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Saturday Evening Worship Service 5:30 P.M.
(June at Grace, beginning July 24 at Zion)

Sunday Worship Service 9:00 A.M.

Worship Schedule

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Church Office 563-263-5074
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Pastor Paul D. Ostrem
Cheryl Hollich—Lay Associate
Katherine Graff—Missionary to Mexico
Wilma Roach—Secretary
Oscar Alvarez—Custodian

The Contact

June 2004

Many times we want things to be black and white, perfectly clear, either right or wrong. Our work these past weeks with the study materials, "Journey Together Faithfully: The Church and Homosexuality" has made me long for the same thing. Dealing with difficult and at least for me complex issues (homosexuality is just one of them!) makes me want to be able to go to some place or some person for the definitive answer. Instead, I often find myself and others saying, "On the one hand. . . on the other hand." Black and white blends into different shades of gray. Sometimes it seems and feels like I am saying two seemingly contradictory things at the same time. For someone who places a high value on consistency, this is a troubling thing indeed.

Perhaps it comes with being a Lutheran. In many ways, we delight in and live in faith in the midst of mysterious contradictions, of living with a lot of "both/and's". Our ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson listed several of those in an article recently:

- Creation as good *and* fallen
- Ourselves as sinner *and* saint
- The Word of God as flesh (Christ) *and* recorded (Bible) *and* proclaimed.
- The Word as law *and* gospel
- God has hidden *and* yet revealed
- God reigning through law and reason for the sake of order and justice *and* God reigning through the gospel for the sake of faith and salvation.
- Holding faith *and* reason in healthy tension

Are there "holy mysteries" in the contradictions and inconsistencies which we sometimes embrace? I think it is a question worth asking. Faith itself implies a certain degree of "not knowing", of mystery, of inconsistency and contradiction. Faith is not certainty. Faith is not "black and white". It may be tempting to want to live with "either/or" and maybe sometimes things are that clear, but living with "both/and" can also be an expression of faith and faithfulness. For that, this Lutheran is grateful.

Pastor Ostrem

Since I began my participation in the Spiritual Formation program, I have been paying more attention to prayer and devotional time. This is not easy for me. Even with the gift of Daily Texts that includes Bible verses and prayers for each day of the year, I still have problems reading them daily.

Recently, I bought another book and instead of setting it on my pile, I began to read it. It is The Cup of Our Life by Joyce Rupp. I have begun using it and have now shared it with the Sowers Group. I am asking you to join us in this Spiritual Journey. Grab that coffee mug and read the following from the book:

"My coffee mug reminds me that cups are containers designed to hold some thing refreshing, just as we are containers meant to hold the Divine Presence. Because God dwells within me, I like to think of myself as a mini Ark of the Covenant. God goes with me wherever I go. I carry God into each relationship and experience...As you move through this day, brush off the old dust and cobwebs caused by busyness and non-attention and become aware of how God travels with you."

Reflection:

Hold your empty cup in your hand.

Notice the space within the cup.

Think of the space within yourself.

It is filled with the Divine Presence.

Draw near to this Loving Presence.

Sense this Loving Presence permeating your entire being.

Rest in silence and tranquility.

Listen to God say to you: "I am here."

Prayer: *O Divine Presence, you have danced your way into my innermost being. O Mystery of Life, you have tended and nurtured me. You have enriched my spirit and watered my dryness. You have poured your abundant love into the veins of my soul. In the darkest of nights, you have surrounded me with your love. O Divine Presence, your radiant energy Surges through my being. I bow to the profound mystery of your sacred life within me. (Set your mug out somewhere where you will continue to see it throughout the month since we will continue this exercise next month.)*

Cheryl

PRAYER CORNER

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs."

