

## From the Pastor...

Summer is a time to step back and reflect, to take advantage of that invitation to go fishing, to spend time with family at reunions, to go and take a quiet walk in a quiet place. One of my personal goals is to take time daily to be still and know that God is God. I am very good at keeping busy and not being still. I love to play Sudoku on my phone, to read books for business and pleasure, to visit with others, but I've been noticing lately a lack of being quiet, of being still.

Since all the things that I really want to accomplish need to happen in the morning when I'm bright and alert, I'm planning my time of quiet for the mornings. I know where I'm going to sit and the breath prayers I'll use to focus on God. I've done it already a few times this week, and have found that my focus is better and my spirit is lighter.

What do you need to bring more light into your living?

What do you need to do to bring more light into your community?

I was talking with someone the other day about our Reading Buddies, the program we've started with the Wyoming Elementary School, where 11 people from our church and community spend time every week listening to kindergarten through second graders learn to read. The person I was talking with was concerned about what would happen to her Reading Buddies over the summer and how they would continue to learn and grow over the summer. She felt helpless with the ending of school and no way to contact her young friends. I encouraged her to consider not only praying for the kids, but volunteering at the food shelf or the clothes closet, which would, if not help 'her kids' directly, would certainly help those in need.

I'm looking forward to the less scheduled pace of summer, the time to take quiet breaks and be still and know that God is God. But I'm also looking forward to summer opportunities to try out new ideas and get out into the community to connect with our neighbors.

What are your plans for the summer?

I hope your plans include time to be a good neighbor in the community as well as taking time to be still and know God's love.

-Pastor Holly

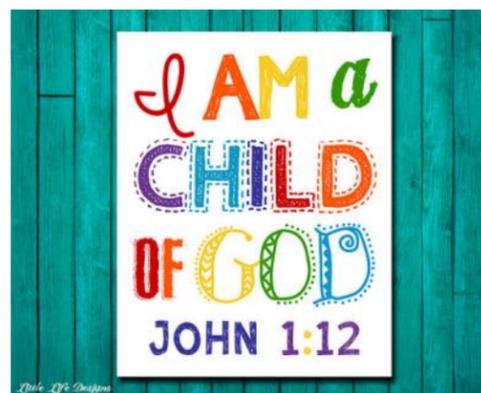


## Congratulations Gracie and Maddie!

Congratulations to our confirmands, Gracie and Maddie, as they completed two years of confirmation instruction and professed their faith before the gathered community on Sunday, May 13. We look forward to being partners with you in ministry!

## Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with this year's Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 12. We cleaned out and trimmed all the dead limbs and brush, weeded the garden beds, cleaned windows, replaced mulch and generally cleaned up the church to be ready for another year of service to our community. Thanks, volunteers, for all your good work!



## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

6-1	Ron L.	6-14	Gracie A.
6-3	Lisa R.		Jan F.
6-6	Henry S.	6-19	Barb B.
6-10	Kathy L.	6-21	Dave A.
6-11	Kristin I.	6-25	Pastor Holly
6-13	Diane D.	6-28	June D.
	Russ J.	6-29	Corrie A.
	David W.	6-30	Marti G.

### Anniversaries

6-10	Bud & Shirley J.
	Gordy & Rita P.
6-21	Denny & Nancy H.
	Tom & Bernie S.
6-25	Myron & Bea Z.
6-29	Gary & Marti G.

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



## St. Andrew's Shelter

The St. Andrews Family Shelter in Hugo is progressing quickly to completion. This shelter for 5 families experiencing homelessness in our area tentatively plans an OPEN HOUSE on June 24th (watch for further updates) and a start-up for families the week after the 4th of July. You can help by calling Debbie Larson at 651-762-9148 and volunteering your time on a Wednesday, Thursday, or a Saturday to help get the shelter finished on time. Also, if you'd like to help by purchasing something needed at the shelter they have created a non-profit gift registry at Target. Just go to target.com under gift registry to find any number of needs. If you purchase something, they would like to receive it by June 10th at the offices in St. Andrews church. I can take your items there for you so give me a call. WHY should we help? It brings me great sadness to tell you that when our group of Forest Lake area churches began working to help alleviate homelessness there were 40 to 50 students reporting themselves as homeless within the Forest Lake School District. Today that number has swelled to 70 to 80 students. Now 5 families at a time will have a safe, warm, caring place to call home until the staff of St. Andrews Family Shelter can find them housing of their own. You'll remember they are experts at what they do. Most families successfully leave the program in about 45 days. Jane Rylander 763-434-8568.



