



2019

BALATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Notes from Pastor Lori~

Some of you may remember that I have written here in the past about the “Dog Days of Summer” Usually a period of time between July 3rd – August 11th when it is scorching HOT! (I think it arrived early this year because this week has been HOT!). Coinciding with the rising of Sirius (The Dog Star) and usually right after the Summer Solstice. The “Dog Star” – Sirius is the BRIGHTEST Star in the sky. Interesting stuff!

Speaking of stars and stuff I am really excited about our upcoming sermon series that will take us through about mid-August – “GOD and SPACE”. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Man walking on the moon (July 20th, 1969) so I thought it might be fun to take a look at some movies/clips about “SPACE”. Yesterday, I spent several hours kind of sketching out what that will look like (Thanks to Denise for being patient waiting for the newsletter stuff) ... but I wanted to give you some ideas of what we’ll be talking about.

The majority of our scripture texts will be from the Prophet Jeremiah (but not exclusively). Here’s our lineup: July 14th Movie – Apollo 11 & First Man (Neil Armstrong & Buzz Adrin) we’ll also have COMMUNION. July 21st – Movie – “October Sky” (Young boys are inspired by the launch of the Sputnik). July 28th – “Christmas In July” – God’s Covenant written on our hearts, The Dog Star, Christmas Carols. August 4th – Movie – “Hidden Figures” and Holy Communion. Based on real life experience of black women who worked for NASA as “Computers” (Insiders and Outsiders). August 11th Movie – “Apollo 13” (Living successfully in the midst of failure/bloom where you are planted). August 18th – Referencing Apollo 8 and 10.

This would be a great time to invite someone who might not be attending worship (here or otherwise). I just heard at Annual Conference that the group labeled “De-churched” meaning those who have once been connected to a church and are not now for whatever reason have now outnumbered those who are labeled “None” meaning those who really have never been connected to a church and mark “none” on forms and such when asked of religious affiliation. I think that is startling news. So ... we have work to do then, right? If you call Balaton UMC “Home” or me your Pastor What stops you from attending worship? Is it time? Other commitments? Other? And ... what can we do differently (or I as Pastor) to make Balaton UMC more “Spirit-Filled”.

I don’t want anyone to feel “De-churched”

Discernment – I have had a good conversation with our District Superintendent Fred about “life and faith”. I don’t think that it’s any big secret that these past two years have been trying - the JAM & Lutheran leadership transitions have been hard. I have so enjoyed working with Pastor Steve Rasmussen. We all are

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still transitioning And sometimes this “holding on loosely” is hard. So, I have been doing lots of praying and some visioning about how we can “reinvent and revitalize” both our Church and JAM. Fred ... will also be meeting with our Church Council at some point (checking in).

Course of Study – Fred and I also talked about COS. I will not be attending or graduating this July (I don’t think this is a surprise). Because I am not full time (at least on paper – grin) I have the option to attend classes in Sioux City at the Morningside Campus. Classes are over two weekends (Friday-Saturday) in September and October. So I will be taking ONE class there this Fall. The homework is more manageable (same amount of hours and written work set by our General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville), but not as rigid as Saint Paul Seminary in KC. I’m hoping to pick up the last class here as well or will have to in July 2020 in KC.

I still plan to graduate on Saint Paul campus next Summer because the bulk of my classes were done there. When I began all this back in 2008, I didn’t have a choice, Morningside wasn’t an option back then. It will also give me good insight in comparing the two schools for help in advising LLP’s coming in. So ... that’s the scoop on that.

You’ll hear more on Annual Conference and General Conference in the coming weeks. Our Annual Conference Session will be held in SIOUX FALLS next June 10th-12th. Mark your calendar because I’d like some of you to attend at least for the day. We will be with the Dakotas Conference for our worship and large group times as this will be Bishop Ough’s last Conference before he retires (Thus the joint Conference with Dakotas). Bishop Sally will also be present as Conference Preacher And if all goes as planned I will be receiving my Scapular from the Conference celebrating my completion of Course of Study (I’d like you to come if you’re able).

General Conference 2020 May 5th-15th will be held in Minneapolis. Would you like to see how our Global Church works? There is opportunity to be a Volunteer for the event. See me if you are interested. This is where our Book of Discipline can be changed .. and will be significant in our changing landscape as a denomination.

“Lord ... Hear Our Prayer”.

Whew! That was A LOT of information. I pray that you are holding up through Pray, Fellowship, Worship, and by God’s Abundant Grace Even in the midst of “Stuff”.

Keep walking together

In Christ Jesus Our Lord and Savior

Yours –

PL

Pastor Lori



PL's CALENDAR FOR JULY 2019

Monday, July 1st PL on the way home from the Cities

Thursday, July 4th Rhyan Claire VonHoltum turns 4 – Golden Birthday!



