

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

County Rd. 52, St. Peter, MN (507) 246-5195



July 2018

Striving to Live, Love, Serve, all for the Glory of God.

Vacation Bible School



Celebrate Gods' Creation

on Sunday July 22 to Wednesday July 25
starting at 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

The meal and snack will be provided!

Following is the weeks schedule.

Sunday meet at Trinity-Sibley

Monday meet at Scandian Grove Norseland

Tuesday meet at Trinity-Sibley

Wednesday meet at Scandian Grove Norseland

We will learn about bees and honey, gardening and the farmers market, goats and cheese. All ages are encouraged to participate! Especially if you like campfires, water games and listening to the Holy Spirit. Most of our time will be spend outdoors so dress appropriately.

We are looking for volunteers to provide food and serve a meal and snack at Scandian Grove on Monday and Wednesday evenings. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board or you can email Pastor Shelly at prshelly3@gmail.com or Anna, our church secretary at secretarysglc@gmail.com.

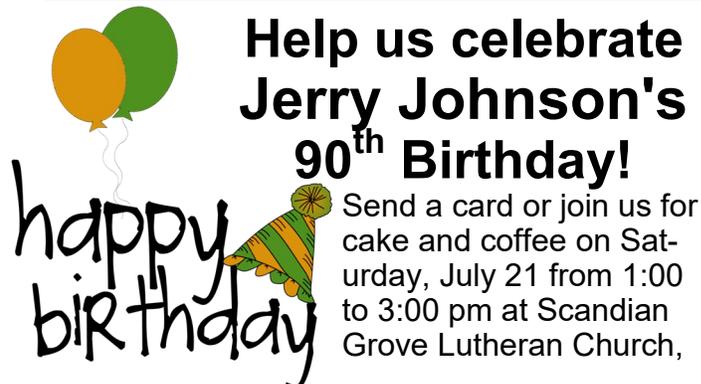
Registration: Please invite friends and family and let us know that you are coming!



The **Transition Team** will meet on Monday, July 2 at 6:30 pm at church. Please come ready to share any interviews you may have had in the past month. We will be using this time to gather information needed to start filling out our church profile.

You're Invited!

Please join **Gordy and Jackie Rodning** and **Doug and Judy Schultz** for cake and coffee on July 8 after church to help them celebrate their 50 years of marriage! Gordy and Jackie were married on July 6 and Doug and Judy were married July 5, 1968. *Congratulations to both couples on this major milestone in their lives.*



Help us celebrate Jerry Johnson's 90th Birthday!

Send a card or join us for cake and coffee on Saturday, July 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church,



Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

“You are what you do,” is a phrase I have been hearing over and over lately... What does it mean? I think it is a reminder that my actions demonstrate who I am as clearly as my words. I've wondered sometimes, would someone know I am a Christian by how I behave?

- I might like to think I am grateful for what God has given me, but do I share my resources as they weren't really mine to keep? Sometimes.
- I might like to think I am generous in spirit, but do I hold on to grudges and resentments instead of praying that God would grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change? Sometimes.

“You are what you do.”

- When I worship, I am accountable to God and other Christians.
- When I give financially, I trust that God will provide for me in the future.
- When I ask to be forgiven, I admit that I am not always what I want to be.

“You are what you do.” This phrase goes for communities as well. Would others know we are Christians by our love?

During this time of transition, Scandian Grove is called to be a Christian Community and to discern God's will for our future. In order to steward the resources God has given us, in other words, our time, our talents and our material resources, it is helpful to set aside time to name our gifts and our values. The Church Council spent a good portion of our evening discussing the values we as individuals and as a congregation hold dear. I asked the Council to prioritize these values by what we do well and what we aspire to do well.

(The Transition Team and other small groups of Scandian Grove will also be joining in conversation about our core values. You will hear more about this in the months ahead as we prepare our Ministry Site Profile for pastoral candidates to review.)

