

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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August 2019

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



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DONATE BLOOD

**on Wednesday, August 21 at
the Nicollet American Legion
from 1:00pm to 7:00pm!**

American Red Cross

Will The Tradition Continue?

The Council is looking for volunteers to serve on the Lutefisk Fall Supper Committee. A blend of willing hands is needed to organize and lead the congregation through this annual event, if it is going to happen. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and organizational meetings are expected to begin in September.



ALL ARE WELCOME / CASUAL DRESS

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church
WORSHIP SERVICE

PASTOR SHELLY OLSON

in [air conditioned] **Johnson Hall**
Sunday, August 11 / 9:30 a.m.

COFFEE & ROLLS to follow
free will donation for Nicollet County Fair repairs

Funds provided by:



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From the Pastor's Pen...



Dear Friends in Jesus -

When our middle child, Gunnar, was about nine years old, out of the blue in the Shopko parking lot, he asked, "Mom, why are we here on earth?" After taking a beat, I answered, "That's a good question and one that people have been asking from the beginning of time, and they have come up with lots of different answers. But I would say we are here to learn what it means to love each other better - the way God loves us." Gunnar asked a good question that day. Questions about the meaning and purpose of life fall into the realm of philosophy, religion, spirituality, and ethics. Jesus wrestled with questions like this too.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered the first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." 'The second is this,' "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 'There is no other commandment greater than these.'

(MARK 12: 28-30)

There it is. The answer. Someone asked Jesus what the meaning of life is and Jesus answered with the words of the Shema from his own faith tradition, Judaism. Jesus quoted Hebrew scriptures- what Christians call the Old Testament. Shema means "listen" or "hear" in Hebrew. (Check out the Bible project on YouTube to watch videos that flush out what words like shema and heart mean in Hebrew. Bible Project videos can also be viewed on Scandian Grove Facebook page as we read through the Bible each week. Give it a try if you haven't already.)

Below are some simple definitions to help us understand the way of loving God and our neighbor that Jesus lived and taught his followers.

HEART. This means to love God from the center of our being, the source of our desires, the place from which we act. It is about our vocation, or more literally our calling. It is about how we make decisions and find our calling and purpose in daily life.

SOUL. This means to love God with our whole spirit, that place from which we have a genuine, intimate relationship with God and with others, ways that allow us to be truly free to love deeply.

MIND. This means to love God with the center of our understanding and worldview - recognizing that our way of seeing and responding to the world is very often flawed or skewed due to influence of our culture's limited point of view.

STRENGTH. This means to love with all our physicality and presence, with all the energy we have within us. To love with our strength gives us a sense of being fully present in the moment, awake to our surroundings and sensations, and in tune with the Spirit within each of us.

There are many ways to love and be loved by God and our neighbor. Love requires patience and the willingness to be in relationship. That means being able to give and receive. In the coming months we will host speakers from various communities that will encourage and challenge us to love well so that we might live well. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25 at 10:00am following worship in the fellowship hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

In faith, hope and love- *Pastor Shelly*

Our first speaker and conversation leader happens to be my best friend, Karin Pauly from Becker, MN. She is the creator of caringfornancy.com which is named after her mom, Nancy. Karin was her mother's caregiver and go-to person for 14 years and throughout the final stages of her life. This care giving in-

cluded overseeing her mother's medical needs, her living arrangements, her financial and legal affairs, her food, transportation, entertainment, and more. All of this while juggling a family with husband and kids, a demanding full time job, and a family business. Karin understands that a caregiver's life is often a contradiction. A caregiver feels enormous responsibility, fear, and overwhelming stress – yet also joy, compassion and deep connection with their loved one. They meet their loved one's needs while also managing the pressures of their own life. In honor of her mother, Karin's mission, dream, and passion is to support loving caregivers and to help them through their journey. She is building a website and resources to help caregiver's make more informed decisions with and for their loved ones and provide support through community connections. Karin is able to facilitate conversations around the following issues: the mental and physical health of caregivers, understanding medical decisions and advocacy, options for housing, dementia and Alzheimer's care, as well as legal and financial issues caregivers may face.

