

Holmes United Methodist

Summer News

July, 2024
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Reynolds, ND 58275



Summer Includes Community Services and All-Parish Worship Events

We all look at summer as a time to do something different — vacations, lake time, sitting on the deck, outdoor work, farming, gardening. That's true with the church too. Our schedule will include community services with other churches, all-parish worship and some just-plain-normal Sundays. Here's a summary.

July 7 at 10:00 am is Community Worship in Hatton
Outdoor at the park

July 14 at 11:00 am is Holmes Worship (Mark)

July 21 at 10:30 am is All-Parish Worship at the
Golden Lake Pavilion with Pastor Jim. Pot-luck to
Follow.

July 28 at ?::? is Northwood Community Worship

August 4 at 11:00 am is Holmes Worship (Mark)

August 11 at 11:00 am is Holmes Worship with
Pastor Jim

August 18 at 11:00 am is Holmes Worship

August 25 at 11:00 am is Holmes Worship with
David Moeller.

The five Sundays in September will be 11:00 am
worship at Holmes.

You can keep up with any changes by checking the Holmes Facebook page. There's a QR code next to the pastoral column to quickly get to the Holmes Page. You can also watch any service which happen in the Holmes sanctuary on Facebook. Unfortunately, we usually cannot stream from our special services.



Help Keep Up the List!

Every quarterly newsletter will contain a birthday and anniversary list. Please let us know of changes, additions etc. Especially let us know about name changes, as in with marriage.

We also try to notice folks who no longer have any connection with Holmes (and hope to add those who do)

Send updates, changes to the "annibirthday" list and anything else to Mark or Betty (see below).

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EMAIL:**
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(above) or to Betty
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What I've Been Thinking

God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. I Corinthians 1:27



In a few weeks I will be going to my 50th class reunion in Breckenridge, Minnesota. I'm looking forward to it, so much so that I volunteered to help plan it and be the M.C. Fifty years – that must mean I'm old!

As our committee talked, we find out about our classmates. Twenty-one have died, a couple by taking their own lives. Many have lost spouses or children. Many have faced significant illness. All this makes me think of Jerry.

Jerry died back in 2015 after some time in a Care Facility. I remember Jerry as a kid – back when we were kids – who always seemed to have a smile on his face and was happy. He would willingly talk with anyone and help in any way he could. One of his jobs, I read in his obituary was as a “Head Custodial Supervisor.” He would do all the work he could and be happy in doing it.

Jerry also faced significant physical and mental impairments ever since birth. Though he was part of our class his disabilities prevented him from being part of many classes and from taking part in physical education games. Still, I see his smile and can hear his voice.

Because of his limitations Jerry was in some way vulnerable. There were those who laughed at how he walked or played tricks on him which he might not even realize. Still, he smiled.

I suppose I could be proud that I never did any of those things. But I didn't stop them from happening either. At that time, I don't know that I understood that it was right to say “stop that” or had the moral courage to do so. It really doesn't take much courage to do that as those who pick on the vulnerable show their own weakness and fear.

God would view Jerry right on the level with our honor roll students. Abilities are just what we have. What's important is what we do with them.

First off, let's all ask God for the courage to say “no” to needless harassment of others. Even the way we talk about those with whom we disagree doesn't need to be vulgar or demeaning. Every person is someone created by God who deserves basic human respect. Christians, of all people, should be people who show that respect.

Second, let's acknowledge everyone is a creation of God. Everyone is someone for whom Jesus Christ gave his life on the cross. Everyone should have that love and gospel shared with them. Everyone.

Jerry enjoyed life and was willing to connect and help others. In many ways he is far ahead of many people. In my school days he was ahead of me. Fortunately, God loves us all anyway.

See you in Church!
Chaplain Mark



Missions Every Fifth Sunday

On June 2 Holmes invited John & Katie Draxton to share about the International Farmers Organization for a Sustainable Development (IFOSUD). This is a ministry in Haiti which both promotes good farming practices and the gospel. And IFOSUD is very successful.

This opportunity reminds us that Missions is the heart of the church. And Holmes will continue to support such work.

One of our plans is to make every fifth Sunday a mission Sunday where a particular mission will be promoted and the morning offering will go to support it (we did that for IFOSUD).

Sometimes we have a person come and be able to actually tell about their mission. Other times we'll just share about it.

