



Dear church family,

Last month I had a week of vacation at the cabin my wife Michelle's grandfather built on a Sand Lake between Ely and Two Harbors, MN. Michelle has been going to the cabin since she was an infant. During summer months especially, we try to slip away for a day or two to spend time at the cabin. It's been the one consistent place to land for Michelle and me since we have been together through years of itinerant ministry. It's the place we most easily identify as home.

Home can have a lot of different meanings for people. I have a friend who has lived in Fosston for his whole life. Home is his place of origin, and the place he will likely spend his entire life. I know many people who have had the same home for most of their lives. They have a different experience of home than I do. I was born in Minneapolis, raised in Souths Saint Paul, and have lived and worked in several different places since then. I identify the Twin Cities as my place of origin, but it's not my home.

Just what is it that makes Sand Lake home for me? Most of the people who have cabins on the lake have been there for multiple generations. I don't have that history. Sand Lake is home for me because it is the place I was adopted into a family I care about. It's also a place of beauty where I feel a sense of peace and wholeness. There are times when it has been a place to restore my soul and spirit.

In conversations over the last months, several of you have stated that you are part of Bemidji United Methodist church because it is home for you. Some of you have been part of the church for your entire life, while others have found the church to be your home in recent time. I believe my experience of Sand Lake is like the latter group. You find the church as your home because it is the church (and place) which adopted you. It is this Spirit of adoption that brings us together as church family. I believe this is what we have to offer the world as we invite others to be adopted into our home life. It is a place where newly adopted homesteaders can find a sense of peace and wholeness. We are a place where people can find healing; a place that offers restoration of soul and spirit.

From wherever we began in the journey in this church family, we do share one common place of origin. We began our lives through God, and it is to God we will return. Our most profound place of experiencing home is with God. Our experience of church community reminds of this homecoming call of God. This homecoming is meant for all of God's children, and we strive to be a church which extends this welcome inclusively.

In this season of refreshment and renewal, may you also find opportunities to extend the Spirit of adoption which is core to our identity as church family.



Every day before

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:45 Service at Havenwood 10:45 Service at Neilsen Place 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Bike Group 5:00 Community Table	2 NO Grief & Loss Support group 2:00 Visitation Ministry Meeting 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen	3	4 9:30 Yoga
5 9:00 Early Worship 10:30 Worship	6	7 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal	8 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Bike Group 5:00 Community Table	9 4:00 SPRC Meets 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen	10	11 9:30 Yoga
12 9:00 Early Worship 10:30 Worship	13 Office Closed	14 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal 6:30 Trustees Meet	15 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Bike Group 5:00 Community Table	16 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen	17	18 9:30 Yoga 10:00 Payer Shawl Meeting
19 9:00 Early Worship 10:30 Worship	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal 5:30 Finance Meets	22 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Bike Group 5:00 Community Table 5:30 - 8:30 HCI Steering Meeting	23 2:00 Stamping Group 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen	24	25 9:30 Yoga
26 9:00 Early Worship 10:30 Worship	27	28 2:00-3:30 Evergreen 5:30 Yoga 5:30 AA 5:30 Ruby Tuesday	29 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Bike Group 5:00 Community Table	30 5:00 Community Table 6:15 Lotus Zen	31	

Church Office hours:

9:00am ~ 2:00pm

Monday ~ Friday

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If you wish for a pastoral home visit or hospital visit, or know someone who needs or desires a visit, please call the church office.

JUST A REMINDER....

Articles for the September Newsletter are due in the office no later than

9:00am on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Any announcements you wish to have in the Sunday bulletin must be called in, emailed, or delivered to the office by **9:00am on Thursdays.**

THANK YOU!



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Worship Service Volunteers AUGUST 2018

