



BALATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

Notes from Pastor Lori~

Hello Sheepies It's hard to believe that we are rolling into August already, huh? Where does that time go to anyway! It seems like we just wrapped up our calendar year moments ago. In "Church Terms", I look at our calendar year as September through May because of J.A.M. and a more structured rhythm in the life of our church. Time just keeps on a truckin' it seems.

Many of you are anxious about JAM ... Year 10. We'll get a meeting scheduled here for the first or second week of this month. Please prayerfully consider helping where you can. We have some plans for Kickoff painting some rocks and creating a path ... still in the works but it looks to be a fun project and one that will last into the future so stay tuned on that.

Grant Fisher is the new Pastor at Trinity/Sillerud Lutheran and he is just getting moved into the Parsonage on Current Lake. He and I will meet soon ... but please give us both some "breathing room". JAM WILL HAPPEN ... so take a breath, pray, trust.

I have heard many of you say ... JAM ... is not the same. You are correct. It never will be "the same" ... but that is a part of life ... ever changing ... and yet we trust in the ONE who never changes ... GOD! Got it?! So, please don't say "it's not the same" because ... here's the deal ... "I know that". But ... we press on don't we ... listening, trusting, recreating, following where God leads. Have FAITH. Our young people (and our big people) are hearing God's Word and living faithfully ... that's what matters in the long run Well after you, and me, have also transitioned to "something new" in this life or in our Heavenly one ... so hold steady ... be courageous ... help where you are able. *Anticipated start date is Wednesday September 11th (the week AFTER school starts to give parents/students breathing room too!)

TRANSITIONS and RITUALS I've been in "Wedding Mode" working with several couples as they prepare for their upcoming weddings. Two weddings down, three to go through September. As I look back, it's hard to believe that Jim & I have been married 33 years too! Lots of ups and downs along the way ... but still kickin'. All of these things are a part of life.

BAPTISMS We have two more in August. This is such an exciting thing ... we don't take it for granted that this is a sign of LIFE in our church (Weddings/Baptisms/Kids). On August 4th Madelinn June Stibbe will be Baptized (Chad & Linnea) and on August 25th Tatum Aloysious Hoffman (Justin & Paige) will be Baptized. The Hoffman's are our neighbors near Wilmont and consider us their

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church. Which reminds me to “Be the Church wherever and however God calls me” ... please be mindful of how God is calling you to do the same.

CHURCH ... looks and acts differently. It’s not just an inside the building Sunday sort-a-deal ... you know that. I know that you know that too. Much of the pastoral calls that I receive and make look very non-traditional Yet still very profound and important. Jesus Was always “on the move” in very unconventional ways “The Kingdom of God is near you now”. How can we reveal this Kingdom to folks who may not know? *Show up Be like Jesus.

AGING/DYING “Old age is not for Sissies”. I’ve heard you say it. Many of you are feeling the effects of some age. Hard stuff, Holy stuff And yet God is present in the midst of all of it. Just this week, a young Daughter of some friends of ours was killed in a car accident on I-90 ... so devastating. And yet, over and over I am hearing of the impact that Brooke made on so many in her young life She was kind, She was giving of her time and talents to those younger and older than she ... she was on her way to an interview for a position in Social Work. God ... is still using her life and legacy to impact others. We never know. Make the most of each day.

All of this To say Transitions, tough stuff ... and celebratory stuff are all a part of this life. As we near the end of our Summer and prepare for a NEW season ... I ask you to remain faithful! But, I also ask you to stretch a bit more and don’t become too complacent in your faith ... taking for granted our church as a whole .. finances, or worship , or JAM, or even me as your Pastor (not that you are ...)

How do we make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?” By living faithfully and responding in His love to those around us.

It’s August and we have some folks who need to SEE JESUS in and through us. So here we go

Faithfully ...

Pastor Lori (PL)



PL’s August Calendar--

Friday August 2nd – Saturday August 3rd - Rehearsal/Wedding for Brandon Kirk & Karly Ruppert (Currie)

Sunday August 4th - Baptism Madelinn June Stibbe during worship

Tuesday August 6th - National Night Out in Tracy – JAM selling Sno-Cones

Wednesday August 7th - 9am-Noon PL Hospice/ Slayton

Sunday August 11th - Summer Social at Community Center

Wednesday August 14th - UMW Indoor Picnic

Sunday August 18th - COMMUNION

Tuesday August 20th - PL Birthday = 54!