Due To Inclement Weather

Spring Church Cleaning was delayed because of inclement weather. There is a list of needed cleaning duties on the counter in the kitchen. Please consider taking on a cleaning task at your convenience - check off and sign that the task has been completed. Thank You!



Can You Help At The County Fair?

It is time to get ready for The Nicollet County Fair, and Joni is still looking to secure some donations for prizes for the Open Class winning fair entries. Contact Joni Anderson if you are able to help or have suggestions.



Hochzeitsfest

Dear Friends and Family,

After our intimate wedding in Germany this past November, we would love to have the chance to celebrate with all of you this summer with a hog roast, corn on the cob and music on the Wiest family farm.

Please join us for a casual and very fun open house party on

Monday, August 5th.

festbeginn: 17:30

Jordan and Carina Wiest

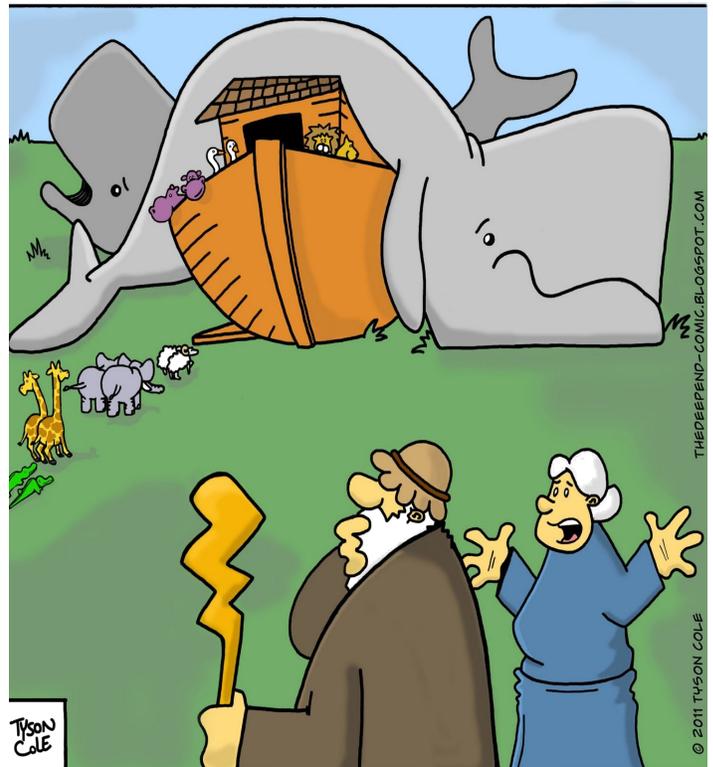
The Wiest Family Farm

33669 405th Avenue

Le Sueur, MN 56058

THE DEEP END

TYSON COLE



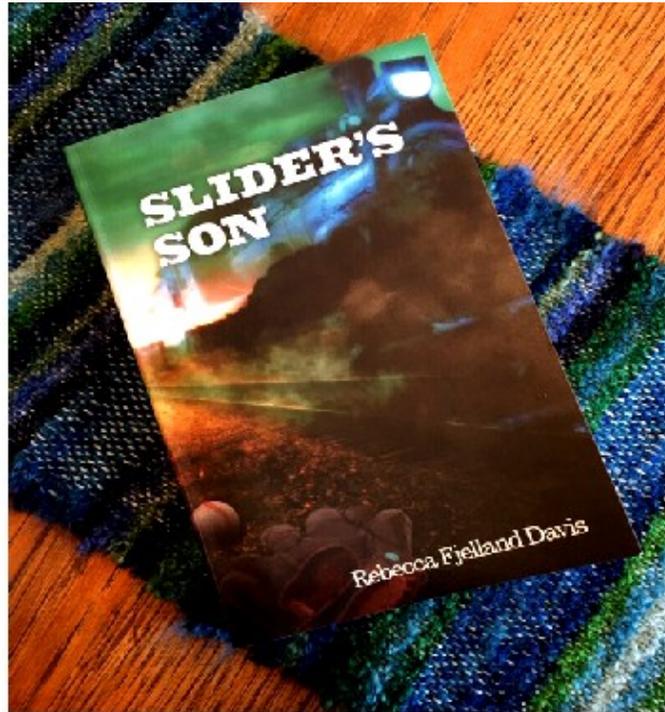
"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."