USHERS: *Coordinators Mike & Rita Albrecht*

GREETERS: *Coordinators Mike & Rita Albrecht*

August 5: Mike & Rita Albrecht

August 12: Dave & Alice Larkin

August 19: Roy & Jan Miller

August 26: Merril Thiel & Ruth Howe

August 5: Mary Burchart & Jack Spangenburg

August 12: Becky Lueben & Elaine Clark

August 19: John & Joyce Holmstrom

August 26: Ben & Cheyenne Stowe

READERS: *Coordinator Becky Lueben*

COFFEE SERVERS: *Coordinator Lorne Lofberg*

August 5: Evan Hazard

August 12: Dave Dahlberg

August 19: Randy Burg

August 5: Tom & Judy Dvorak

August 12: John Herath

August 19: Tony & Carla Nicholson

BIRTHDAYS

02 Pam Stowe
 03 Stella Nicholson
 04 Grace Stowe, Roy Miller
 07 John Holmstrom
 12 Gerald Manley
 13 Betsy Lyren
 17 Corrin Frezel, Keith Halverson
 20 Dave Knecht
 22 John Robinson
 23 James Hess, Jessica Pickett,
 Alan Cullifer
 25 Judy Dvorak
 26 Nelle May
 28 Victor Mosser
 29 Dustin Bowman, Mary Lou Brown
 30 Devin Danielson

ANNIVERSARIES

01 Terry and Linda Bradley
 05 Jim and Betty Howard
 10 Graig and Carol Gilbertson, Donald and Beverly Leet
 11 Dick and Jean Slinkman
 12 Dave and Jane Knecht, John and Sandra Robinson
 17 Larry and Sue Young
 20 George and Pam Stowe
 21 Ruth Howe and Merrill Thiel
 23 Gale & Betty Brooks
 24 Dave & Alice Larkin
 29 Del and Betsy Lyren
 31 Bruno and Lisa Porro



If your birthday or anniversary or the birthday or anniversary of a parishioner is missed here, please call Shelly at the office so it will be included in the Sunday bulletin and future Voyageurs.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE...

...at *Neilson Place*: Bill Britton, Marian Blehm, Nelle May,
 Jean Slinkman

...at *Trillium*: Dick Slinkman, Lois Statton, Judy Comstock,
 Lorraine Sorensen

...at *Windsong*: Wag Collins, , Bert Clark, Karren Clark

...in *Brandon, SD*: Doris Pierce

...at *Baker Park*: Kathleen Magsam

...at *Havenwood Care Center*: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner, Grace Daniels,
 Betty Howard

...at *Goldpine*: Marjory Beck, Laura Hays, Dorothy Sathre, Ruby Hausauer,
 Dorothy Baxter

...at *Tanbark Assisted Living in Lexington, KY*: Margaret Skinner

...at *May Creek in Walker, MN*: Ruth Weis

...recovering at *home*: Danny Stowe



Randy Burg & Carol Nielson, Vince Freborg, Barb & Marshall Johnston,
Tony & Carla Nicholson, Jerry Pickett & Terry Thomas.

Visitation Ministry Members will meet
Thursday, August 2 at 2:00 in the church
Lounge if available or the Chapel.
Thanks, Jan Grimm @ 444-0209



Bemidji United Methodist Church Completes Lighting Upgrade

Bemidji United Methodist Church wraps up another phase of its project to upgrade church lighting to light emitting diode (LED) technology. With the help of rebates from Otter Tail Power, this energy saving upgrade is a cost-effective investment. The rebate check was \$1,575.00.

Having upgraded many areas in the church to LED in 2017, this follow up phase adds over 160 more LED lights to the building including upgrades to the elevator and narthex. "Lighting is one technology that can be found in every home or business and LED upgrades provide proven energy savings and increased reliability," said Otter Tail Power Company Energy Management Representative Roger Garton. "In addition to lowering electric bills, LEDs have a longer life than incandescent or fluorescent technology resulting in reduced maintenance and lamp replacement costs." Otter Tail Power Company provides rebates for energy efficiency upgrades, including lighting upgrades, through its Conservation Improvement Program.

With this phase of the project complete, most of the lights in the church are now LED. While you may not have noticed the change, the new LED lights provide similar lighting while cutting energy usage in half.

Pictured: Mike Albrecht is receiving a rebate check in the amount of \$1,575.00 for United Methodist Church. Presented by Roger Garton, Energy Management Representative for Otter Tail Power Company.



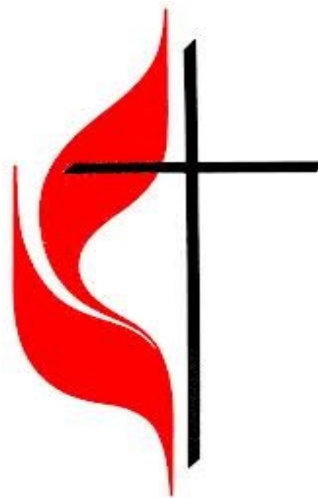
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