

From the Pastor...

The Sunday after Easter, on April 8, you, congregation, totally outdid yourself. People who had never experienced Holy Humor Sunday came dressed in funny costumes, those for whom this was their 3rd Holy Humor Sunday, totally outdid themselves. Before we gathered on the morning of the 8th, because of struggles with the sermon and difficulty with coming up with something fresh and new for our third celebration of the Resurrection Laugh, I had begun to wonder if Holy Humor had run its course and we needed to move on to something else. But the day was so full of joy and humor (and even a jolly heckler) that I had my faith restored in the ingenuity of our congregation and our resolve to continue living in our Easter joy. The Resurrection Laugh continues!

As we turn our lives toward the month of May, we look ahead to a number of celebratory events.

On May 6 we'll have a 'do over' baptism that was scheduled for the Sunday worship was cancelled due to the blizzard.

On May 13, Mothers' Day, we'll confirm two of our confirmation students--Maddie and Gracie—as they affirm the vows made at their baptism. On that Sunday we'll also have our cradle rocking celebration as we welcome in love those who have been born in the last year or so.

We belong together. That's what we'll be talking about throughout May as we continue the series Believe, Belong, Become. Because of what we believe, we belong to God, we belong to Christ, we belong to one another, and we together seek to be all that we are called to be. We are in the season of Easter, where we celebrate that we have the good news of Jesus' victory over death. We celebrate that we are an Easter people. We celebrate that God has called us to be ambassadors of the good news of Christ's resurrection from the dead and that brings us hope, brings us joy, brings us life.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." –Romans 8:38-39

Thanks be to God.
Pastor Holly

Collection Continues

Thanks to all who have been bringing used printer cartridges, Box Tops for Education, and pop can tabs to church. All of these items are being collected by our local Wyoming Elementary School and sent to the appropriate places. By sending these items in, Wyoming Elementary receives money back and savings on items they need for the school and all of that benefits our Wyoming kids. Be sure and bring your cartridges, Box Tops and tabs in the beginning of this month so we can get them to Wyoming Elementary before the end of the school year, May 23.

Spring Concerts

"Night and Day" is the theme of Unexpected Company's spring concerts. The Friday, May 18th concert will be held at Elim Lutheran Church in Scandia at 7:30pm. The Sunday, May 20th concert will be held at the Performing Arts Center, Chisago Lakes High School, Lindstrom at 3pm. Both concerts are free. Unexpected Company is a mixed choral group that is over 20 years old. Several of our church members are in the chorus. For additional details contact Shirley Faber or Jan Freemore.



May Celebrations

Birthdays

5-5 Jeremy S.
5-7 Alex R.
Taylor M.
5-8 Ersileen M.
Kyle R.
5-16 Mava K.
5-19 Holly K.

5-25 Carole A.
Gary G.
Julie R.
Cathy W.
5-26 Jenna W.
5-27 Ed K.
5-29 Marilyn B.
Peyton T.

5-30 Fran F.
Lucy K.
5-31 Larry M.



Anniversaries

5-1 Andy & Shurene E.

Don't see your special date? Please let Michelle in the office know.

Pictures from Holy Humor Sunday



More pictures available on our website:
www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org



Feed My Starving Children

Many thanks to all who participated in the Hosanna Lutheran Church Feed My Starving Children MobilePack on April 21. The need is great in many parts of the world and we are grateful for those who packed as well as those who contributed financially. During our 2-hour shift, 40,000 meals were packed which will feed 110 children for a full year! \$1,445 was donated which will pay for 6,568 meals for the children who are literally starving around the world. Well done!

St. Andrew's Homeless Shelter News

The St. Andrews homeless shelter in Hugo plans to open to families in need in July. This shelter is the culmination of years of discussion, planning, prayer and fundraising by many, many congregations in the Forest Lake area. Please watch for further information on when we will be scheduled to host at this facility and how we can be of service. Your missions team hopes that when you read about the continual plight of families in desperate housing circumstances in the newspapers (and on other media) you are encouraged by knowing YOUR church will be a big part in alleviating the struggle for five families at a time at the Hugo shelter. Driving from Wyoming to the shelter using I-35 is a quick 10-minute trip for us!

