

## Special Points of Interest:

- **September Calendar with Birthdays & Anniversaries**
- **Men's Breakfast—  
September 8** from 9 a.m. to Noon at EUMC.
- **Food @ Faith  
September 15.**
- **OCTOBER Newsletter Article & Calendar Reservation deadline—  
September 18.**



## COMING EVENTS...FROM THE PASTOR

As the summer draws to a close there is certain sense that life moves to a steadier pace as we begin to move into the routines of school and less travel time. Fall can still be an exciting time of year as our church calendar begins to fill with some things both old and new.

### • MARK BIBLE STUDY

Mark Study continues on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am-11am and 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm.**



The study will pick up where we left off in May, in Chapter 11 of our book, or Mark 9:30

-50 in the scriptures. If you did not attend before come and join us anyway! We would love to have you explore scripture with us.

### • CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP COMING TO YOU!

Contemporary Worship Service coming this Fall! **Beginning on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and every fourth Sunday following** we will have a Contemporary Worship service. Every month it will be a little different.

This service will be a little livelier, a different order of worship, some new music will be introduced each month. We have a fine choir and many talented musicians in our church as well as a great accompanist. We see this contemporary service as a means of using their skills in a little different way than we have in the past.

We are also planning to ask the youth to be more involved in this service by ushering and doing skits. We are hopeful that this service will be a means of engaging more of our youth and younger families in worship, and a time to invite visitors and friends to our Sunday morning service.

## Join Us!



I hope you will come to our study in Mark and that you will look forward to our contemporary Sundays and enjoy them as much as our other three more traditional services. ~~ **Pastor Victor Waters**

## **INSTALLATION SERVICE for BISHOP OUGH**

**The installation service for Bishop Bruce Ough (pronounced Oh) will be September 9, 2012 at 3 p.m. at Woodbury/Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church, 7465 Steepleview Rd., Woodbury.**

**A reception will follow the service. All are welcome!**

## **MEET & GREET**

Bishop Ough will be traveling the district September 11-12. You are encouraged to come to welcome him and



his spouse, Charlene, to the Minnesota Annual Conference.

**All Southern Prairie District congregations are encouraged to come out**

**on Tuesday, September 11 to North Mankato: Belgrade at 7 p.m. to meet the new bishop.**

# **Sunday School Starts Sept. 9**

## **GROW • PROCLAIM • SERVE**

A new Sunday School year is about to begin. This year the 3rd—6th graders will be learning about a basket boat, dealing with a Pharaoh, 10 rules for life, spies, and crossing a huge river. Who does this remind you of? Right—Moses!

Moses was a great Jewish leader, a prophet and a lawgiver. He was also disobedient, managed to get into trouble and sometimes reacted without thinking first. Does that sound like anyone you know? As we get to know Moses better, we will learn that God is with us when we need help. He is with us in times of change. And, we can choose to serve and obey God. Through

Moses' life, the children will learn that God prepares us and then uses us!

**Our First Sunday School class will meet on September 9—right after the children's time in the worship service.** Be sure to get your 3rd—6th graders here for lots of learning and fun activities together. The children and I will be looking for prayer partners—one for each child in the class. Please consider making this connection! Thank you for your support and prayers, Linda Lohse.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children (ages 4 years through 2nd grade) are welcome to join Patrice Waters in the school room after the Children's Time for their own age-appropriate learning experience.

**Grow  
Proclaim  
Serve**

## EXTENDING A WARM MINNESOTA WELCOME...

Minnesota United Methodists are invited to welcome their new leader, Bishop Bruce Ough (pronounced Oh), at his installation service on Sept. 9, 3 p.m., at Woodbury/Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church, 7465 Steepleview Rd., Woodbury.

“We will welcome Bishop Ough to the new episcopal area—particularly the Minnesota Conference portion,” said Rev. David Bard, chairperson of the Minnesota Conference Episcopacy Committee. “This event will give Minnesotans a chance to get to know him a bit, and for him to get to know us.”

“We will also celebrate this new phase in ministry for the bishop and the conference.”

During the service, which includes communion, the bishop will preach and invite Minnesota United Methodists to covenant with him in Christ’s mission of bringing new life to our churches, communities, and the world. At a reception immediately following the service, people will have a chance to greet Bishop Ough and his wife, Charlene.

Bishop Ough, who begins his ministry in the Dakotas-Minnesota Area on Sept. 1, is the first experienced bishop sent to Minnesota Conference or Dakotas Conference after a long line of newly consecrated bishops.

