Thursday, July 24  
**Who?** School Age children (completed K-5th) from 9 am-3 pm  
**Where?** Our Father's Lutheran Church



We are happy to announce the return of Vacation Bible School this year led by Camp Onomia. The theme this year is Jesus' "I am..." statements. Counselors and volunteers with lead the children in worship, themed activities, games and crafts. Registration forms and more will be available on the church's website (www.ourfatherschurch.org) or in the church office. Parents are encouraged to return their registration by July 1st for the Early Bird registration fee. There are many opportunities for service and hospitality such as donating lunch, paper products and water, or housing a few camp counselors. Please contact Sarah Dahl (651-503-9706 or zend0001@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you all this summer!

### New Bible Study for Parents + Kids Together: Join Us!

Sunday School might be out for the summer, but we have a new way for families to engage in spiritual growth together! All summer long, join us at 8:15 am for a casual family-oriented Bible study group complete with activities for the kids and engaging discussions about how to bolster faith at home. This informal experiment in family education is the latest way we are Building Christ's Community together! Drop by Sunday morning and check it out for yourself!

## KIDS & YOUTH NEWS

### Youth

Although it may not be apparent to most of the congregation, there is a Youth Committee. We meet monthly and have a representative participating on Council. Over the past couple of years the committee had a few events such as; 30-Hour Famine, Youthworks and Camp Castaway. In parallel the Youth Committee was asked to join in the journey of pruning and discernment which other committees were engaged in when the Youth Committee reformed. Pruning, no problem since we were starting over it could all be new. What could be new? Everything! What is everything? You know camp, concerts, this outing, that outing. So everything wasn't so different after all. We found ourselves falling back into the previous youth activities, which isn't bad but it's not new.

As a group we decided to enter into discernment while trying to hone our listening skills. Some months it seemed as if discernment was getting in the way of getting something done but we stuck to the commitment of our relationship with each other & God. We asked for prayer from Council, each other and from anyone who wanted to pray for us. We needed help, we needed the Holy Spirit to take hold and lead us. We needed to get out of the way and let Jesus take over.

During our last committee meeting it finally hit us; we wanted engagement not a "committee".

In the book *Radical Together* David Platt explains it best "Church leaders are intended by God not to plan events but to equip people. Leaders do not exist to provide services; they exist to serve people." He goes on to say "Leaders in our faith family have made a concentrated effort to take resources, most notably our time, away from organizing ministry for the people and to invest them more in mobilizing people for ministry." In our case it's mobilizing youth and who are our "Youth"?

One change is "Committee" has been pruned as we welcome our new revised "Youth Ministry". Whether you are youthful in age, at heart or in your spiritual journey we look forward to serving you.

Youth Ministry Team,

Sarah Sanderson, Kevin Haugen, Brian Walton & You



**Looking for Nursery Assistants** – Looking for a way to serve? Do you love kids? Interested in providing a little space and support for families with little ones? We need two caregivers each Sunday morning in the nursery during the 9:30 am worship service. Sign up on board posted on nursery door.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Every Sunday Morning at 8:15 am

Family-oriented Faith and Bible.

### Every Tuesday Morning at 10:00 am

Together, we discuss our lives and God's promises. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Cathy or Pastor Jon for info.

### Wednesday Afternoon (July 9th) at 1:00 pm

Women's Study (Rebekah Circle) – Mary's Song - The Magnificat

Mary's song in many ways matches Elizabeth's song. They are singing to us inter-generationally by singing to each other.

### Saturday Morning (July 12th) at 7:30 am

MAN Meeting - All men welcome! Questions? Contact Tom Dery at 477-6787.



*Widows and Widowers Group* will be meeting on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at Lee's Kitchen in Rockford.



### *Rockford High School STRIVE Graduates*

Congratulations to these Rockford STRIVE participants and High School graduates. The people of OFLC collected funds to gift each with a copy of StrengthsFinder 2.0. Thank you.

**COUNCIL****President**

Jim Strehlow 498-7652

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**Youth**

Brian Walton 477-5770

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**OUR FATHER'S INFORMATION****JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

9:30 am Sunday Worship

7:00 pm Wednesday Worship

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 12 Noon - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 12 Noon - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 12 Noon - 6:00 pm

Thursday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**STATISTICS****AVERAGE ATTENDANCE PER SERVICE**

May 2013 - 130 (average for 5 weeks)

May 2014 - 135 (average for 4 weeks)

**Welcome Children of God!**

**Ethan Daniel Bervig**, son of Dan and Lindsey Bervig was baptized on June 8th. Sponsors are Corey and Janelle Christie.



**Grayson Matthew Hunter**, son of Aaron and Shannon Hunter was baptized on June 29th. Sponsors are Shane and Sarah Sand.

**Baptism Class**

Making plans for a baptism? Contact Pastor Jon with questions.

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## ***Summer Worship***

### **Wednesdays**

**6:00 pm Faith in Flip Flops (food, fellowship, faith)**

**7:00 pm Worship**

### **Sundays**

**8:15 am Family Bible Study & Fellowship**

**9:30 am Worship**