At the July Council meeting we will be discussing the financial realities we are facing presently as well as looking ahead five to ten years. What kind of pastoral leadership does Scandian Grove need and what can it afford to provide in compensation for that pastor? Should we be in conversation with other congregations about sharing ministries and pastors? Probably.

Breathe in faith and breathe out fear. The Holy Spirit is with us.

These are some of the values your Church Council discussed in depth at our last Council meeting. Try them on and see if you think they fit what we do at Scandian Grove and who we think God wants us to be in the future.

- Community - Living together with mutual support, interdependence and fellowship.
- Music – Appreciating tunes and lyrics that connect with emotions, including listening, singing, worship leadership and accompaniment.
- Intergenerational - Intentionally respecting and including members of multiple generations to be together in worship, faith formation, fellowship and mission.
- Engaging Neighbors – Being an integral part of your neighborhood; responding to the needs and passion of those in the immediate neighborhood.
- Cooperation - Working together to accomplish tasks and goals.
- Family - Emphasizing a group of people in a close, meaningful relationship, including but not limited to, those related by blood.
- Tradition - Honoring the ways of the past-the practices and routines handed down to us by those who came before.
- Hospitality - Being intentionally welcoming, especially of guest and strangers, with genuine care, and concern for their needs.

Gratitude is a value that we all should practice and aspire to...

- I encourage you to thank your **Church Council** for the dedication and leadership.
- Thank **Heidi and Sarah** for leading and teaching Sunday School in 2018.
- Thank your Church Musicians, **Marie, Melody and Scott**, who choose music they hope

will enhance your worship experience, as well as practice and accompany faithfully.

- Thank **Pam** for her Custodial work and her Card Ministry.
- Thank **Anna** for the exemplary work she is doing as our new Church Secretary. She is thorough and prompt and a great asset to your interim pastor. We also appreciate **Jill** and her years of service and time spent training Anna.
- Thank **Bonnie** for her beautiful work on the Newsletter and mastering the learning curve of getting the newsletter on the website!
- Thank **all who work to create a space that is warm and inviting** - especially for families experiencing milestones like funerals and bridal showers.
- Thank **Maria** for being our lay voting member and attending the Southwest MN Assembly this year and recently being appointed to serve on the Southwestern MN Synod Council! (As well as the Treasurer for the SW MN Synod WELCA.)

**In gratitude for your partnership in ministry,
Interim Pastor Shelly Olson**

Transition Team Update

The Transition Team is currently interviewing neighbors in our communities: such as Gustavus, local school representatives, town board and county leaders, 4H, retail shops, healthcare providers, social workers, & others. The Transition Team plans to begin work on the Ministry Site Profile in August. If you have any questions, please speak to your Transition Team chairs: Maria Lokensgard and Kathryn Wolfe.

NOTE! On Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 7:00 pm, there will be a joint meeting of the **Stewardship & Property Committees** at church. The purpose is:

1. To finalize our intentions to ask SGLC members for help with special, necessary projects.
2. To help the congregation see stewardship as being about joyfully giving back to God from the blessings He has more than adequately provided for us.
3. To map out our annual plan to help SGLC meet it's budget obligations.
4. To collaborate on SGLC's values in the context of spending, providing, and being cared for by a pastor and within the larger church.



We sincerely want to thank all of you for your generosity, kind words and the love you've given all of us as we grieve the passing of Marjorie Eckberg. We are so grateful for the Scandian Grove family!

Garfield Eckberg and Family



The Scandian Grove Cemetery Board would like to thank everyone who helped with the Memorial Day Service and meal. A special thanks to the Gaylord Honor Guard for their part in the service. Thank you for the generous donations that will be used for the upkeep of the cemeteries and shared with the local Veterans organizations. And remember to thank the Veterans for their service!



Thank you! To simply say "thank you" for all the love, support, & prayers we have received the last few months hardly seems enough. All the cards, flowers, gas cards, beautiful prayer shawls, meals, fun girly things, & visits have meant so much to all of us. We are all so very humbled by all the love & support; we are truly blessed to be a part of Scandian Grove's family. The next few months will hold many different things for our family but we know we have lots of prayers holding us up & getting us through it all. Thank you from our hearts.