Wednesday August 21st - 9-Noon PL Hospice/Slayton

Friday August 23rd-Saturday August 24th - PL in Waseca for Caleb Erickson Memorial Event

Sunday August 25th - Hoffman Baptism (PL’s little neighbor boy)



Friday August 30th-Saturday August 31st – Rehearsal & Wedding of Mariah Schelhaas & Wesley Jennings (Sioux Falls)

Sunday Sept 1st - PL OFF (Sue Skramstad Preaching)



LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday Sept. 4th - UMW Event/Fairmont (PL Hospice that day)

Thursday Sept 5th - Licensed Local Pastor Mentor Group/Springfield

Friday-Saturday Sept 6-7 - PL in Sioux City for Course of Study (back late evening Saturday)

Wednesday, Sept 11th - Tentative JAM Beginning date.

Friday-Saturday Sept 27th-28th - Rehearsal & Wedding Kate Carter & Tyler Hruby (Balaton UMC!)

Friday- Saturday October 25th & 26th - PL in Sioux City for Course of Study.

Tidbits from the Board Chair~

Well I started one a little while ago and it just disappeared on me GRR. Here we go again.

It is such a beautiful day outside I should be working in the garden pulling weeds. I have purslane in it and it is a pain to get rid of. You have to pull and destroy every little leaf otherwise it will come back. I have got through most of it once and now can start over again, it is still very wet out there. Hopefully with the breeze today it will dry out a little.

I would like to thank Stacy for all the work she does to keep our church softball league running smoothly. Also a big thank you to all the players that come to play every week. You do a fabulous job and enjoy watching you. Thanks also to Mike, Gayle and Denise for helping out in the hot dog stand.

Greg said they will be starting on the floor in the first part of August it will be two weeks before we can walk on it so we will have to plan accordingly. Thank you Greg for all you did to make that happen. We will have to get everything moved out before they get there.

It will soon be time for JAM to start we will have a new Pastor again so hopefully everything will go well. We as a group have to get together and get things started. It is only a month away and we all know how fast that goes by. Julie and I will be meeting shortly to get the food serving all worked out. School will also be starting soon. Granddaughters and I will be going to Mankato to do some school shopping and spending some time with Jill. We will be going the first weekend in August.

We got our house shingled despite all the heat. There were days when it was just too hot. We had a good crew so everything went really fast.

Sometimes we can all get a little stressed out at time but please remember to be kind to one another. If someone offers to help you with something please accept or decline gracefully. Otherwise feelings get hurt.

The wind we had the other morning took down quite a few branches thankfully there wasn't any big ones so got them all cleaned up already. Mike is out mowing so wanted to get it done before that.

Guess that is all for this time.

Lols



UMW Communications

We had our July meeting on Wednesday, July 10th at the Church. We had devotions and a lesson and our main discussion was the August Indoor Picnic. We have invited seven area Methodist Churches along with our local churches. Our indoor Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 14th at the Balaton Community Center.. We will start with a noon lunch of salads and bars and we will follow with a program. We have invited Colleen Ford, our District Spiritual Growth Leader. She is from Granite Falls - a very energetic person so we are looking forward to having her be a part of our day. Colleen and Bev Swift will be leading us in music. We are expecting a great time - come join us!

Rose Wheeler, Secretary

UMW Indoor Picnic

When: Wednesday, August 14th

Time: 12:00 noon (meal - program to follow)

Location: Balaton Community Center

Everyone is Welcome!



Coffee Servers

- August 4th** - Denise Hoek
- August 11th** - Stacy Chandler at Community Center
- August 18th** - UMW
- August 25th** - Lois & Stella



Readers

- Aug 4th:** Deb Stibbe
- Aug 11th:** Stella Swanson
- Aug 18th:** June Terhark
- Aug 25th:** Nancy Iversen

J.A.M. Kickoff - Wednesday, September 11th - The Planning has begun - stay tune!