“He brings experience,” Bard said. “He has passion for vital congregations and disciple-making. He has been a leader on the United Methodist Council of Bishops on thinking about how churches can be more vital.”

“Char and I are very excited about our assignment to the Dakota-Minnesota Area,” Bishop Ough said. “We are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities afforded by the creation of a new episcopal area within the United Methodist Church.

“I am delighted the Minnesota Conference is focused on the issues of spiritual vitality, leadership development, creating new places for new people, and transforming the world, particularly through the Imagine No Malaria campaign. These are areas upon which we can build to create more vital congregations in Minnesota. I look forward to joining and leading a conference and episcopal area committed to our mission of making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Prior to his assignment to the Dakotas-Minnesota Area, Bishop Ough served the West Ohio Conference (2000-2012). At the time of his 2000 consecration as bishop, he was senior pastor of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He has also served as a district superintendent in Iowa and as an adjunct faculty member of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Bishop Ough grew up in North Dakota and is a 1973 graduate of North Dakota State University. He earned a master’s of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1978.

The Minnesota Conference and the Dakotas Conference become the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area with the arrival of Bishop Ough. The two conferences are not merging. They will share a bishop, much as two congregations share a pastor in a two-point charge. The two conferences will continue to be governed separately through separate annual conference sessions.

The Dakotas Conference has also scheduled welcoming events for Bishop Ough.

Bishop Sally Dyck, who served Minnesota from 2004 to 2012, has been assigned to the Northern Illinois Conference.

## MISSION GIVING

There have been many requests for donations from the Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). The MMDC is a supplier for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

The two most recent requests have been for flood buckets and school kits. The value of a flood bucket is \$55 and the value of a school kit is \$11. The list for these supplies can be found on top of the bookcase in the hallway in the file container. But a better way to give is through monetary donations where the money can be specified for flood buckets or school kits. MMDC can order supplies through their supplier and receive them at a reduced rate. Your monetary donations will then buy more than what you could have.

During the month of September, please donate to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. In the memo line of your check or offering envelope, indicate MMDC and the money will be forwarded to them.

**Let's try to reach a goal of 5 flood buckets (\$275 value) and 25 school kits (also \$275 value).**

**Let's send a total of \$550 (or product equivalent) to MMDC for their urgent needs in September!**



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## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN GUEST NIGHT

Thursday, September 13, 2012  
7 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church—Trinity Hall  
(401—3rd Ave. NE, Waseca)

“Secrets of Survival”

Speaker: Edna Thayer

*Certified Laughter Leader*

Dessert and Coffee to follow

Come and hear her tell the story about a German war bride—Lydia—whose remarkable spirit helped her survive a premature birth, the Great Depression, death defying experiences in the Nazi regime, war in her home town, and life as a young mother and war bride in the strange new country of America.

**Every one is welcome to come and listen!**

## Faith Family News

- Going to College? Moving? Traveling? Let us know where you are going and how you are doing!

### HARVEST RUN FOR HUNGER

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012

All proceeds to support our local food shelves!

Entry Fee (due by Aug 30 or add \$5 more):

4k Walk \$20 / 7k Run \$25

See brochure on Narthex Bulletin Board for registration form; or contact:

Ron Knutson at (507) 456-4167 or

ronknutson@smig.net

www.raceberryjam.com

## NURSES NOTES— “Give Me A Big Smile!”

A few months ago, one of our church members shared his reason for smiling—“It makes you feel better.” And he’s right! Smiling can lift your spirit. “A study conducted by the British Dental Health Foundation showed the act of smiling to dramatically improve one’s mood. Dr. Nigel Carter stated.” We have long been drawing attention to the fact that smiling increases happiness, both in yourself and those around you, so it is good to receive the backing of this scientific research. “A healthy smile can improve your confidence, help you make friends, and help you to succeed in your career.”

Smiling is also associated with reducing stress. Mark Stibich, PhD, consultant at Columbia University believes that, “If you can slow your breathing down and change your expression, you may be able to turn around the stress cascade.”

Endorphins, so-called “feel good hormones”, are released when you smile, or even fake smile

Let’s face it (no pun intended) - smiling makes you look better and younger. So let’s all take to smiling more often and brighten our own, and other’s, lives.

The Bible verses that relate to smiling are: Proverbs 15:13—a happy heart makes the face cheerful and Genesis 21:6, “Sarah said, ‘God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.’”