Collin, Tammy, Luran, & Eric Johnson.

The Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council meeting was opened in prayer, and then called to order by President Bruce Norell at 6:38pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.



Present: Pam R., Joni A., Gordy R., Wallace L., Bruce N., Theresa B., Marty S., Solveig L., Doug S., Dick K., Pastor Shelly

Excused: Heidi S.

Secretary's Report

Theresa moved to accept the secretary's report with no additions or corrections. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence

A letter from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries was shared, asking us whether we wanted to continue with our \$684.00 gift (based on \$2.00/baptized member). Given that funds are slim in our general account, there was discussion on whether we should give this year. Many expressed that they felt that Green Lake Bible Camp has been an invaluable experience for many young people in our church. Theresa made a motion to take \$400 out of the Scholarship Fund (currently at \$3,181.47), and to ask both the men's and the women's groups from the church to consider donating the remainder. Gordy seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

Report was presented. Solveig made a motion to accept the report with no additions or corrections. The motion was seconded by Pam. The motion passed.

Treasurers report

A report was given by Wallace. Pam made a motion to accept the report with no additions or corrections. The motion was seconded by Dick. The motion passed.

It was noted that the Sunday School fund was closed out and that money was put into the General Fund. The Sunday school ending balance was \$1,206.25. Any future Sunday school needs will be taken out of the General Fund.

Also noted: We have not paid March or April Synod Benevolence.

Also noted: We currently have taken out \$8,500 on our credit line. This amount is higher than it was at this time last year. It was decided that Pastor Shelly would bring this to the attention of the church in a bulletin announcement. It was noted that due to poor weather conditions two Sunday worship services were cancelled in 2018.

Financial Secretary's Report

Food Shelf	\$100.00
General Fund	7,215.00
Improvement Fund	406.41
Cemetery Donations	250.00
World Hunger	25.00

Treasurer's report

Beginning Balance(5/1/18)	\$41.34
Total Deposits	16,108.00
Deposits	8,001.41
Transfers	4,606.59
Credit Line Advance	3,500.00
Total Expenses	-17,326.22
Sunday School Funds	1,206.00
Ending Balance(5/31/18)	29.37

Old Business

The third in our series of "*Community Conversations*" will be held at church this coming Sunday (June 10) after the outdoor service. The Council will serve cinnamon rolls, lemonade and coffee. It will be placed in the prayer chain email announcement.

- Scandian Grove will move ahead with the decision to put in a new septic system, since it passed in the voting on Sunday, June 3, 2018.
- Bonnie Rieger joined us for discussion on the Church Newsletter. She gave us lots of valuable

feedback and insight. Currently 119 households have requested emailed newsletters, six want website-only access, four will pick-it-up at church, and four no longer wish to receive it. 40 have requested that they continue getting the paper newsletter, and 38 have never responded. This means that we are still mailing 78 letters via USPS (postage=50 cents/each). After initial extra hours involved in integrating the newsletter into our website, the process is now much easier. It was decided that henceforth, we will pay a flat monthly rate of \$200.00 to Bonnie for her work with the newsletter, instead of the hourly rate of \$10.00/hour as we had been. Her monthly hours have been steadily decreasing. **NOTE:** Newsletter submissions should be sent to Bonnie at newslettersqlc@gmail.com.

New Business

No new business.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

VBS will be held jointly with Trinity Sibley July 22-25, from 5:30-8:00. We need volunteers.

Property

Spring cleanup of church and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, beginning at 9:00 am.

Stewardship

There will be a meeting called shortly to discuss funding of the septic system.

Historical

A 160th Celebration is planned for June 24 at Scandian Grove. A special service will be held, inviting previous pastors, followed by a Scandinavian buffet breakfast catered by GAC. Tickets for the buffet will be \$10.00. There will be an all-church photo taken after the service that day.