THOSE HOSPITALIZED & THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Tim Stange	Karen Padgett	
Lisa (Frieden) Dowell	Mary Ann Stange	
Art Miller	Merritt Wright	Mae Mark
Emily Cole	Helen Frietag	
Janet Askam	Mary Koester	Keith Butcher

Other Special Needs:

- 1) Pray for the hungry and the homeless throughout the world.
- 2) Pray for our missionary to Mexico, Katherine Grafft; our Bishops, Mark and Philip, and all who serve the Church.
- 3) Give thanks for all school teachers, helpers, and administrators as the school year ends.
- 4) Pray for the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on June 11-12 in Rock Island.
- 5) Pray that our congregation and the whole ELCA would be renewed to share the faith and the gospel with those around us.
- 6) Pray for the neighborhood block party on June 16.
- 7) Pray for Ashley Morgan and Brandon Kaufman who will be married at Zion on June 19; and for Carly Krueger and Kurt Montgomery who will be married at Zion on June 26.
- 8) Pray for our nation and its leaders, for peace in our world, an end to all conflicts, and for all those who serve our nation on foreign soil.
- 9) Give thanks and pray for all fathers.
- 10) Pray for Pastor Paul as he celebrates the 25th anniversary of his Ordination.



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June 20, 2004



The Fellowship Committee invites you to express your warmest wishes to the following members of Zion who celebrate their 80th or older birthday this month:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

MARGARET WICHERS	JUNE 5
*MARJORIE APLAND	JUNE 23
EDNA HENNING	JUNE 23
*HILDA COLLITZ	JUNE 26
HELEN TIMM	JUNE 27
CLARENCE WEISS	JUNE 28
RICHARD BOLDT	JUNE 29

*DENOTES 90 + YEARS



Worship Service

Our summer worship schedule begins on the weekend of June 5-6. Saturday evening services will begin for seven weeks at Grace Lutheran Church at 5:30 PM, from June 5 through July 17. The Saturday evening services will be at Zion from July 24 through September 4.

There will be one Sunday morning worship service at Zion from June 6 through September 5 at 9:00 AM.

Lutheran Homes Offering

If you have not contributed to our annual Lutheran Homes offering, there is still time to do so. Our gift again this year will be designated for the Endowment for Chaplaincy at Lutheran Homes.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you that sent us cards for our 53rd anniversary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ray & Helen Stange

Thanks to all for the birthday greetings I received.
God's Blessing

Marie Curry

Thank you everyone that helped with the Lutheran Homes Staff Appreciation Day. It was greatly appreciated.

Social Ministry Committee

With a happy heart, I thank my church family for remembering my birthday with beautiful cards and well wishes.

Elsie Weber

Dear Friends at Zion,
Thank you for the flowers, cards & visits during my recent hospitalization. The prayers and pastoral visits were most appreciated. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a caring church family.

Sincerely, Emily Cole

Thank you to my church family, my friends, my daughter Pat and granddaughter Megan for my 75th birthday celebration. It was a wonderful day.

Janet Askam

The American Flag displayed in the Fellowship Hall was donated by Wilma Axel Swisher in memory and honor of her late husband Merle "Curly" Swisher, and her five brothers, Donald, Chester, Harvey, Elmer, & Glen Axel. All served in the Armed Forces in World War II.

SOWER'S

Bonnie Nicolai will host Sower's June 21st at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fun and work on your sewing projects at the same time.

Congratulations

In addition to the college graduates listed in last month's "Contact", we extend our congratulations to Nathan Knause who graduated in May from Iowa State University.



25th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor Allan Simms

On June 6th Messiah Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Pastor Allan Simms ordination into the Lutheran ministry. There will be a special worship service at 9:15 a.m. with a potluck following in Fellowship Hall.

They are extending an invitation to all his church families and friends. If you can attend call the church office (641-228-6772) or e-mail ccmessiah@mchsi.com.

Cards and letters will reach him at 103 Ferguson Street, Charles City, IA 50616.



50+ Years

Danny & Wilma Keller
June 13, 1954

Chet & Wilma Axel
June 16, 1940

Bob & Elaine Herwig
June 27, 1953

Dave & Doris Watson
June 29, 1952

Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Financial Report

If you would like to see the full report as the finance committee and council sees it and reviews it each month, please call or stop in the church office and we will gladly share it.