Can’t you just imagine the laughter and smiles there were when Sarah, in her old age, bore a son, Isaac.

I’m sending you a smile :) ; please pass it on!

Peace— *Sherry Scholljegerdes (RN)*  
*Your Parish Nurse*



**Sherry Scholljegerdes, Janet Welch & Lorraine Wick setting up for the 2012 Waseca Senior Expo.**

*Photo: Barbara Friedl*

## Senior & Caregivers Expo—

Aug. 15, 2012

### WE WERE THERE!

Our booth at the Expo was warmly received. We did a display about food portions, using actual food and the variety of choices one can make. With an emphasis on “What your body needs to stay healthy.” We had 77 people sign up for our drawing, which was a UMW State Cookbook. The winner was Deloris Asmus’ sister from Wisconsin.

Thanks to Janet Welch, Barb Friedl & Lorraine Wick for their help on this outreach project.

FYI—Faith UMC will NOT be hosting a Community Health Fair this year (2012). The Mayo Clinic Health Services decided not to participate.

~~ *Sherry Scholljegerdes*

Circles are one of the small group opportunities available at Faith where Bible Study, Devotions and Prayer are shared.

## Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet **Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Upper Room.** Our hostess is Linda Lohse, with Karen Ferch leading devotions. Visitors and guests welcome.

## Mary Circle

Mary Circle is meeting on September 18 at 2 p.m. at a location to be announced.

## Rahab Circle

Rahab Circle will meet on **Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Edy Barber's home.** All are welcome!

## Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m. at a location to be announced.



## UMW SEPT. 2012 UPDATES

UMW meeting was held Monday, Aug. 20 at 6:00 pm. Ruth circle hosted and provided the evening meal. Anita Swift spoke on the Head Start program for which some church ladies from Faith and Blooming Grove made quilts. The quilts were blessed on Sunday Aug. 19 and presented to Anita at the meeting.

Guest Night will be Thursday, Oct. 18.

The Flemming Fold, a family singing group (including two youth) from Faribault will be the entertainment; they are a truly unique and uplifting group. Men, women and children from the community are encouraged to attend; invite your friends and neighbors! They will be singing at 7:00 p.m. for one hour.

The Southern Prairie Annual Gathering will be Saturday, Sept. 15 at New Ulm.

Minnesota Annual Gathering will be held Oct. 6 at Blue Earth.

Fall Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 3.

It will be here before you know it! We are looking forward to having the best bazaar ever. (Hopefully I did not use the same line last year!) Don't forget to think about things you can make or bring to the bazaar. We are looking forward to items for the lunch-

eon, crafts, baked goods, garden products, items for the silent auction and if you have something that fits in the category of 'almost new'.

It's a little cool out today, as I am writing this, and I am not saying I want it to be cold yet, but vegetable beef soup, fresh bread and the pies that are served at lunch sound mighty good.

Circle Meetings—The Circles will be starting to meet again in September; think about visiting one! Mary Circle meets on the third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. and Ruth & Elizabeth Circles meet the third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. and Rahab Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. Enough variety to work with everyone's schedule. If you are interested in joining or would like to visit a Circle meeting, contact any UMW member.

**United Methodist Women** welcome all women to join the organization. Anyone can join the UMW who actively chooses to become involved in the organization's mission and support the Purpose.

United Methodist Women is a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in their spiritual growth, personal leadership and transformation.

***The purpose of the United Methodist Women, a global community of women, is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.***



For more information, or to register, please call (507) 385-2618.

**CAMP OZ**

**Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 8:30 a.m.—6 p.m.  
Bass Lake Camp, Winnebago, MN**

Camp Oz is a day-long grief camp for children and teens, ages 6 to 18, who have experienced the death of someone in their life. Grief is a normal response to death. Camp Oz gently guides children through the complex emotions of grief by showing them they are not alone. Families will join campers in a barbecue and closing ceremony.

Because of the generosity of many individuals donating to Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice, Camp Oz is offered free of charge.

**Registration must be received by September 14, 2012.**

**UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S GRIEF**

**Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 6—7:30 p.m.**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church  
(222 Pfau Street, Mankato)**

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring an education seminar for parents, grandparents or any concerned adult interested in understanding grieving children.

Presenters include: Kate Cox, Social Worker, Mayo Clinic Health System and Carolyn Nafstad, a licensed Professional Counselor.

There is no cost to attend the seminar, but preregistration is necessary.