A class of Wyoming Elementary School kids with Police Chief Paul Hoppe.

## Reading Buddies

We've wrapped up another fruitful year of Wyoming Elementary School Reading Buddies and we thank you, congregation, for your support. Sharon A., Nancy B., Marilyn, Carol S. and Ann S. joined 'veterans' Lois S., Karyla P., Joyce M., Donna K., Jane D., and Holly A., to work with kindergarten through second grade classrooms, visiting the school weekly and helping children practice reading to us out loud. We also were invited to help with Grandparents' Day at the school and got to meet a lot of our students' grandparents.

We hope to have even more Reading Buddies next year and encourage you to ask any one of us about our experience. Each of us has gotten so much joy from being Reading Buddies. Come join us!



## Little Free Library

A huge thank you to Trevor Jackson and his wife, Abby, for building this adorable Little Free Library for the students of our own Wyoming Elementary School. It will be enjoyed for years to come by our reading buddies and all the students. Well done good & faithful servants!

## Save the Week!

Our next hosting for New Pathways families experiencing homelessness will be July 22-July 28. We are required to do background checks on ALL volunteers for our hosting weeks. If you have volunteered in the past, you will receive a form giving the church permission to run a background check on you. If you have had one done for work or other volunteer agencies within the past 3 years, you don't need another one at this time. Each background check will cost the church \$20 so if you would like to pay for your own, you can attach a check made out to WUMC for \$20 to your form when you return it. If there is no check with your form, the church will cover its cost. The forms will be handed to you at church or mailed to your home. You can return them to church by mail or place them in the box in the entryway of the church marked "Background Check Forms." Please return by July 1st.

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.* ~ Galatians 6:2

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## Relay for Life

American Cancer Society 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](mailto: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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## Annual Conference

This year's Annual Conference of the Minnesota United Methodist Church is May 30-June 1. Bea Z. and Holly A. will be representing our church at this gathering, with Nancy H. coming along to keep those two in order! Please pray for fruitful discussions and a blessed time of worship, workshops, legislation and strengthening the connection with our Minnesota United Methodist sisters and brothers.

## Senior Recognition Sunday

Senior Recognition Sunday is Sunday, June 17. We will be recognizing our graduating seniors during the worship service. If you are a graduating senior or know someone who is graduating that has been a part of our congregation, let them know we want to honor them on June 17.

## Discovery Time for Kids

Discovery Time for Kids this summer will be a time during the normal Sunday morning Sunday School time for elementary age and pre-school kids to have a time of games, crafts and some outdoor fun, all sprinkled with God's love and wisdom. Be sure and bring your kids with you to worship on Sunday mornings and at the end of Teaching Time early in the service, send them off to grow in faith and fun!



## Emma Norton Services

You are invited to support Minnesota's own Emma Norton Services, which helps house homeless families, single women and offers support for those suffering mental illness, medical impairment and/or a substance abuse disorder and helps them gain independence and self-sufficiency. During the month of June we will have a jar available in the entryway of the church for you to drop your pocket change into to help support this worthwhile ministry.

## Wanted: Summer Musicians

We are looking for summer musicians—people who are willing to share their musical talent with us in summer worship. Do you play an instrument? Sing? Play or sing in a group? Do you know someone who does? Please talk with Jan Freemore or Pastor Holly if you have questions or are interested in sharing your music with us. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Worship Services in June

The beginning of June we'll finish up our series on Believe, Belong, Become, where we're talking about how to bravely speak the truth in love. Beginning with June 18 we'll launch into our summer series on Life's Essential Lessons, which will tackle such issues as: who is God, what is religion and how are we called to live? You are invited!

### June 3

Believe, Belong, Become:  
Hold Hands  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-12

### June 10

Believe, Belong, Become:  
Wild Heart  
Genesis 32:22-31

### June 17

**Father's Day**  
Life's Essential Lessons:  
Who is God?  
Mark 12:28-34

### June 24

Guest Preacher, Bea Zaruba