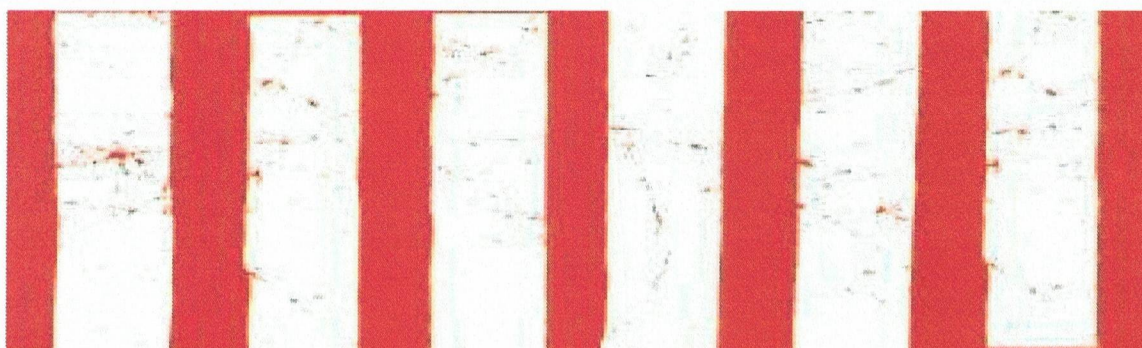


# T.L.P. IN TOUCH

JULY 2024



*Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!*



# July 2024

We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

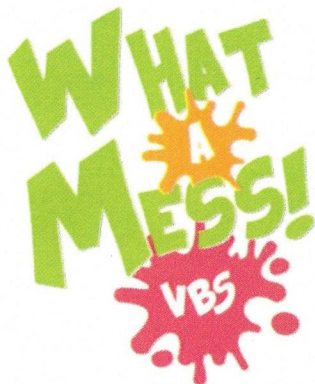
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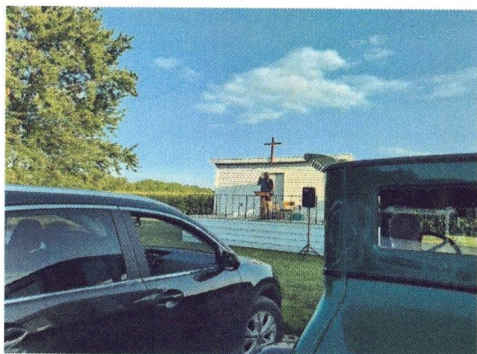


# T.L.P. IN TOUCH

Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
thru Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
at Our Savior's.  
Supper is included.



## Mona Outdoor Drive-in Music Concerts

6 pm Fellowship  
7 pm Concert

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Tim Niess

Sunday, July 21<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Kent Otterman

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Hadley Prescott and Paster Samuel

# YOUTH

## VBS: "What a Mess!"

Save the date July 8-11 from 6-8 pm at Our Savior's. Registration  
Deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Sunday School & Confirmation:

Enjoy your Summer Vacation!

## Bible Camps

\*Good Earth Village [www.goodearthvillage.org](http://www.goodearthvillage.org)

\*Prairie River Camp <https://www.prairierivercamp.org/> near  
Bricelyn, MN on the east fork of the Blue Earth River.

\*Okoboji Ingham Lutheran Bible Camps, Milford, IA

<https://www.okoboji.org/>

## Bible Camp – Would you like to go?

Mona members: Any child who would like to go to summer camp, see a  
council member to help pay for this.

## VBS: "What a Mess!" Donations Needed!

12 Boxes of Spaghetti

8 Large jars of Spaghetti Sauce

3 Pounds of Butter

8 Watermelons

25 Pounds of Hamburger

3 Large Bottles of Ketchup

8 Large bags of Potato Chips

10 Boxes Complete Pancake Mix

Napkins

2 Bottles of Dish Soap

4 Containers of Lemonade

*Thank you for helping Vacation Bible School! If interested in donating,  
please call Kristen Sherrard at 507-438-3440. Monetary Donations are  
appreciated.*

## VBS Mission Project – Rachel's Hope

We will be collecting craft supplies for families that use Rachel's Hope  
services. Examples of items in need:

Craft Kits

Crayons

Coloring Books

Art Kits

Drawing Pads

Markers

Color Pencils

Beads

Pipe Cleaners

Etc....

## THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

### What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)\*
- An adult to help

### What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. \*After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."



## THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Skipping stones, rock climbing and hiking are all fun summer activities. What do they all have in common? Rocks! Look at Psalm 18:2 to see the strength in the ONE rock we can depend upon.

Search the puzzle for the **BOLD** words from Psalm 18:2, and circle them. The words **MY** and **ROCK** only need to be found once.

"The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, **MY FORTRESS** and **MY DELIVERER**; **MY GOD** is **MY ROCK**, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is **MY SHIELD** and the **HORN** of **MY SALVATION**, **MY STRONGHOLD**."

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## GOD ROCKS.

[Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called KID0707B\_A on this month's CD and on the Web site: [www.NewsletterNewsletter.com](http://www.NewsletterNewsletter.com).]

## PRAY

### Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Brian Barber	Colleen Crouch	Carol Ekle	Barb Fossey
Theresa Groesbeck	Margie Harrison	Andres Knudsen	
Darlene Meling	Dick Brunner	Gloria Moss	Rueben Murphy
Troy Murphy	Emily Nelson	Verdon Olson	Jack Rector
Jerry Sampson	Beth Whalen	Scott Willert	Fabiola (Oaxaca)

### Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Christopher Slindee	Thomas Frank	Kelly Fredrickson
Riley Wondra	Adam Dublinske (M)	Skyler Thomas (NG)
Ed Dreyer (M)	Gage Thompson (AF)	

*Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines), (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

### Missions to pray for:

- >Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- >Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- >Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Noah's Ark Adventure, Haiti

### Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teachers  
~ Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

### LIVING DONOR

Have you ever thought about being a living donor? Brian Barber of Austin, MN is in need of a Kidney. He has started the process of dialysis. If you want to see if you would be a possible donor for Brian, please contact him at 507-440-9548. He then can let his transplant center (Mayo) know he may have someone willing to donate so testing can begin at the appropriate time. Prayers for you and Brian are encouraged!



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**LECTORS:**

July

**Mona**

Worship at Our Savior's this month

**SMG**

## THANK YOU!

**Thank YOU** to those of you who are the lawn mowers at Mona

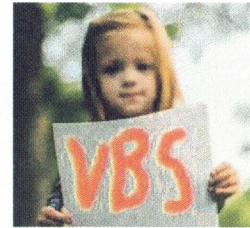
**Norma Wangen** is most appreciative of our churches generous financial gift she received from the TLP/OSL congregations recently. She wishes to express a great BIG THANK YOU to all of those who made this gift given in Christian Love possible.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time  
and having a Servant Heart!*

# FROM THE PASTOR...

July 2024

*"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted."  
--Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*



Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 8-11 at Our Savior's. Many of us are looking forward to another great experience of educating our kids, fun activities, and fellowshiping with one another. If the recent past is any indication, we'll have another good turnout, including kids from all three churches plus the surrounding communities.

But apparently, the popularity and success of traditional VBS programs is decreasing in many parts of the country. I read an article recently entitled *A Eulogy for Vacation Bible School* which suggested that it's time for many churches to discontinue their VBS programs.

The reasons are three-fold. 1) Churches are different than they used to be. Considering the average age of most church members, plus the amount of people needed to put VBS together, it's getting more and more difficult. 2) Church programming has changed. Many churches, especially the larger ones, offer other educational opportunities for children other than VBS. 3) People and families are different. Summertime is often vacation time for families with young children. And goodness knows that priorities have changed as far as how families spend their free-time.

The author of the article, Sarah Boberg, writes, "So, what does all this mean for vacation Bible school? I think this means many churches need to take a long and real look at VBS.

- Some churches need to celebrate the VBS ministry and recite its eulogy.
- Some churches need to rethink the VBS model and create a model that works better within the reality of their church resources.
- Some churches need to evaluate their children's programming as a whole.
- Some churches need to grow or evolve their VBS ministry and partner with other churches and organizations to meet the needs of their church and community."

We at Our Savior's, Mona and Six Mile Grove are definitely NOT ready to quit VBS! Thanks to the hard work of our organizers, teachers and helpers, and especially with the recent efforts at combining the kids and resources from all

three churches, our VBS program is quite strong. But there may come a time in the not-so-distant future when we WILL need to re-evaluate it and consider alternatives. More on that in the coming years.