**TEEN GRIEF GROUP**

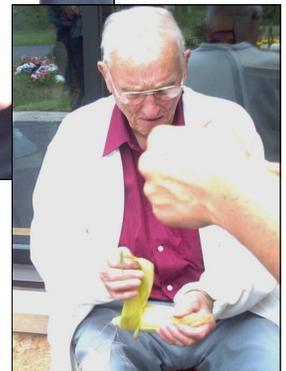
**Tuesdays, October 16—November 20**

**5:30—6:30 p.m. Junior High students**

**6:45—7:45 p.m. Senior High students**

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring a grief group open to all Junior High and Senior High students who have suffered the loss of a loved one through death. Teens will have an opportunity to gather and share with others who have experienced a loss and find comfort in knowing that they are not alone. The group will meet weekly for six sessions and is limited to 10 participants.

There is no cost to attend the program, but preregistration is necessary.



**Corn  
Feed...  
FUN!**



# Lord! Please hear our prayer...

Cedarview Care Center—Elaine Flathers

Colony Court—Rosalind Peterson

Colony Court Memory Suites—Anna Swenson & Jean Ferry

Lake Shore Inn— Elvira Blowers, Florence Gutknecht, Hazel Henkensiefken, Marilyn Lau, Don Lohse & Mable Long

Lakeview Ranch, Dassel— Raymond Pommerenke

Morrow Home, Sparta, WI— Marlene Rietfort

Oaklawn Care Center, Mankato—Jim Keller

Shorewood Sr. Campus, Rochester—Darlene Lynch

Those who are ill or injured: Peter & Verna Fog, Willie Mahler, Dan & Marilyn Possin, Wilda Smith, Chuck Youngberg and Nina Youngberg.

- *Please remember our family and friends in Military Service.*
- *Please keep our children, parents and teachers safe this school year.*



## CAMP KINGSWOOD CLOSING

### Save the date!

Make plans today to spend Sunday October 7th celebrating at Camp Kingswood. Our staff and Board are hosting a program and open house to celebrate the ministry of the camp, say goodbye to the property, and look forward to the new life of Servant Heart Ministries.

After 65 years of service we will be closing the Kingswood chapter of ministry on Dec. 7th...but celebrating on Oct. 7th, which will be a special time as the leaves change and the camp is at its most beautiful.

### **Please Join us!**

**1:00 p.m.— Open House**

**2:00 p.m.— Program with dessert & social time to follow**

One and all are welcome to come walk the camp, share memories, see old friends and help us say goodbye to this sacred place and celebrate our continued work in other venues.

### On the bulletin board you can find:

- Brochures from Midwest Distribution Center Endowment Fund.
- Newsletters from various agencies and organizations including: Emma Norton, Midwest Distribution Center, Gambling Alliance and more!
- Mowing/Lawn Care vouchers.
- Letters requesting support from: United Campus Ministry, MSU, Mankato campus and Steele County Transitional Housing, Inc.
- New items almost daily—be sure to check things out and ask for copies if you want to take home.



## UMCOR Updates

### NEWS: AIDING SYRIA'S DISPLACED

More and more Syrian people throughout their country are abandoning their homes as combat between the government and its opponents takes over the streets. It is reliably estimated that 1 in 20 Syrians is now internally displaced; roughly 1.5 million people. And the flow to neighboring countries shows no sign of diminishing.

UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, is relying upon locally active humanitarian partners to channel the badly needed assistance as effectively as possible. Notable among these partners is the Turkey-based Muslim aid agency International Blue Crescent (IBC). IBC, in turn, collaborates closely with Syria's own Arab Red Crescent organization.

UMCOR also partners with International Orthodox Christian Charities, which not only relates to the Red Crescent and the Syrian relief group, Al-Nadah Association, but also links closely to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East (GOPA), which caters to Syria's minorities.

UMCOR's support is helping to bring food and other necessary items such as hygiene kits, bedding, and infants' supplies to displaced families flooding in from the provinces.

Your gift to [International Disaster Relief, UMCOR Advance #982450](#) will help to sustain families fleeing the violence of Syria, and others in such need.

### NEWS: OVERCOMING ADDICTION

If you think addiction is not an issue in your church, think again. **According to one study, one in four children under the age of 18 in the United States is exposed to alcohol abuse and dependence in the family.**

That's why UMCOR collaborates with the United Methodist Special Program on Substance Abuse and Related Violence, or SPSARV. The group provides resources for churches and individuals to help them avoid, recognize, and recover from addiction.