The next such opportunity will be Sunday, September 29. No mission has been chosen for this.

Maybe you have a mission — local or international — which you might suggest we highlight. No promises of which might be promoted, but please make a suggestion if you have one.



A Bit of Correspondence

A while back we received a letter (a real letter, not email!) from Verle Nienas. She is the widow of Ralph Nienas and the letter was sent to say how she was doing (better now after recovering from a fall) and to say where she is now living.

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Do Keep in Touch!

Verle's letter is also a reminder to keep in touch. If there are changes or special events please let us know. You can send a regular letter or just an email. See front page for contact information.



Independence Day isn't the only Such holiday this quarter

Yes, most of us will be celebrating the Independence of the United States on July 4. But July 1 is also special — Canada Day (also known as Dominion Day).

This celebrates the anniversary of Canadian Confederation which happened on July 1, 1867. On that date the three separate colonies of the United Canadas, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united into a single dominion within the British Empire and would be known as Canada. Now you know.

1 Casey Smith
Kevin & Bobbi Bengs
2 *David & Stephanie Russell*
3 Jason Ellingson
Paul Lenz
Sarah Holweger
Rhea Schroeder
Jason and Teresa Hayes
4 Bev Sandlie
Avery Cook
Evan Johnsen
Zane Crawford
9 Loren Leake
Carmen Aaker
Sue McRae
10 Beth Scholten
11 Jim Klamm
12 Kaylyn Koteles
13 Valerie Omlid
Jerry & Joan Bengs
14 Michelle Hahn
Robert & Danine Lenz
15 Marguerite Kent
Marilyn Kent
Carmelle Lange
16 Sarah Burger
Heather Coots
Sharon (Mrs. Dennis) Klamm
17 Duane Chapman
Shirley Hintermeister
Seth Russell
18 Vicki Mehs
Chelsey Belgarde
Ryne Dolleslager
19 *Eugene & Betty Bengs*
20 Alana Webb
21 Mellisa Klamm
22 Benjamin Backstrom
Matthew Pasmore
23 Marc Beine
25 Emily Sumner
26 Julie Lenz
27 *Dennis & Lisa Beine*
28 Savanna Hamm
29 Wayne Klamm
30 Scott Danielson
31 Jean Griffin
April Hamm
Reese Disrud
Ellie Disrud



3 *Matt & Emilie Bahr*
Bill Hahn
4 Nikki Nelson
John & Carissa Grabanski
5 Vickie Lambrecht
Dru Shannon
6 Jeff Winters
Verle Bleese
Heidi (Hamm) Webb
7 *John & Annette Dolleslager*
David Kent
Leslee Klamm
8 Marlon Lange
Roger Bosch
Jenna Holweger
9 *Chris & Holly (Roeder) Haug*
10 *Scott & Charlotte Clayton*
11 Debbie (Strutz) Britenbaker
David Russell
Gretchen Ivers
Matthew Voight
12 Daniel Beine
Nichole Hendrickson
13 Alicia Fadley
Leanne Knecht
Jennifer Benoit

We expect errors, omissions and changes. Please tell us!

14 Karen Trydahl
Madalynn Nelson
15 *Kevin & Marsha Lange*
16 Karen (Klamm) Arnold
17 Daniel Griffin
Ayrin Roeder
Emily Ellingson
18 *Kevin & Shelley Wold*
20 Donna Smith
21 Andrew Fadley
Donavan Lange
Regan Hanson
22 Joan Bengs
Rebecca Lange
Eric Olson
23 Jeremy Bahr
24 Marlys Severance
Mackenze Bosch
Jayce Schroeder
Gabriella Bengs
25 Curtis Fischer
26 *Alex & Emily Sumner*
Stephanie Cook
27 Patricia Disrud
Randy Hoff
28 Daniel Fischer
29 Sharon Solheim
30 Kevin Lange
Bill & Michelle Hahn
31 Dale Beine