A huge **thank you** to Bob and Mary for hosting our discussion this past Sunday! It was a delight to see your beautiful new home in Fairmont and to visit with such great people.

Thanks, Maria, for leading our discussion as we were given a lot to think about when it comes to racism and how we as Christians have an opportunity to show God's love with compassion in our world.

Please mark your calendars for September 15, 4:00 pm at SGLC Fellowship Hall as we gather for our 6th Annual Community Common Read with local author, Becky Brooks who teaches at South Central College.



Community Common Read

Slider's Son by Rebecca F. Davis

Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 4:00

Friendship, danger, murder...
13 year old, Grant O'Grady finds all three back in 1937 in Larkin, North Dakota. Enjoy this young adult book and join our local author, Becky Brooks discuss it with us.

At Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

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	August 2019	September 2019
ALTAR GUILD	Kelly Norell Beth Kastens	Judy Schultz Karri Anderson
READERS	Wallace Larson	Tim Lokensgard
USHERS	Tim & Anna Lokensgard Terry & Kelly Pankratz	Norm & Charles Wolf Jim Allerson, Melody Schott
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Gordy Rodning Solveig Langr	Solveig Langr Dave Hermanson
COUNCIL HOST	Gordy Rodning	Heidi Scheurer

In Christian Sympathy

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Hubert Anderson who passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. Funeral service was held on Monday, July 1, 2019 with burial in the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery, Norseland, MN.



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Remember in prayer...

We pray for those who are having difficulties in their relationships, the lonely, neglected, hungry, and those financially strained, those fighting anxiety and depression, recuperation from illness and surgeries, those grieving the loss of a loved one, and those serving in the military along with their families still at home. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

Wanted!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream! If you have any extra ice cream pails with covers, please consider donating them to church. Contact Beth Kastens with questions.



Thank you!

Christian Radio Station Guide

KTIS FM 98.5 FM Minneapolis *Contemporary Christian*
 94.9 FM Mankato
 107.7 FM Albert Lea
KTIS AM 900 AM Minneapolis
KJLY FM 104.5 FM Blue Earth *Contemporary Christian*
KJTS FM 88.3 FM New Ulm *Know Jesus the Savior*
The Refuge 88.7 FM Nicollet

“Smiling Is Good for Your Health”

“A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance”

PROVERBS 15:13

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE MERE ACT OF SMILING, can stop a negative toxic mindset? In fact, research shows that smiling a lot can rewire the circuit in the brain that helps you keep a positive attitude toward life! This means God has designed us in such a way that when you smile with your eyes and mouth—a real, deep, meaningful smile (called the Duchenne smile)—the part of your brain involved in decision-making, intellectual pursuit, shifting between thoughts, and thinking things through rationally become stronger and more effective. Simply put, smiling makes you happier and more intelligent!

And just watch the effects on those around you, because smiling, like an attitude, is contagious. In fact, it’s almost impossible not to respond to a real smile: the mirror neurons God has so graciously wired into your brain are designed to respond with a burst of feel-good chemicals that lift your spirits and intellect. Smiling can improve not only your health but the health of people around you. It is a way of reflecting and sharing God’s love, so make an effort to smile more.