Friday July 5th FUN FEST



Saturday July 6th JAM Float in the FUN FEST Parade 2pm (Line up is 1pm)

Sunday July 7th 10am Balaton Community Church Service at VCC (Rev. Chuck Anderson preaching) NO WORSHIP at Balaton UMC

Tuesday July 9th PL working with Woodstock Communications to install internet at Church 7 Parsonage (Morning)

Wednesday, July 10th PL Hospice Meeting/Visits in Slayton 9-Noon

Thursday, July 11th PL and Fabulous Couple Premarital appointment (Evening)

Saturday, July 13th PL's 35th High School Class reunion in Hardwick

Friday July 19th PL and Jim 33rd Anniversary

Wednesday July 24th PL Hospice Meeting/Visits 9am-Noon

Saturday July 27th Tyler Parade – JAM Float

We will have a couple Baptisms in July or August – still planning dates.

Friday-Saturday - August 2nd-3rd Brandon Kirk/Karly Ruppert Wedding (near Currie)

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

Tuesday Aug 13-Wed 14th PL at Camp Koronis near Paynesville for Licensed Local Pastor Retreat

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

Friday August 30th-Saturday 31st Mariah Schelhaas/Wes Jennings Wedding in Sioux Falls

Sunday, Sept 1st PL OFF (staying in Sioux Falls after the wedding)



UMW Communications~

What a beautiful day! Cool light breeze and every thing God created is out there. I love days like this but sounds like we will be getting summer by the end of the week.

June we had a good meeting, good lesson and delicious lunch. There were six of us in attendance. We are so happy for Sue Skramstad who joined us a few months ago. Anyone else wishing to do the same, a Welcome Sign is always there.

On June 11th, Pastor Lori, Verlane and Rose attended Day Apart at the Fairfax Methodist Church. They reported on several issues and projects that they took part in. What a rewarding day for them! Thank you for sharing.

On Sunday, June 16th, 159 gowns and 2 health kits were blessed and taken to Annual Conference. Thank you to those who helped sew gowns and prepare health kits.

On August 14th at 12:00 pm we will have our Annual Picnic. Rose will be sending out invites to surrounding Methodist Churches. We are excited about this! It will be held at the Balaton Community Center.

July 10th will be our next UMW meeting at the church. Stella is our hostess and Verlane will give the lesson.

The prayer chain continues to be used every day. There is no spot where God is not. God is within us and around us in life, love and wisdom.

Everyone, have a safe and fun 4th of July!

**Betty Leversedge,
President**



Balaton Fun Fest Celebration July 4th-7th, 2019

Thursday, July 4th
Little Miss and Mr. Balaton Contest - Victory Christian Church

Friday, July 5th
Inaugural Balaton Fundraiser - BHS Class of 1969 - Balaton Bay Putting Green
People Mover from East Bay
Burger Feed - Balaton Foundation - Lion's Park
A complimentary Lingen Dairy ice cream cone with every Foundation meal sold, sponsored by Western Mutual Insurance in honor of their 125th Anniversary!
Lighter Side Clowns - Lion's Park
"Mobile Heart Beats" - Lion's Park
American Legion Beer Wagon - Main Street
Chamber Concessions - Main Street
"Variety Show" - Includes a tribute to Balaton American Legion Post 237 in honor of their 100th Anniversary!
Fireworks - Eastbay by RESPYRO

Saturday, July 6th
Concessions - Lion's Park / Main Street
Fun Run Registration - Lions Park
Fun Run
Medallion Hunt Clue - Benson's by the Lake
Glenn's Tractor Show - CM Transport
Chamber of Commerce Breakfast - Balaton Community Center
Registration for 2-person Best Ball - Balaton Bay Golf Course
Registration for 3-on-3 Basketball - Main Street
Balaton History Center
Cemetery Walk - Lakeside Cemetery
3-on-3 Basketball - Main Street
Kiddie Parade Registration - Lakeview Senior Housing
Kiddie Parade
Games to Go Inflatables - Lion's Park
Coin Dig - Lion's Park
"Wendy's Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam" - Lakeview Senior Housing
American Legion Beer Wagon - Lion's Park
Parade line-up - Baseball field - Maple Street
Float Judging - Football field - Theme is "God Bless America"
Grand Parade
Horse drawn carriage rides by "Rainbow Country Experience" - Lions Park
Balaton History Center
Music by "Mobile Heart Beats" - Lion's Park
Wildrose Ponies - Lion's Park
Petting Zoo - Lion's Park
Kid's Tractor Pull - Main Street
Dinner - Lion's Park - "Benson's by the Lake"
Cow Bingo - Lion's Park
Firemen's Street Dance "Sweet Siren" - Main Street
American Legion Beer Wagon - Main Street
Fun Fest Calendar Raffle Drawing - Main Street

Sunday, July 7th
Medallion Hunt Clue - Benson's by the Lake
Ecumenical Service - Victory Christian Church
Registration for Golf Tournament - Balaton Bay Golf Course
Trinity Church Picnic Dinner - Community Center
Balaton History Center

6:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.

