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Join us for a fun fellowship night on July 15 at Carson Park. The cost is \$9.00. We need to know how many people are going so we can get the seats together. As soon as you get this newsletter please let Mimi or Barb Kleist know if you want to go. This is a great opportunity to invite someone along!



Our expenses never take a vacation...we depend on everyone to help assure that we can pay our bills even when members are off on trips or spending weekends at the cabin. Thanks!

Community Table

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17. We will be serving at the Community Table on that day. Please join us. It is a great experience!

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

July Worship Notes

July 5

6th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 or Ezekiel 2:1-5;
Psalm 48 or Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians
12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 or Amos
7:7-15; Psalm 24 or Psalm 85:8-13;
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19

8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a or Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 89:20-37 or Psalm 23; Ephesians
2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15 or 2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 14 or Psalm 145:10-18;
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

In July, we are praying for these individuals/families: George Stecher, Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom) Thompson, Gladys Ulry, Richard & Vivian Waltmire

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on July 12. Please join us, bring a favorite dish to pass and enjoy the fellowship. You could even invite a friend or neighbor to join us. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on July 5, so make sure you show your support for those in need of food with your offering.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to volunteer. Monetary donations would be appreciated at this time. Our Street Ministry is growing, please help out however you can.

July Birthdays

- 1 Tom Kruschke
- 2 Alice Noyes
- 7 Hailey Barnhardt
- 9 Louise Partlow
Patricia Burnam
- 11 Mel Rude
- 12 Maggie Leipnitz
- 18 Kayla Stygar
- 19 Megan Eisberner
- 26 Bill Leipnitz
- 27 Chelle Green
Michael Green
- 30 Faye LaPean

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Summer is here! Four of our youth and I started our summer with a wonderful week at the Music Art Dance and Drama Camp (MADD) at Moon Beach, one of our two magnificent camp/retreat sites that we own through the Wisconsin Conference. The ministry that is done year-round at these two beautiful sanctuaries is a tremendous part of the overall ministry that we do in this Conference, for children and for adults! They aren't just summer camps for kids, but year-round retreat centers for adults, and also for families, church groups, and even outside groups, like our amazing camps for kids with autism.

I'd like to say that we are lucky to have two sites that are so excellent (and we are), but the reason we have them is because of the vision and hard work of a great many people who made them happen and who have taken care of them over the years. Not just luck, but focused dedication to ensuring we have beautiful outdoor ministry sites for our people.

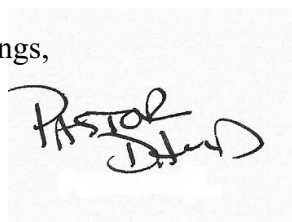
When I think of what I enjoy most about the week of MADD camp that I get to experience each year, many things come to mind. The amazing talents of our young people is always a joy. We have a lot of talented youth in our churches. The food is great, the scenery gorgeous. But the highlight for me is the way that our camps create miniature realms of God. The community formed during the week is one based on love, mutual acceptance of each others' oddities, and a joy of

being together. I see older youth helping out the younger ones with canoes, platters of food, and teaching them how to sail or weave a basket. I see the youth listen intently while one of the campers with Downs Syndrome responds to a question, offers a prayer, or tells a story. One of our campers, an African American boy who has been coming for eight years, said that what he likes best about camp is that it is the one week of the year that no one makes fun of his skin color or calls him names.

Whether it be a week of children or family camp or one of the many varieties of weekend retreats, camp is a place to practice living out the realm of God: a community of love, respect, dignity, and mutual care. They are incubators for us who follow Jesus to learn better how to live into God's vision of how the world ought to be. Thank God for both of our campsites, and for the hundreds of people who make them what they are.



You might enjoy one of the many offerings, from golf and fishing weekends to an Epiphany retreat, Wild Women's Weekend, quilting retreats, and more! See the whole schedule of events at <http://www.ucci.org>

Blessings,



PASTOR
David



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2015</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	13 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15 Express Baseball Game	16	17	18
19 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	20	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30	31	