Spring Pasta Salad



- 2 cups corkscrew pasta
- 1 cup steam-ready mixed vegetables, cooked according to package directions - I'm sure you could use fresh vegetables as well.
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- ¾ cup Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dressing



Step 1 - Cook pasta according to package instructions.

Step 2 - In a large bowl, add the pasta, vegetables, cheese and pepper and toss with dressing.

Step 3 - Chill covered for at least one hour.

Fresh Peach Dessert

Ingredients



- *FOR THE CRUST*
- 2 packages graham crackers, crushed (or 2 cups)
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon water
- *FOR THE FILLING*
- 5 cups fresh peaches, peeled & diced.
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 (3 ounce) package peach jello
- *FOR THE TOPPING*
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 (8 ounce) carton cool whip

1. **FOR THE CRUST:** Crush the graham crackers in a food processor (or zip top bag with a rolling pin) and place in a bowl. Add the sugar. Melt the butter and pour over the crushed crackers & sugar. Stir till all crumbs are moist. Take out 2 cups and set aside for the top. Now add 1 tablespoon water. Press into the bottom of a 13x9" pan & bake for 8 minutes at 375. Allow the crust to cool. (For a no-bake dessert you can omit the baking of the crust. It will be more crumbly when serving).
2. **FOR THE FILLING:** Peel and cut the fresh peaches into about 1 inch pieces and set aside. Bring the water, sugar and cornstarch to a boil. Add the package of peach jello and stir till dissolved. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Add the peaches once cooled and gently pour over cooled crust. Chill until set (about 2 to 4 hours)
3. **FOR THE TOPPING:** Cream together the cream cheese and powdered sugar. Fold in the cool whip. Spread over the top of the set jello filling. Chill to set and top with the remaining graham cracker crumb mixture before serving.
4. **NOTES:** 2 packages of graham crackers is about 18 sheets or 2 cups crushed. To get 5 cups of diced peaches, I used 7 small/medium peaches.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SUMMER SOCIAL



WHEN: Sunday, August 11, 2019

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: Balaton Community Center

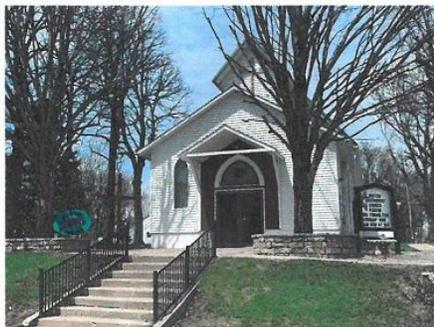


**MENU: Barbecues, Assorted Salads,
Home-made Pies and Ice Cream**

**COST: ADULTS - \$8.00
10 AND UNDER - \$4.00**

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August 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Wedding Rehearsal- Kirk/Ruppert Wedding Rick McMath & Allison Chandler B-days Dave & Peggy Bundy Anniv.	3 Brandon Kirk & Karly Ruppert Wedding
4 9 am Worship	5	6 Tracy National Night Out John Ross, Dominic Swenhaugen, Elaine Knochenmus B-days Brian & Annette Swanson Anniv.	7	8 Don Ewing B-day Kathy & Dennis Mltchell Anniv	9 Lois Swanson B-day	10
11 9 am Worship	12	13 PL to Camp Koronis Kyle Stibbe B-day	14 PL to Camp Koronis Leah & Derek Ohme Anniv	15 Jase Wieme, Holden Cusher & Tabor Hoek B-days	16	17
18 9 am Worship	19	20 PL's Birthday	21 Joel Marron B-day	22 Leah Ohme, Megan Ray & Bruce Schelhaas B-days	23 PL @ Caleb Erickson Event-Waseca Eli Henn B-day	24 PL @ Caleb Erickson Event-Waseca
25 9 am Worship	26	27 Randy & Becky Schreier Anniv	28 Dan Taveirne B-day	29 Oakley Lustfield B-day	30 Wedding Rehearsal-Schelhaas /Jennings Wedding	31 Mariah Schelhaas & Wes Jennings Wedding



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**Remember our Nursing Home Residents: Prairie View Senior Living-Tracy: Mert Holm
Avera Morningside Heights Care Center-Marshall: Neva Manguson
Remembering & praying for Brandon Swanson..... missing from his family since May 2008**