Discussion of Values

Pastor Shelly guided us through a thought-provoking exercise to help us define and discuss the priority values held by our Church. This was a precursor to the upcoming Community Conversation to be held on Sunday, June 9, and was meant to get us thinking about where we need to place our focus as we move towards writing our Mission Site Profile.

Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Solveig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary Pro Tem,
Solveig Langr



	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>August 2018</u>
ALTAR GUILD	Rhonda Hermanson & Solveig Langr	Rhonda Hermanson & Solveig Langr
READERS	Jay Hanson	Sue Schott
USHERS	Kevin Johnson Joni Anderson, Jay Hanson	Terry, Kelly & Cole Pankratz Dave Hermanson
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Doug Schultz Bruce Norell	Dick Kinkeade Wallace Larson
COUNCIL HOST	Dick Kinkeade	Bruce Norell

**THE SCANDIAN GROVE BOOK CLUB invites you to their
Summer Picnic Potluck in the Church Park on**

Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 pm

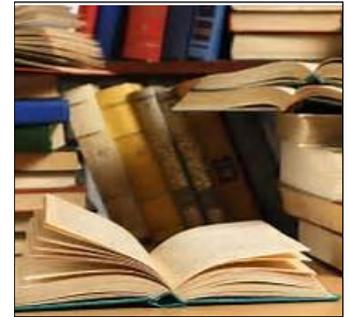
We will be discussing...

The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

“Santiago meets an Englishman who wants to learn the secret of alchemy, or turning any metal into gold, from a famous alchemist who lives at an oasis on the way to the pyramids. While traveling, Santiago begins listening to the desert and discovering the Soul of the World.”

Summary from CliffsNotes



**Dishes/silverware, drinks & dessert provided.
Please bring a favorite dish to share.**

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Mark your calendar!

August we will be discussing our 5th Annual Community Common Read

Norseland: Where The Big Woods Meets the Prairie

(books are available for \$30 from Charles Johnson)

More info to come...

Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry

“Fund for Leaders Endowment”

During 2017-18, the synod's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provided \$13,435.73 for seminary tuition scholarships; \$9,200.00 is available for 2018-19. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders. The Fund for Leaders Endowment generates investment income for the scholarships. Since its inception, this endowment has awarded scholarships of \$125,842.70 for seminary tuition.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the golf tournament.



Golf Tournament

Redwood Falls Golf Course

Friday, July 27, 2018

Registration: 2:30pm ~ Shotgun Start: 3:00pm



Registration fee \$65 per Golfer includes: Green fees, Golf Cart, Meal, Prizes and a donation to LMM. Teams will be 4 or 5 members. If you do not have a full team, ad hoc teams will be formed at the golf tournament.

Registration Deadline: July 23! To register visit: www.swmnelca.org/event/golf18

Please make checks payable to: SW MN Synod LMM and mail to:

SW MN Synod, PO Box 499, Redwood Falls, MN 56283

Questions? Contact John Woodford at 507-641-5312 or email johnndiane@redred.com

Baptism

GRETTA ANN HOKENSON

was baptized on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Gretta is the daughter of Holly and Jered Hokenson and sister to Henry and Arthur. Serving as sponsors for Gretta Ann were Brock Hokenson, Jennifer Stenzel, and Lincoln Bjorklund. Grandparents are Wayne & Theresa Bjorklund and Keith & Nancy Hokenson.

We celebrate with Gretta and her families on this special moment in her life. We welcome Gretta into Scandian Grove's Church Family.

May the cross on her forehead and the Spirit of God in her life be a beacon of faith for all who are touched by her life, now and always.



◆◆◆ A Wedding Wish ◆◆◆

A marriage is a promise that two hearts gladly make, a promise to be tender, to help, to give and take.

A marriage is a promise to be kind and understanding, to be thoughtful and considerate, fair and undemanding.