ZLC Monthly Financial Update

	April, 2004	4/12 Year	Year-to-Date
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income			
Budgeted Income	\$ 96,083	\$ 96,700	\$ (617)
Unbudgeted Income	\$ 6,147	\$ -	\$ 6,147
Total Income	\$ 102,231	\$ 96,700	\$ 5,531
Expenses			
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 99,704	\$ 96,700	\$ 3,004
Unbudgeted Expenses	\$ 5,947	\$ -	\$ 5,947
Total Expenses	\$ 105,650	\$ 96,700	\$ 8,950
Income - Expenses	\$ (3,420)	\$ -	\$ (3,420)

Fund Balances

Current Fund	\$ 19,102
Memorial Fund	\$ 3,583
Building Fund	\$ 14,067
Gateway Apartments	\$ 23,971

SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club will be going to "The Thirsty Camel" on Saturday, June 19th at 6:00 P.M. Sign up on the bulletin board by the Nursery.



Open House For Wilma & Danny Keller

Wilma and Danny invite their church family to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Open House will be June 13th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please no gifts just come and share their day with them and their family.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Zion's work day for Habitat for Humanity will be June 5th. Weather permitting we will work at the construction site at 409 Sub VanBuren Street. We will need many, many volunteers for that day. Please try to come and help.

If you signed up to bring food you will be contacted for a July date, DO NOT BRING FOOD ON JUNE 5th.



DONATE BLOOD

Thursday, June 3rd, 2004
2:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

First Time Donors are Encouraged to Donate
Eligibility Date: April 8th, 2004

*Walk-Ins Welcome * Bring ID *Eat Before Donation

95% of all Americans who reach age 72 will need a blood product in their lifetime -- - yet only 5% of the eligible population donates blood.



A Note from the Stewardship Committee

As most of you know, we have a congregational goal of raising \$6000 this year for world hunger relief. To help keep that goal out in front of us, the Sunday school classes and the Stewardship Committee have put together a physical exhibit to help raise world hunger awareness and provide a visible indicator of our progress towards that goal. Starting Sunday, May 30 in the downstairs main hall, you will see a "World Hunger" display with posters, made by the Sunday school children, talking about World Hunger, and what we can do to help. At the center of the display is a small child's wheelbarrow containing just a few miniature bags of rice. Each bag of rice represents \$100 raised this year for World Hunger relief. Our objective is to have this wheelbarrow full and overflowing with more than 60 bags of rice by the end of the year.

The Stewardship Committee would like everyone to think about world hunger and what we can collectively do to help those who need our help. Throughout the year we will add rice bags to reflect the total of offerings given for world hunger relief. We will also update the congregation on our progress each quarter.

Please take the time to appreciate the artwork that the children have put together, and help us reach the goal ahead of us.

Thank you.

90-TON CHALLENGE

Have you noticed how much Equal Exchange is getting publicity? A few weeks ago there was an article in the Muscatine Journal about a local church selling and serving it. The Lutheran Women Today magazine is keeping the women of the ELCA up to date on "The 90-Ton Challenge". The goal - to sell 90 tons of coffee by the end of the year. Lutheran World Relief/Equal Exchange Coffee Project sales totaled 45 tons in 2002. This year we have hit that mark before the year is half over! (see pg. 11 of the June issue of LWT). Are there ways that you could help reach this goal? Perhaps your place of employment provides coffee. Have you ever approached anyone with the idea to serve it there? I provided one bag of coffee to my boss and now she purchases it for herself and for her hair salon. We have even had customers come in and enjoy the taste so much that they purchased some also! Everyone knows that the best advertisement is word of mouth and samples sure do not hurt.

Give this idea some thought, if you are interested, please contact Cheryl Jacobsen and together we can help Lutheran World Relief and Equal Exchange reach "The 90-Ton Challenge".



ZLCW NEWS

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| June 7 | ZLCW Board |
| June 15 | Group 4 |
| June 17 | Group 5 |
| June 24 | Group 6 |



Youth News

South Dakota Info:

Here's a reminder about the upcoming events--

Group Building:

The purpose of these meetings is to foster a group that will travel well together and will be able to depend and know each other before the trip begins. They are a VERY important part of the trip.