Renovations at the St. Andrew's family shelter in Hugo continue to move along with the help of volunteers from a number of area churches. Renovation work is typically on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. If you would like to get involved with this project contact Debbie Larson at 651-762-9148 or dlarson@saintandrews.org.

Emma Norton Shelter

For the month of June we're collecting pocket change for the Emma Norton Shelter. Emma Norton Shelter is a shelter for women and children that also offers chemical dependency and mental illness counseling. A jar will be in our church entryway to collect your coins for this important mission. Drop in your change to help make a change in people's lives. (You've got to try the coin jar, it adds your coin's value to the total it already has, so be sure and look for the digital numbers on the top of the jar.)



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Relay for Life

American Cancer Relay for Life in Chisago County will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 4-10pm at the North Branch Mall, south end near the theater and the former Old Navy store. Please mark your calendars for this great event especially if you are a survivor, caregiver or have someone special in your life who has had cancer. Contact JoAnn Belau, joannbelau@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to start a team, or have a connection to a business who would be willing to contribute.



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Spring Cleanup Day

Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 12 at 9 am. Please come and help spruce up the grounds as we get our church into shape for the rest of spring and summer. There will be jobs for people both inside and outside the building. Come and help take care of your church building for an hour, for several hours, for as much time as you're able to give. Cleanup should end around noon.



Come Early to Spring Cleanup Day for Breakfast!

On May 12th, Dave and Jan F. will be serving breakfast at 8:00 am to anyone who would like to meet Charlie Strong of Strong Missions, Costa Rica. Charlie will share about the mission opportunities in Costa Rica, hopefully work alongside some folks during our Spring Cleanup Day, and be in conversation with them, answering questions, etc. Dave and Jan will be leading a trip to Costa Rica January 7-21, 2019. So come for Missions breakfast and stay for Spring Cleanup Day. We'll still have refreshments at break time for cleanup helpers!

Cradle Rocking

We are having our annual Cradle Rocking on Mother's Day, May 13, during the worship service. We will rock any babies, grandbabies or great-grandbabies who have been born in the last year or so. If you would like to bring someone to be rocked, please talk to Donna Keacher or Pastor Holly as soon as possible.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is May 13. We will be confirming Gracie A. and Maddie J. during the worship service and having a congratulatory reception following worship. Confirmation is a time when our Middle School youth confirm the vows their parents made on their behalf at their baptism. Confirmation class is a time to learn more about our faith and confirm for ourselves that we "believe in Jesus Christ our savior, put our whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him with people of all ages, nations and races." We encourage you to be present and support Maddie and Gracie on this important step in their faith journey!



CONFIRMATION

UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Sunday is May 20. This Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing, is our annual opportunity to contribute to UMCOR's administrative costs so that when disaster strikes, 100% of our disaster offerings go to the people in need. Please give by marking your check (written to Wyoming United Methodist Church) or envelope 'UMCOR.'

Worship Services in May

Throughout May we are continuing our series on Believe, Belong, Become as we talk about what it means to passionately hold to what we believe, not hiding the light of our faith, while at the same time respectfully listening to those with whom we disagree. We hear many people speak passionately about many different things: gun control, immigration, abortion, the death penalty, gay rights, racism, feminism, climate change, healthcare and yet many of us shut down in the face of such passionately held views. How can we state what we believe, listen respectfully to other beliefs and still love one another as Christ loved us?

May 6

Believe, Belong, Become:
Healthy Boundaries
Psalm 16:5-9

May 13

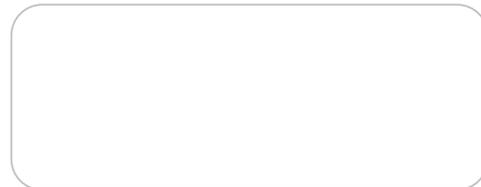
Cradle Rocking
Confirmation Sunday
Festival of the Christian Home/
Mothers' Day
Welcome Home
John 15:9-17

May 20

UMCOR Sunday
Believe, Belong, Become:
Speak Truth
John 8:1-11

May 27

Guest Preacher,
Denny Hebrink



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