



Ellendale Geneva United Methodist June 2011 Newsletter

Bring our best to God!

Summer Services at Ellendale United Methodist Church

"Bringing Our Best to God" Farmer's
Market! Please bring your produce to
Church!

June 10:30 am
5 – Ascension Sunday - Potluck
12 – Pentacost – New Member
Sunday – Wear Red next Sunday
19 – Father's Day - Farmer's Market
Kick-Off
26 – Outdoor Worship – Backyard
BBQ and Games

July

3 – Independence Sunday – Old
Fashioned American Hymn Sing –
Potluck
10 – Blessing of the Mission Trip
Participants
17 – Guest "Idol" singers
24 – Outdoor Worship – Backyard
BBQ and Games

August

7 – Potluck
14 – Outdoor Worship – Backyard
BBQ and Games
Market Proceeds go to Food Shelf

**200 6th Street, Ellendale
507-688-0518**

Youth News-Upcoming Events

**Youth Mission Trip dates are
July 17, 2011 to July 22, 2011.**

Sponsorship: Anyone wanting to sponsor any member of the group are welcome to do that at anytime. It can be in any dollar amount and for any member of the group. Please contact Pastor Lisa or Penni Mueller with any questions.

Prayer Partner: We are looking for people to be prayer partners while we are on our trip, write us messages for each day to start or end our day with, share a favorite scripture, say a prayer. Our goal is to get at least 16, we would love for you to come join us the day we leave for coffee, rolls and a send off prayer.

June Birthdays

Chris Peterson 6/01
Bert Wiersma 6/01
David Lassahn 6/02
Katie Gordinier 6/08
Barb Sorun 6/10
Deb Heminway 6/13
Nolan Kaiser 6/13
Joshua Radjenovich 6/13
Maude Torp 6/16
Emily Otto 6/16
Bethany Mikesell 6/16
Ron Blaschko 6/18
Lynsey Thompsen 6/19
Kassie Blaschko 6/22
Anders Siefert 6/23
Erin Coy 6/23
Logan Kaiser 6/23
Jody Kaiser 6/25
Richard Holmes 6/25
Naveen Fitterer 6/26
Kendall Johnson 6/27

Anniversaries

Dennis and Lita Nelson 6/01
Richard and Karen Holmes 6/06
Blaine and Judy Lewer 6/08
Dan and Barb Sorun 6/12
Dean and Cindy Reiter 6/23
Mike and Cindy Coy 6/24

IMAGINE NO MALARIA:

From Bishop Sally Dyck; together, we can help parents get the resources they need to protect their families. To learn more about this life-saving Ministry and how you and our church can get involved, be sure to attend one of the district trainings. They are open to laity throughout the conference. Our Church will be attending the training session at Centenary UMC, Mankato on Tuesday, June 28th, 6:30-8:30. Please let Pastor Lisa or Cindy know if you would like to attend this training session.

June Events at EUMC

Sunday June 5th, 3:00pm, Community Prayer Walk, meeting at First Lutheran Church parking lot. We will go out in groups and walk or drive the streets of Ellendale, praying for what God will lay upon your heart to pray for. We did this same prayer walk some years ago and had a great turn out and a mighty work was accomplished, so let us gather once again to pray for this community. Any questions please call Arlen Brekke 684-2244.

Wednesday, June 8th 5:00 EUMC Ditch clean-up. We will meet at the church and pick-up our equipment; wear old clothes and insect repellent. Vests, bags and gloves will be provided. We will be having a meal afterwards at the church.

Wednesday, June 8th 7:00, anyone that would like to help out with the EUMC Ellendale Day's events please attend. This year we will be having our bake sale at 4:00 pm, Youth Taco Feed at 4:30 and our talent show at 6:00.

Thursday, June 9th EUMC will be serving supper at VBS; we are in need of 24 dozen cookies and help with the preparation and serving of the meal at meal at 6:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the round table if you can help out. Any questions contact Allie Larson.

Thursday, June 16th 9:00-12:00, Epilepsy Drive at EUMC. They are accepting household and clothing, no large equipment or merchandise. **Drop-off day is June 15th only;** if the Church is locked please leave by the front door. Items must be in plastic bags and marked EF on them. We are also in need of volunteers to help load the truck on Thursday, July 16th. If you can help out please be at the church by 9:00 am.