All Day
7:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
9:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m. - Midnight
10:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

The Balaton High School Class of 1969 is celebrating their 50th high school reunion during Fun Fest.

They will be holding several fundraising activities to go towards a gift to Balaton, among them a Putting Contest at Balaton Bay Golf Course and a Quilt Raffle. The quilt will be on display at First Independent Bank in Balaton.

*They will be attending as a class, all the events marked with an ***. Please look for their 50th BHS Class of 1969 Feather Banner and stop by and say "Hi", they'd love to catch up!*

Visit us at
<http://balatonfunfest.com>
for the latest schedule.
Like us on Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Baby Shower for Kyle and Cassi Stibbe

Date: Saturday, July 13th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Balaton Bay Golf Course

Everyone Welcome

They are registered at [Babylist.com](https://www.babylist.com) - you can search by their last name and it will pop up. Direct link is:

<https://www.babylist.com/baby-cassi-kyle-stibbe>



Bridal Shower for Karly Ruppert and Brandon Kirk

Date: Saturday, July 13th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Bitton's Roadhouse - Garvin

Everyone Welcome

They are registered at the Hut in Slayton and Zola.com

Bring a recipe to share with Karly.



Bridal Shower for Katie Carter & Tyler Hruby

(Katie is June Terhark's granddaughter)

Date: Saturday, July 27th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Location: Balaton Bay Golf Course

Everyone Welcome

They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



UMC Summer Social

Date: Sunday, August 11th

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Balaton Community Center

****Please let us know if you are not going to be here that Sunday so we can plan salads, pies, donations and workers. Thank you. Nancy, Diane and Denise**



July 14: Nancy Iversen
July 21: UMW
July 28: Lois and Stella

July Readers:

July 14: Nancy Iversen
July 21:
July 28: Sam Tutt



Butterscotch Peanut Butter Bars

Recipe Courtesy of Trisha Yearwood



Ingredients

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, room temperature, plus more for greasing
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup plus 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
6 ounces butterscotch chips (about 1 cup)
1 cup confectioners' sugar
4 tablespoons milk

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9-by-13-by-2-inch baking dish with butter.
2. Using an electric mixer, cream the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and 1/2 cup of the peanut butter. Add the egg and vanilla. Sift the flour with the baking soda and the salt. Mix the oatmeal into the flour and stir the flour into the creamed mixture. Spread the batter in the baking pan. Sprinkle the butterscotch chips over the batter and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until browned around the edges.
3. Whisk together the confectioners' sugar, milk and the remaining 1/4 cup of the peanut butter until smooth, then spread the glaze evenly over the warm bars. Allow to cool completely before cutting into squares.



JULY 2019 BALATON UMC CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PL Home from Cities	2 Brook Albright B-day	3 Derek Ohme B-day	4 Happy 4th of July Rhyan VonHoltum turns 4! Ruthton Parade 11:00 Lineup 10:30 Phyllis Swanson, Sonja Haugen, Ruth Lehnhoff B-days	5 Balaton FUN FEST David Ray B-day	6 JAM Float in FUN FEST Parade 2pm Line up at 1:00 pm Dakota Ray, Linda Sharratt B-days Mike & Amy Warren Anniv
7 10 am Community Church Service @ VCC Chuck Anderson Preaching	8 Church Softball	9 Woodstock Communications coming to install internet at church	10 PL Hospice mtg/visits in Slayton 9-12 Ashley Hunt B-day	11 PL and Fabulous Premarital appt Brody Kestflood B-day	12 Aaron & Julie Cusher Anniv	13 PL's 35th High School Class reunion in Hardwick
14 9 am Worship	15	16	17 Brayden Marron B-day	18 Marvin & Charlene Chandler Anniv	19 PL & Jim's 33rd Anniversary Jadyn Haugen, Veva Walters, Charlene Chandler, Troy Haugen B-days	20 Leo Henn B-day
21 9 am Worship Marcia Wee B-day Josh & Kylie Chandler Anniv	22	23 Jessica Walters B-day	24 PL Hospice Mtg/visits 9-12 Joyce Mudler, Bob Walters, Chad Stibbe B-days	25 John & Amy Bruns, Kellen & Jamine Henn Anniv	26	27 Tyler Parade JAM Float
28 9 am Worship	29 Becca & Cody Christians Anniv	30 Braxton Marron B-day	31 Dale & Julie Wieme Anniv			

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Church Softball Tournament

Date: Monday, July 8th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Balaton Ball Diamond

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