Taken from *“SWITCH ON YOUR BRAIN EVERY DAY”*
 devotional by Dr. Caroline Leaf

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Janet Allerson	12	Melanie Jonason
	Brenna Webster		Shaunie Kuphal
2	Joanne Wolf	13	Julie O’Neil
3	Christopher Rodning		Bethany Anderson
	Heather Schott	14	Andrew Larson
	Robert Widdifield	19	Larkin Esther Allerson
	Annie Miller	21	Dave Hermanson
3	Christopher Rodning	22	Peter Anderson
8	Wayne Bjorklund	24	Marshall Bjorklund
	Ruby Langr		Croix Bjorklund
9	Heidi Scheurer	25	Karri Anderson
10	Robert Johnson		Melody Schott
	Luke Norell	26	Margaret Norell
	Marlin Peterson	28	Seth Lokensgard

Baptism

CLARA ELIZABETH BERGER

&

COHEN MICHAEL BERGER

were baptized on Sunday, July 7, 2019. Clara & Cohen are the children of Derek and Betsy (Norell) Berger. Baptismal outfits were sewn by Burt's sister Gail, using lace from Betsy's wedding dress. Serving as sponsors for Clara Elizabeth and Cohen Michael were Drew Berger, Matt Norell and Nicole Wolters. Grandparents are Burt and Kelly Norell. And Great Grandmother is Margaret Norell!

We celebrate with Clara and Cohen and their families on this special moment in their lives. We welcome Clara and Cohen into Scandian Grove's Church Family.

"Through water and word you have become a child of God and sealed as Christ's own forever!"

The Scandian Grove Lutheran Church July Council Minutes



were not available at the time of this printing. They should be available

in the 2019 September issue of the Newsletter.

**FORGIVE THEM EVEN IF
THEY ARE NOT SORRY**

- MARK 11:25



Lead From God's Pencil

By the Editor



It's been many years since I've had to, or should I say, got to bale hay. Last week as I drove home, I passed by a field of freshly cut alfalfa and the smell brought back many memories of when we used to cut and bale the hay crop at home. We typically baled hay twice a summer and straw once. Straw bales were always lighter in weight compared to the hay bales and I always liked baling straw better, because then I could be on the wagon stacking bales instead of driving the tractor. Dad taught us to stack the bales a certain way so when we drove up the approach and on to the highway with a full load, they'd be kind of locked together. This way they wouldn't fall off as easily as the wagon would lean and shift from side to side going up the approach. I always hated doing the driving because we lived on a state highway and the traffic was pretty steady. I could just imagine half the load falling off causing a back-up of traffic or worse yet an accident. Thankfully, I only remember it happening one time, but that was because Dad had stacked the wagon more than eight bales high. It must have been a good crop that year!

I had a different wardrobe that depended on if I drove the tractor or stacked bales on the wagon. It was a pair of shorts, a tank top and flip flops if I drove the tractor and it was long pants, tennis shoes, a long sleeve shirt and gloves if I was on the wagon. Of course it always was some of the hottest days of the summer when the hay and straw was ready to bale. This meant everything from dust, hay leaves and chaff would stick to you because you were hot and sweaty. So taking a hot bath that night always felt so good to get all cleaned up. It slept even better if Ma had washed your sheets that day, too.

Many times we'd be racing against the clock before it would start to rain or before it would be starting to get dark out. There were many times that big rain drops had started falling and we were beating it for home. Dad would put the tractor in high gear and then speed home, all of maybe 12 miles per hour and into the round shed; tractor, baler and wagon all hooked together we'd go. Dad never like rain on the hay before it was baled, but the straw, he like a little shower on it because then it wasn't so slippery. Having no rain on the straw meant we'd occasionally get banana's coming out of the baler instead of square bales. When we'd get bananas, we'd have to stop often so Dad could fix the bale and then tinker with the tension of the twine on the baler. It would take two to three stops before he'd get the tension equal for both sides of the twine. Once in a while a snake would get picked up in the baler and when *that* bale would come out, we'd have a mangled, twitching snake hanging out of it. This also called for another stop so the snake could be removed from the bale and left out in the field.