Friday, July 15th, MARK YOU CALENDERS! Ellendale Day's at EUMC! Our church will be hosting "Ellendale Idol" Talent Contest. Anyone who has a special talent they would like to share start practicing. If you would like to participate please call the Church office or Cindy at 507-475-1596.



United Methodist Women
Morning/Evening Apart
Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Do you wonder where your church is going? Join us for a time to ponder some issues of our present church and be refilled to help meet these changing times. The Reverend Amy Jo Bur from Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in St. Peter will be us feel connected and spiritually uplifted during our time together. Join us and bring friends!

Morning apart: Fairfax United Methodist Church 401 SE First St. Fairfax, Mn. Church directions: From Hwy. #19, go south on 1st St. to 4th Ave. S. Park in lot across from church. 9:00am-12:00 noon Registration/coffee 8:30 am Bring a bag lunch and dine together.

Evening apart: Jackson UMC 900 N. Hwy. Jackson, Mn 5:00pm-8:30 pm Registration 4:30, Cost \$6.50 dinner RSVP to Donna 507-847-2352.

Ushers for May

Ellendale: Allie Larson and Al Larson
Geneva:

Liturgists for May

Allie Larson: June 5 and June 12th
Judy Lewer: June 19th and 26th

Greeters

Al and Millie Paulson

Acolytes

Allie Larson

What Makes a Vital and Healthy Church? These four things according to the Call to Action Team

What were the key drivers of vitality? Four key drivers of vitality stood out, and they were consistent across different types of churches. They were:

. Small Groups and Programs (Small groups include study, fellowship, and service; programs include classes and other activities.)

a. Number of Groups—High-vitality churches have more small groups

b. Children and Youth Programs—Regardless of church size, vital churches have more programs for children and youth.

2. Lay Leadership

a. Effectiveness—demonstrate vital personal faith, rotate in/out

b. Specific programs and involvement—more attendees serving as lay leaders

3. Worship Service

a. Provide a mix of traditional and contemporary

b. Specific aspects—More topical preaching in traditional services instead of

lectionary-based. In contemporary services, highly vital churches are more likely to use contemporary music and multimedia.

4. Pastor

a. Excellence in key attributes

i. Focusing on developing, coaching, and mentoring lay leadership

ii. Influencing the actions and behaviors of others to accomplish change in the local church

iii. Propelling the church to set and achieve goals

iv. Inspiring the congregation through preaching

b. Appointment length -Longer appointment

Musings from the Pastor
Scattering Joy This Summer

As we inch our way into summer and begin to enjoy our gardens and fresh cut lawns, I am reminded of what it takes to get them ready for summer. It always amazes me what gets scatted onto our lawn over the winter. Besides the normal leaves and sticks there are always candy wrappers, pop cans, toys, and snow shovels left out before the next snow hits. More than a few times Jeff and I have said “oh that’s

where ___ ended up; I was looking all over for that.” Perhaps something else that has been left buried over the winter is the joy we felt at Christmas and more specifically the joy Mary felt when she was told that she would bear Christ into the world.

Earlier this year we formed a new group called Joyful Living. The groups name comes from a book written by our Bishop, Sally Dyck, called A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide for Joyful Living. In it she speaks of the joy that Mary must have felt and sung about in Luke “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.” Bishop Dyck writes “Mary’s song is often referred to as the Magnificat because it begins with the worlds, my soul magnifies the Lord. Mary’s heart is bursting with joy and gladness for all that God has done for her.”

This joy is exemplified in the story of her cousin Leona. Leona what 15 years older than her and taught Vacation Bible school when she was home for the summer. She would drive Bishop Sally and her cousins to VBS, which was over twenty miles from where they lived. Normally this drive to church was one made in silence but with Leona it was a joyful experience. She would lead them in song and tell funny stories, and they would laugh all the way to church. “Laughing and singing were activities I Associated with Leona and with her faith. She scattered Joy everywhere she went; and as a young person, I wanted what she had!”

This summer we will be scattering Joy at our churches, outdoor worships followed by a BBQ and games, as Diana Foster said “ I want people to drive by and see the fun we are having and say, I want to have what they have.” A heart filled with Joy, and Heart filled with God’s Love... A heart open to all who what to share in that love.

Blessings and Joy,
Pastor Lisa