*Saturday, June 19, YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, Blue Grass...Low Ropes Course ...leave Zion parking lot at 8:20 AM and return about 1:00 PM. Bring a bag lunch. Cost: \$5/person. Pre-pay by June 1 ***Will need drivers.*

Sunday, July 11, 3:00 PM...Vickie Pedersen's home... Swimming & Bar-B-Q final details gone over. RSVP.

Transportation:

The 29 passenger bus has been reserved. Leave on Saturday, July 17, time TBA, from Zion parking lot.

Site-see along the way at Wall Drug, Mt. Rushmore, etc.

Arrive for registration at Camp between 3-4:00 PM (Mountain Daylight Time) on Sunday, July 18.

Depart Friday, July 23 at around 11:00 AM for Muscatine.

Arrival Time TBA, to Zion parking lot.

Camp Shalom Info:

The following girls are registered to attend Camp Shalom on July 25-30:

- Katie Chrisman
- Rachel Echelbarger
- Anna Pusateri

Thank You, Teachers!

“Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!” (2 Cor. 9:15)

As we complete Sunday School for the summer, we would like to thank all of the teachers for their time and efforts that were indeed...“too wonderful for words” but we are trying anyway. “Thank you, Merci, Gracias, Danke!” You have planted the “seeds” of faith...

Michelle Phelps	Jerica Goreham
Patty Conder	Kathleen Schippers
Gail Pusateri	Kristi Truitt
Miriam Pusateri	Beth Batenhorst
Justine Schmelzer	Tina Moore
Sue McDonald	Sarah McCormick
Fran Carter	Mike Good
Kathy Othmer	Jeff Subbert
Kelly Good	Cheryl Hollich
Paul Ostrem	Doreen Borde
Alan Lange	Austin Cole
Michelle Richardson	Julie Frye
Dave Pusateri, Superintendent	

25th Ordination Anniversary for Pastor Paul

*You are cordially invited
to participate in
the special celebration activities
in honor of
Pastor Paul's 25th Ordination Anniversary.*

*Sunday, June 27, 2004
9:00 AM—Worship Service with
Holy Communion
Special Guest: Bishop Philip Hougen*

2:00-4:00 PM—Open House in Fellowship Hall

We look forward to celebrating this joyful day with Pastor Paul, Carol, David, and Philip and with you.



EQUAL EXCHANGE/LWR COFFEE PROJECT ORDER FORM

ITEM	CASE SIZE	ORDER PRICE	TOTAL\$
Percolator Coffee (<i>We serve the Fellowship Blend Decaf here at Zion</i>)			
Fellowship Blend Percolator Grind	5 / 1lb. pkgs.	\$25.00 (\$5.00/pkg)	
Organic Fellowship Blend, Perc. Grind	5 / 1 lb. pkgs.	\$27.50 (\$5.50/ pkg)	
Fellowship Blend Decaf, Perc. Grind	5 / 1lb. pkgs.	\$31.50 (\$6.30/pkg)	
Organic Fellowship Blend Decaf, Perc. Grind	3 / 1 lb. pkgs.	\$34.00 (\$6.80/pkg)	
Packaged Coffees (whole bean & drip grind available unless otherwise noted—please specify)			
Café Salvador– Full Roast or Drip Grind	6 /12 oz. pkgs.	\$27.00 (\$4.50/pkg)	
Kafe Haiti, Medium Roast or Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$30.00 (\$5.00/pkg)	
Tanzanian Jubilee, Full Roast or Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$27.00 (\$4.50/pkg)	
Org. Breakfast Blend, Med., French Rst., Drip	6/ 12 oz. pkgs.	\$30.00 (\$5.00/pkg)	
Org. French Roast, Roast or Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$30.00 (\$5.00/pkg)	
Org. Mind, Body & Soul, Med. & Vienna Rst., Drip	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$30.00 (\$5.00/pkg)	
Hazelnut Crème, Med. Roast or Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$31.50 (\$5.25/pkg.)	
French Vanilla, Med. Roast, Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$31.50 (\$5.25/pkg)	
Toffee Caramel, Med. Roast, Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$31.50 (\$5.25/pkg)	
Decaf Colombian CO2, Full Roast, Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$33.00 (\$5.25/pkg)	
Organic Decaf CO2, Med. & Vienna Rst., Drip	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$36.00 (\$6.00/pkg)	
Decaf Hazelnut Crème, Medium Rst., Drip Grind	6/12 oz. pkgs.	\$37.50 (\$6.25/pkg)	
Organic Hot Cocoa Mix	6 /12 oz. cans	\$22.80 (\$3.80/can)	
Fairly Traded Teas Cases of tea can be mixed in increments of 6 pkgs., but must be ordered in cases of 12 pkg.			
Organic Earl Grey Tea	12 pkgs/25 bags	\$30.00 (\$2.50/pkg)	
Organic English Breakfast	12 pkgs/25 bags	\$30.00 (\$2.50/pkg)	
Organic Green Tea	12 pkgs/25 bags	\$30.00 (\$2.50/pkg)	
Organic Darjeeling Tea	12 pkgs/25 bags	\$30.00 (\$2.50/pkg)	
Organic Tea Sampler,	4 pkgs (1 of ea.)	\$16.00 (\$4.00/pkg)	