2 Janelle Disrud
April & Cole Babcock
3 Bill Hamm
Calvin Klamm
4 *Bill & Cathy Hamm*
Alexa Beine
Everly Belgarde
Priscilla Backstrom
5 Marilyn Reigel
6 Tony Lenz
Dwight & Sara Ollman
9 Neal Klamm
Megan Beine
Tommy & Laura Sullivan
11 Christie Swalek
Lisa Beine
Roger & Carole Bosch
12 Danielle Larva
Jordan Young
Preston & Nicole Lenz
13 Jim Kent Jr.
16 Myron Disrud
Adam Beine
18 Dwight Ollman
20 Joyce Gensrich
Cody Evanson
Alan & Connie Rebsch
21 Jamie Evanson
Breanna Solheim
Michaela Knecht
Adam Griffin
Kyle Trontvet
Dennis & Sharon Klamm
Eric & Linda Olson
23 Danine Lenz
25 Blaine Solheim
27 *Don & Carmelle Lange*
David Vanderhoof
28 Shirley Beine
Amanda Hanson
Erica Keenaghan
Jim & Lisa Ivers
29 Joshua McRae
Dale & Shirley Beine
30 Rosanne Curtis
Jason & April Hamm



For Next Time

The next quarterly newsletter will come out on October 1. Feel free to suggest things we could add and certainly take time to correct anything in the birthdays and anniversaries.

Also, from time to time, we'll send out updates about activities or other information.

Know Someone We Should Add?

We are glad to send the virtual newsletter to anyone who would like to get it. Before sharing anyone's e-mail, please contact them first.

We will also mail a newsletter to anyone who doesn't have an email address. We do prefer e-mail, however.

Thanks everyone!



The Editor's Corner

~~We are~~ **are NOT Missing a Membership/ Baptism Record Book**

So ... a while back I reported in this newsletter that we were missing a Membership/Baptism record book. An old one. Well, thanks to Neal Klamm we are no longer missing it. He found it in our storage room, pretty much where I should have found it. He was motivated as he needed a record from the book.

We are going through our storage and records to see what kinds of things we have and what should be carefully kept and what can be discarded. If you come to church you will find a number of things out on a table in the chapel. These include scrapbooks and pictures and other things.

Recently I added a big picture book titled "Holmes Christmas." It includes lots of pictures of Holmes families from a few years ago. Stop by and look!

We are preparing to look at our membership to make sure it is accurate.

Project 31:8

"At one point in my life, I tried to walk away from this Project and my faith. It was too heavy, and it seemed like nothing had changed. At that point, truly, I felt like God just kept making me run into it [human trafficking] in some shape or form. I was like, 'Ok, I am supposed to be doing this. You are trying to tell me something.' I approached the Project differently; instead of being so angry at the world, I flipped it. I look at success instead. I look at the people trying to help instead of just the bad people," said Stacy Schaffer, Founder and Executive Director of 31:8 Project.

As an undergraduate at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota, Stacy Schaffer learned about human trafficking. Growing up in Wishek, North Dakota, she had not considered the causes, impacts, and issues surrounding this crime.

"In 2006, a professor encouraged us to listen to a guest speaker and get extra credit. I went, and they were talking about the topic of human trafficking. I just felt compelled to do something," said Stacy. She found herself on a mission trip to Guatemala. While there, she had the opportunity to assist with a case involving an eight-year-old girl who had been trafficked.

"She was taken to a brothel and repeatedly sexually abused. Fortunately, we were able to intervene. This kind of assistance is very uncommon, obviously in underdeveloped areas. She is doing well. She ended up getting married and having kids. It was a true success story. Her name is Anna. Anna is really my why behind doing this work," said Stacy.

Fast-forward to 2015, when Stacy launched the 31:8 Project. *The name comes from Proverbs 31:8: "Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves."* The original mission was to focus on education.

"We spent all our time educating people of all ages, fifth grade and up, on what is human trafficking," said Stacy. "Now, we also talk about topics like sexual exploitation, internet safety, as well as pornography. We added our bravery backpack program." The Bravery Backpack program started through a law enforcement officer passionate about helping kids.

"He told us that there are many times where they must arrest the parent or guardian, or we go to a crime scene, and these kids are waiting hours at the station before we can find a placement," Stacy explained. "Anytime someone is a victim of a crime, they are more susceptible to things like human trafficking. We added the Survivor Mentorship Program three years ago. We provide direct services to adult victims of human trafficking or sexual exploitation. Victims, ages 18 and up, are paired with a mentor. That mentor helps them to achieve different goals. We have a survivor who just got her associate degree and was accepted into a social work program. A survivor who, because of her trauma, is finding it challenging for her to leave her house. We have a support group that meets biweekly."

Check "31:8 Project" for more info.



Who Do We See Who Needs Some Kind of Help?