A marriage is a promise to share one life together, a love filled promise meant to be kept lovingly forever.

Congratulations to Anna Bjorklund and Cody Bode who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

And also, **Congratulations** to Katelynn Pankratz and Ben Beaupre who were marriage on Saturday, June 16, 2018.



National Youth Gathering Report

Sara, Summer, and Paul Engel traveled with First Lutheran, St. Peter to Houston, TX for the National Youth Gathering. We pray that the time they spent in fellowship and worship with their peers equipped and inspired them for a future of service and relationship with God.

The ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge was a part of the learning that was incorporated in the National Youth Gathering this summer in Houston.

This is a yearlong, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of the ELCA's ministry to end hunger and poverty. At the Interactive Learning

Space in the NRG Center, youth and adults had the chance to participate in an unforgettable experience designed to immerse them in what it is like to be a smallholder farmer around the world.

The goal of the Global Farm Challenge is to raise \$500,000 or more in 2018 to equip communities around the world and in the U.S. with what they need in order to turn a hungry season into a hopeful season. With support from ELCA World Hunger, communities all over the world are working together to end hunger-for good. Access to livestock, seeds, tools and training can change everything!

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Engels and all who attended the Gathering!



The Nicollet County Fair is August 8-12. We are looking for volunteers to help decorate, work on entry day, chaperoning Johnson Hall, and/or donating prizes. Please contact Joni Anderson if you are willing to help at **507-380-6691** or email at jonigailanderson@gmail.com.

In Christian Sympathy

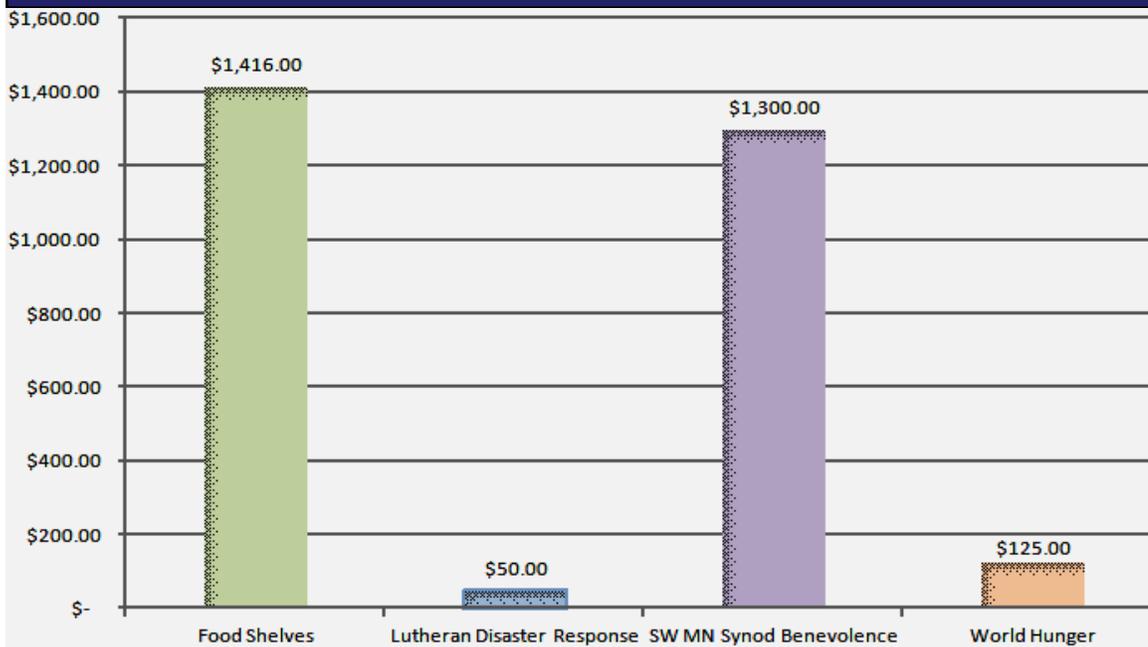
Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Marjorie Eckberg who passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. Funeral service was held on Friday, June 1, 2018 with burial in the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church cemetery.