Please spread the word about our Vacation Bible School program on July 8-11. The more kids and adults we have participate, the better. See you all in church!

Pastor Scott

## CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

**Freeborn County Fair** – Crowder on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 pm. Cost is gate admission.

## CHURCH INFO

### JOINT SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

*\*Worship will be outside, weather permitting. Exception: Communion will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and worship will be inside..*

Sundays in July	9:00 am	Our Savior's
Sundays in August	9:00 am	SMG

### COUNCIL MTG'S

- Parish Council will meet, July 9 at Mona, 7:00 pm.
- Mona Council will meet following PC Mtg
- SMG Council will meet following PC Mtg
- Small Group Council Mtg will meet June 16 at OS at 7 pm.
- It is important that you as a council member attend these mtg's.

### SMG CEMETERY FLOWERS & MEETING

- Watering service will be offered for plants in the stands only.
- Cemetery mtg on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 pm

### OUT DOOR DRIVE-IN BEGINS

Please help spread the word on your FB page by sharing the schedule from any of the church (Mona, SMG, Mona Drive-In) pages. Or sharing the flyer to your email contacts or via text message to your contacts. It would be much appreciated.

### DELEGATES FOR LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING

This will take place from Sept 29 – Oct 1 in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Would you like to go with Pastor Scott to this gathering? Let Pastor Scott, Steve Sampson or Craig Whalen know if you are interested in this.

### YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

### WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG Lutheran Ladies – No mtg
- >Naomi Circle – No mtg
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – July 9<sup>th</sup>, H: Becky
- >Mona LL – No Mtg



## DEAR OAXACA FRIENDS:

Members of the IA-MN Oaxaca Mission Group are sponsoring Pastor Samuel Sanchez and his wife, Angelina, to visit Iowa and Minnesota from July 24-August 5, 2024. Pastor Sam and Angelina look forward to seeing you and to share information about their Oaxaca ministry with you. We invite you to join us in welcoming them to our area.

**Friday, July 26**, Pastor Samuel and Angelina will host a Oaxaca reunion for all previous Oaxaca mission team participants and their significant others.

**On Saturday, July 27, 9:00AM**, All area **ladies** are welcome to attend Lighthouse of Hope Church, 2909 W Oakland AVE, Austin, for their monthly Women's Bible Study meeting. Following a light brunch, the special guest speaker will be Angelina Velasco Garcia. Angelina will share her testimony about the mission work she and her husband, Pastor Samuel Sanchez, started over 30 years ago, and, which continues, in and around Oaxaca and Huatulco, Mexico. A free will offering will be taken to assist their Oaxaca ministry. **RSVP if possible via text to Jeanne Steinbrink at 507-438-6469.**

**On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM**, Pastor Samuel will conduct services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Highway 218, Lyle, MN.

**Also, on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Sam will speak at the Mona Outdoor Drive-in Service (come as you are--sit in your car) in Mona, IA. There will be fellowship at **6PM** with hot dogs, root beer floats and popcorn. Pastor Sam will speak at **7 PM**.

**On Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM**, Pastor Samuel will conduct services at Grace Lutheran Church, 2001 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE, Austin, MN. A fellowship lunch will follow the service.

**If you would like to schedule a visit or function for Pastor Samuel and Angelina to share with you, please contact Janice (507-437-3376) or Monica (507-438-2291)**

**(NOTE: No donated funds were used to pay for their visit.)**

## COMMUNITY

**St. John's Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social**  
on Sunday, July 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm. Menu includes Maid-Rite Sandwiches, chips, homemade pies, ice cream, & beverages. Country Store items will also be available. Take Outs are available.  
*(Rock Township, 1202 390<sup>th</sup> St, Osage, IA which is 4 miles East of Grafton)*

**Johnsburg Jamboree**  
Sunday, July 14 from 12:00 - 6:00 pm. Food, Music and Games.

**Pub Theology**  
Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God  
All perspectives welcome!  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.  
*(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)*  
Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC

**Lyle Food Pantry/Shelf**  
The last Saturday of the month (*July ?*) at Our Savior's in Lyle will hand out food bags at 10:00 am.

**Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything**  
Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church next to the Drive-In building. Thank YOU!

**Cans for Cancer**  
Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

**FOOD SHELF AT OUR SAVIOR'S**  
The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us keep our shelves full!