When pastors and congregations are educated

about the disease of addiction and the resources available, the church can be a place of true recovery.

### NEWS: FIERCE FLOODING IN PHILIPPINES

A combination of typhoon and seasonal monsoon have brought torrential rains, storm surges and flooding in and around the Filipino capital, Manila, and surrounding provinces. Fifty-one people are known to have died in the storm that also chased tens of thousands from their homes.

Staff and volunteers of the Philippines office of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) travelled to affected areas to gauge the extent and impact of the flooding, but their efforts were often hindered by flooded roads.

They were able to reach residents of a fishing community, Nasugbu Batangas, and answer their call for help. A storm surge had struck the village, destroying homes and boats, which community members rely on for their livelihoods. About 200 families were affected.

In the meanwhile, "Please continue to pray for us and for the survivors of these floods."

Your gift to [International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450](#) supports relief efforts in Filipino communities impacted by disasters such as this one.

### RESOURCE: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

While you're out shopping for school supplies for your children, why not pick up some extra items to assemble UMCOR school kits? School kits provide basic school supplies for children all over the world. They're easy to assemble.

### THANK YOU!

*You can donate to any project by placing a contribution in the offering plate at a local United Methodist church; by sending a check to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068; or by calling 1-800-554-8583, where credit card donations are accepted. You can also give online or make a \$10 donation anytime by texting "UMCOR" to 80888. UMCOR is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction by donors.*



## CAN WE TALK? APPORTIONMENTS



Comedian Joan Rivers often used this phrase during her act. When she said this, it usually meant that she was about to make someone (her husband, for example) uncomfortable. I'm going to take this opportunity to channel Joan Rivers and ask if we can talk—about something you may find uncomfortable. I'd like to ask what would happen if we had conversations between and among churches that pay 100% of their apportionments and churches that don't or can't pay 100%.

If your church struggles to meet its financial commitments, including apportionments, what would you say to the churches that support the apportioned budget at or close to 100%? If your church commits to full participation and achieves it or comes close year after year, what would you say to those churches that don't? Without going into all the possible reasons, we know that some churches consistently participate at the 100% level and some churches do not. What would you say to one another or what would you ask each other if you had the opportunity?

I believe that the annual conference, through the Committee on Finance and Administration, the Budget Process Team, staff, and every committee and team, has been an excellent steward of the apportionments remitted to us and all the other giving we receive and process. Yet we seem to remain stuck at about an 85% receipt rate. We have reduced budgets or held them steady; tried a system of apportionment grants; CFA members met with individual churches; we

modified our apportionment formula; we increased communications through print and

electronic media; and we work every year to increase transparency and accountability of our financial systems and reports.

We have reduced staffing levels, frozen salaries, discontinued programs, and worked very hard to fund the key areas that will help us achieve our goals to reach out to new people and cultivate spiritual vitality.

I'm proud to tell the stories of our stewardship of gifts and of the ways lives are impacted by those gifts. And Minnesota's response to Imagine No Malaria amazes me every time I see the latest report of pledges and gifts received to date. Then I'm struck again by the contrast between this generosity and the level of apportionment participation.

Whether or not you consider any of the above list a success or failure—after all we don't know where we would be if we had not done these things—we still seem to be stuck.

What are we missing? What might we learn if we talked among ourselves? What would happen if we had conversations between and among churches? What if we have a conversation, no blame, no tales of woe, no attempt to design a better formula, just a conversation? If we are accountable to one another, not just to the Annual Conference or the CFA, but to each sister church, what would we learn if we talked to each other? It's my turn to ask you a question and my question is: can we talk?

*Barbara Carroll is  
director of finance and administration  
for the Minnesota Annual Conference.*

## Two New Films in the Explore Immigration Collection

Dozens of groups that have taken advantage of the free film and multimedia presentations on immigration and immigration related issues offered by The Advocates for Human Rights. There are now 12 films in the film library, including two news films "Lost In Detention: The Hidden World of Immigration Enforcement" and "Not In Our Town: Light in the Darkness".

Rev. John Gutterman is the volunteer liaison to faith communities and also the Covenant Minister of the United Church of Christ in New Brighton. He will travel across Minnesota and border areas of neighboring states with movie equipment to bring you and your congregation or community group a free film screening and facilitated discussion.