May God comfort and strengthen all that suffer during this difficult time.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Gary Webster	17	Maria Lokensgard
3	Lynda Ostrom		Joan Speiss
5	Michael Johnson	18	Collin Johnson
6	Lexi Anderson	19	Beth Bjorklund
7	Jackie Rodning	20	John Langr
9	Lois Bjorklund		Jacob Anderson
	Joshua Bode	23	Stacia Masters
	Ashley Schultze	24	Carol Gunderson
10	Maxwell Herrera		Steve Jaster
	Mallory Malecek	26	Jerry Johnson
12	Holly Hokenson	27	Elizabeth Berger

SCANDIAN GROVE TOTAL GIVING



THANK YOU!

Your gifts make a difference in the congregation, community, and throughout God's world.

Any questions can be directed to:
Vicki Hermanson.

Total benevolence giving through May 31st 2018 — \$2,891.00

Financial Report-May 2018

Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits/Transfers/ Increases	Expenditures/Transfers/ Decreases	Ending Balance
General/Checking Fund	41.34	16,108.00	17,326.22	(1,176.88)
Checking/Sunday School Fund	6.42	1,199.83	-	1,206.25
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDS	-	-	-	29.37
NCB Credit Line	5,000.00	3,500.00	-	8,500.00
Improvement Fund	8,455.36	1,486.50	4,088.59	5,853.27
Memorial Fund	5,101.28	15.00	518.00	4,598.28
Scholarship Fund	3,181.47	-	-	3,181.47
Family Medical Fund	3,228.35	-	-	3,228.35
Historical Committee Acct	426.56	-	-	426.56
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	26,917.33	204.66	-	27,121.99

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Worship & Communion	2 6:30 pm Transition Team Meeting	3	4 Independence Day 11:30 am Larson Family Picnic in Park Shelter 	5	6	7
8 9:00 am Outdoor Worship 50 th Wedding Anniversary for Rodning & Schultz with cake & coffee after service	9	10 6:30 pm Council Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00 am Worship & Communion 4:00 pm Book Club Picnic in the Park	16 Newsletter Deadline Don't Miss the 	17 7:00pm Joint Committee Meeting of Property and Stewardship members	18	19	20	21 1:00 to 3:00pm Jerry Johnson's 90 th Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall
22 9:00 am Worship 5:30 to 8:30pm Vacation Bible School at Trinity-Sibley	23 Deadline to register for LLM Golf Tournament at Redwood Falls 5:30 to 8:30pm Vacation Bible School at Scandian Grove	24 5:30 to 8:30pm Vacation Bible School at Trinity-Sibley	25 5:30 to 8:30pm Vacation Bible School at Scandian Grove	26	27 LLM Golf Tournament at Redwood Falls 2:30 pm LMM Golf Registration 3:00 pm Shotgun start 5:00 to 8:00pm 34 th Annual GLLM Quilt and Silent Auction Review	28 Helena Langr & Rob Satterness Wedding 9:00 to 10:30am 34 th Annual GLLM Quilt Review 11:30 Quilt Auction begins
29 9:00 am Worship	30	31				

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NewsLetter **DEADLINE** **July 15**

UPcoming EVENTS

34th Annual

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Quilt Auction

Friday, July 27

Quilt & Silent Auction Items Review - **5 to 8pm**

Quilt Review Fee: \$3.00 ~ Meal Ticket: \$7.00

Saturday, July 28

Quilt Review - **9 to 10:30am**

Quilt Auction starts at 11:30am

Quilt Review Fee: \$3.00 ~ Meal Ticket: \$7.00

All events will be held at:

Green Lake Bible Camp
9916 Lake Avenue South, Spicer, MN 56288



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

May 27	63
May 28 Memorial Day	84
June 3	66
June 10	52
June 17	68
June 24	94