To Order: See Cheryl Jacobsen for Whole Bean Cases, & Equal Exchange Candy Bars (\$30.00 p/case 28 bars)

TOTAL CASE/PKGS: _____

(Remember to specify whole bean or drip)

PRICE TOTAL*: _____

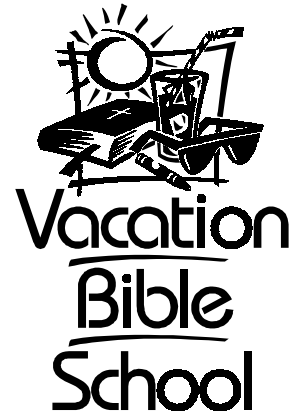
*Includes Shipping & Handling

Please fill out form, enclose amount in envelope provided and drop in box provided. You will be notified when your order arrives. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Jacobsen @ 263-4298.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Block Party
Wednesday, June 16
5:00-7:30 PM



The plans are in gear for Zion's Block Party. Since it takes a lot of people to accomplish this, we need your help with the following:

- Please bring items for the *Recycling Sale* and put them in the designated Sunday School Rooms. We have applied to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for an additional \$150 to supplement the earnings from the sale. All the earnings will be given to MCSA for the Homeless Shelter. If you are interested in helping with the sale, contact Bill Chrisman, 264-8822.
- We are in need of new items or gift certificates from local businesses for the *Door Prizes*. Please ask your place of business, or your friend's business to donate these needed items. We can also use any unused items that you might have around the house. Bring them to Cheryl Hollich's office.
- If you can help *set up or take down the tables* contact Ralph Buster, 263-9426 or Bob Nicolai, 263-4605.
- Donations of cookies and help with the serving of *food* is also needed. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Bert Toyne, 263-5953.
- Several youth have volunteered already but more are needed to help with *games*. Contact Stacey Hoffman, 262-9305 or Kathy Othmer, 263-0594.
- If you assist with the *Hospitality Tent*, contact Dyann Roby, 264-2762.

Finally, we need *entertainment*. Several of Zion's choirs will be entertaining but if you can play an instrument or would like to sing a solo or duet, contact Terri Hanson, 263-1964.

Since we are in the "City for Good", then everyone's help is needed. Let's make this another great Block Party!