Dad loved being a farmer and has since gone to farm God's beautiful fields in heaven. I knew at a very young age that making a living at farming was hard work, but it could be oh so satisfying to be a good steward of God's earthly blessings.

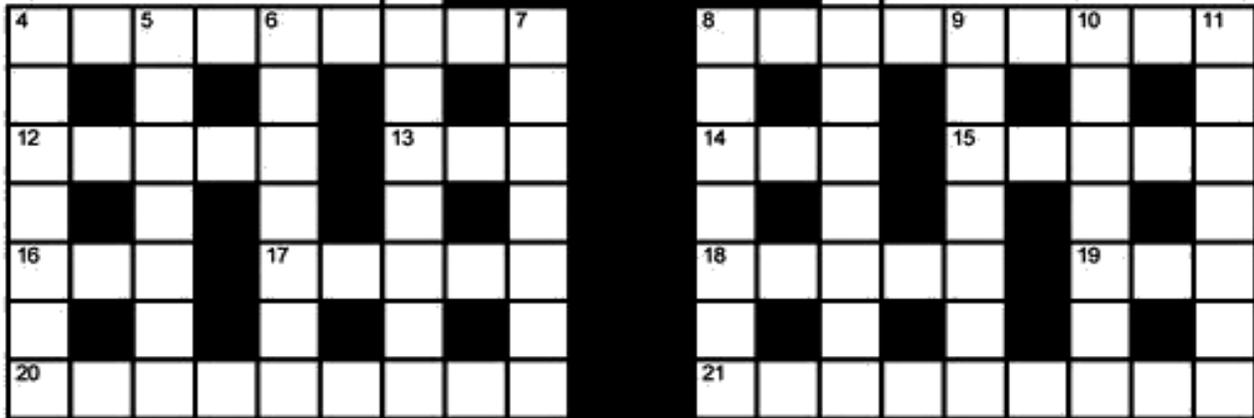
Until next month, Love, Joy & Peace!

Bonnie

Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)



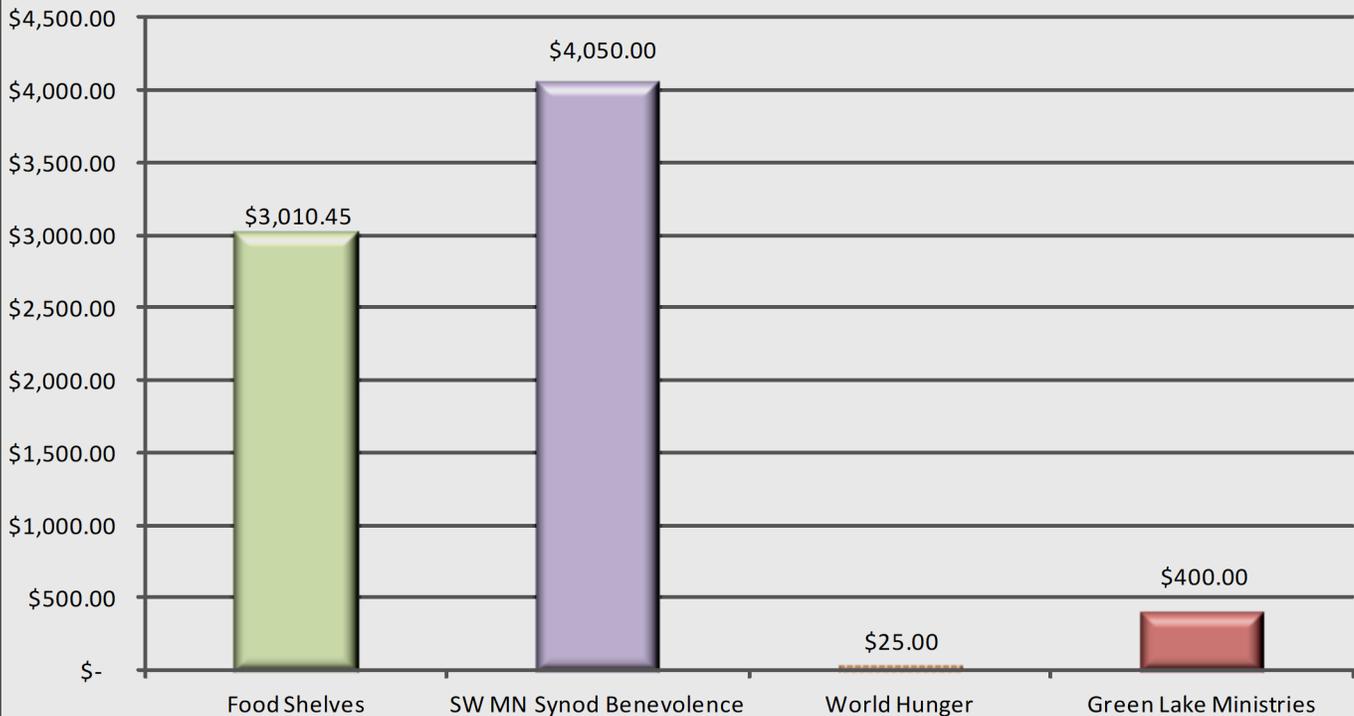
Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)

- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Savour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)

Scandian Grove Total Giving



Total benevolence giving thru June 30, 2019--\$7,485.45

Any questions, please direct to Vicki Hermanson

Financial Report-June 2019

Fund	Beginning Balance	Deposits/Transfers/ Increases	Expenditures/Transfers/ Decreases	Ending Balance
General/Checking Fund	3,183.48	40,239.47	42,270.46	1,152.49
Checking/Sunday School Fund	1,210.75	-	37.96	1,172.79
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDS	4,394.23	-	-	2,325.28
NCB Credit Line	-	-	-	-
Family Medical Fund	545.27	0.54	-	545.81
Improvement Fund	7,786.10	379.75	-	8,165.85
Memorial Fund	5,385.73	30,877.59	-	36,263.32
Scholarship Fund	2,338.14	2.33	-	2,340.47
Historical Committee Acct	384.43	975.00	-	1,359.43
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	29,107.27	7.49	1,275.42	27,839.34

THANK-YOU!! Your gifts are being the hands and feet of Jesus by sharing in the congregation, community, and throughout God's World.

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion	5 5:30pm Hochzeitsfest Open House at Wiest Family Farm	6	7 Nicollet County Fair 6:30pm Stretch & Pray	8 Nicollet County Fair	9 Nicollet County Fair	10 Nicollet County Fair
11 Nicollet County Fair 9:30am Worship at Nicollet County Fair in Johnson Hall <i>(NO Worship Service at Scandian Grove Church)</i>	12	13 6:30pm Council Meeting	14 6:30pm Stretch & Pray	15 Newsletter Deadline Don't Miss the DEADLINE!	16	17
18 Food Shelf Sunday 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion Norseland Historical Preservation Assn. gathering in the Park Shelter	19	20	21 1:00 to 7:00pm Blood Drive Nicollet Legion 6:30pm Stretch & Pray	22	23	24
25 9:00am Worship	26	27	28 6:30pm Stretch & Pray	29	30	31



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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

June 30	57
July 7	97
July 14	73
July 21	47
July 28	

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
August 15

Looking Ahead...

CLIMATE CHANGE: Nobel Conference 55

This year's Nobel Conference will be September 24 and 25 at Gustavus. Information about the topics, speakers and resources can be found on the Conference website. Tickets are now on sale as well. Purchase on-line or call 507-933-7520 for tickets.

Happenings Of The SWMN Synod

Would you like to keep up on the happenings of the Southwest MN Synod? Sign-up to receive a weekly newsletter in your email. Simply go to www.swmnelca.org and scroll to the very bottom of the page. In the bottom left corner it will say FOLLOW US. Underneath of that are four icons. Click on the Envelope picture and follow the prompts to sign-up.

Rejoice
 in the Lord