Make it a fundraiser - charge admission and use the money raised to donate to your favorite organization! Contact John Gutterman at 651 485-3104 or [Intpasi@me.com](mailto:Intpasi@me.com) for the current library and to organize a showing.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 8, 2012  
from 9 a.m. to Noon  
at Evangelical UMC Fellowship Hall.**

Enjoy a breakfast made by Pastors Victor and Jon, share fellowship and discuss starting a Men's Group.

All men are invited! If you can't attend, but are interested in a Men's Group, visit with one of the Pastor's before hand and share your ideas.

## Academy for Vital Christianity Fall 2012

Want to explore faith questions? An Academy class may be right for you. Designed with both clergy and lay congregational leaders and "seekers" in mind, the Academy provides a "taste of the seminary." Classes this fall:

Celtic Spirituality - October 6

Reading the Gospels Today - October 13

Creating Significant Worship - Oct. 13 & Nov. 10

Our Neighbors of Other Faiths - Oct. 18; Nov. 1, 8

How to Talk about What I Believe - Oct. 30 & Nov. 13

How the Congregation Can Empower Its Laity for Ministry - Nov. 10 or 17

Biblical Economics: What is the Fair Share for the Common Good? - Dec. 1

Online registration is available at our Academy webpage (<http://www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp>) where you will also find class details and instructor bios. You may also contact Renee Flesner, (651) 255-6138.

## Ceremony at Ness Church Promotes History and Healing

One-hundred fifty years ago, settlers buried the first five white casualties of the U.S.-Dakota war at Ness Church. This weekend, over 300 people came to Ness Church to take part in a commemoration ceremony. The Rev. Alan Kitto from the Santee Sioux Nation in Nebraska oversaw the Four Direction Song and A Wiping of the Tears ceremony. Secretary of State Mark Ritchie and State Representative Dean Urdahl also spoke.

The West Central Tribune, reports that "all of the speakers spoke of reconciliation and moving forward. They spoke of feeling the spirits of their ancestors in the place and of the need to heal the historical trauma of the war."



## THANK YOU'S



Thank you! Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and calls while I was awaiting test results and at the time of surgery. I really appreciated it and prayers are certainly wonderful. God has been good to me and I am so grateful for a good final diagnosis.

~~ Always, Lynne Swenson



Dear Friends at Faith UMC— I'm writing to thank you for the many cards I receive regularly from all of you. I have missed the choir and Women's groups. I spent many great years in our church. The pastor has shared with me as well as the calls from friends, keep me current. Turning 80 years was special this year. I have a table full of Birthday Cards— thank you to all of you! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. You are so special! God Bless all of You!

~~ Darlene Lynch



Thank You Faith Family! ... For the thoughtful prayer shawl made by Gloria Tollefson and blessed by the congregation for Ray Pommerenke.

It was cold inside Lake View Ranch when we visited this week, so we brought out the shawl for use. Ray is as well as can be expected, continuing his struggle with long-term dementia. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated by our family!!

~ Gloria, Lori and Celina Pommerenke



I would like to thank all my Church Friends for all the calls, cards and prayers I have had. I still will have a long journey ahead of me. I am sure with all your and God's help, I will make it.

~~ God Bless you all, Chuck Youngberg

Dear Pastor Victor,

Tina and our Friends at Faith UMC— We would like to thank you for your graciousness in the use of your church for our wedding. You have a lovely church in a beautiful setting. We will have many fond memories of our wedding day!

~~ Angie & Ryan Raveling (new couple) and Roger & Diane Fishbaugher (parents of bride)



To the Ladies of Faith UMC—

There aren't enough ways to say Thank You that would fully express the joy we felt when we looked at the beautiful quilts that you presented to our EALC Head Start center. The staff expressed praise/ surprise/excitement/ and thankfulness when I brought them in. (And don't you know the addition of those books always brings smiles!)

As we look through the many colors and patterns, we are able to imagine the care, time and thought that went into each quilt. And knowing they received the blessings of your congregation—means a lot to the staff and our clients.

Please pass along our thanks to all those folks who donated books. We will let the teachers choose some for their classrooms as we share others with the parents, and of course, they will be placed in our library for everyone to use.

Thank you for making me feel so welcome the other night and AGAIN, on behalf of the parents, children and staff at EALC— Gracias and mucho gracias!

~~ Anita Swift, Elysian Area Learning Center



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## **Blessing of Back-Packs & Those Who Wear Them**

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Faith UMC of Waseca  
(801 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Waseca, MN 56093)

**WHAT:** Blessing students of all ages & their  
back-packs.