Bible School will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 30 & July 7, 14, 21 at Grace. Help is needed. Please fill out this form and return it to the Cheryl Hollich or the church office by June 13:

_____ **I can teach: Grade** _____

Dates: _____

_____ **I would like to be a helper in**

Grade _____

Dates: _____

_____ **I can help in the kitchen:**

Dates: _____

_____ **I can help with transportation in the afternoons for the Grade 2-6 Fieldtrips**

Dates: _____

_____ **I can donate the following for**

- **crafts (circle):**
- **Baby Food jars with lids.**
- **½ gallon milk jugs.**
- **Plastic margarine/yogurt containers with lids.**
- **Egg cartons.**
- **TP or Paper Towel cardboard tubes.**
- **Old nuts and bolts.**

_____ **I can donate food items and will check the list on the bulletin board.**

Name _____

JUNE 2004

LAY READERS

JUNE **6** **9:00 A.M.** Chuck Hoffman
 13 **9:00 A.M.** Bonnie Nicolai
 20 **9:00 A.M.** Dyann Roby
 27 **9:00 A.M.** Philip & David Ostrem

GREETERS

JUNE **6** **9:00 A.M.** Dick & Pat Koll
 13 **9:00 A.M.** Ron & Mary Knause
 20 **9:00 A.M.** Loryann Eis & Rosabelle Burk
 27 **9:00 A.M.** Don & Shirley Stange

HOSPITALITY SERVERS

JUNE **6** Evangelism Committee
 13 Social Ministry Committee
 20 Finance Committee
 27 Church Council

AMBASSADORS

JUNE **6** Kent & Mary Heckman
 13 Margaret Wiesner & Helen Colony
 20 Dick & Evie Marr
 27 No Ambassadors

USHERS

***Richard Jacobsen** Mark Evans Alan Lange
 Larry Driskell Wilmer Denker

***Daryl Smock** Mark Frye Ron Subbert
 Anil Varghese Mike Carter

ACOLYTES

JUNE **6** **9:00 A.M.** Jacob Dornbush & Matthew Knause
 13 **9:00 A.M.** Nash Butcher & Walker Van Wey
 20 **9:00 A.M.** Ariel Lange & Ashlee Platt
 27 **9:00 A.M.** Sara Subbert, Molly White & Ryan Minder

ALTAR GUILD

Dorothy Thompson

JUNE 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 Fellowship Comm. 7:00 Evangelism Comm.	2	3 2:00 Blood Drive 4:45 Planning Comm. 7:00 Social Ministry Comm. 7:00 Worship Comm.	4	5 5:30 Worship Services at Grace Lutheran Church
6 New Member Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service W/HC 5:00 Youth Comm.	7 6:00 Block Party Meeting 6:30 ZLCW Board Meeting	8 5:30 Memorial Comm. 8:00 Finance Comm.	9	10 6:45 Executive Comm. 7:30 Church Council	11 Synod Assembly	12 Synod Assembly 5:30 Worship Services at Grace Lutheran Church
13 9:00 Worship Service 2:00—4:00 M/M Danny Keller's 50th Anniversary Open House	14	15 1:30 Group 4—Marie Curry & Bert Toyne 5:30 Parish Ed Comm. 6:00 Stewardship Comm.	16 5:00—7:30 Block Party	17 6:30 Property Comm. 7:30 Group 5 at Evie Marr's	18 6:00 Morgan/Kauffman Wedding Rehearsal	19 3:00 Morgan/Kauffman Wedding 5:30 Worship Service at Grace Lutheran Church
20 Father's Day 9:00 Worship Service W/HC	21 Contact Articles Due 6:30 Sower's at Bonnie Nicolai's	22	23 VBS Grace Lutheran 9:00 - 12:00 3 years old - 1st Grade 9:00 - 3:00 2nd Grade - 6th Grade	24 9:00 Assemble Contact 7:30 Group 6 at Church	25 5:00 Krueger/Montgomery Wedding Rehearsal	26 4:00 Krueger/Montgomery Wedding 5:30 Worship Service at Grace Lutheran Church
27 9:00 Worship Service W/HC 2:00—4:00 Pastor Ostrem's 25th Anniversary Open House	28	29	30 VBS Grace Lutheran 9:00 - 12:00 — 3 years old - 1st Grade 9:00 - 3:00 — 2nd Grade - 6th Grade			