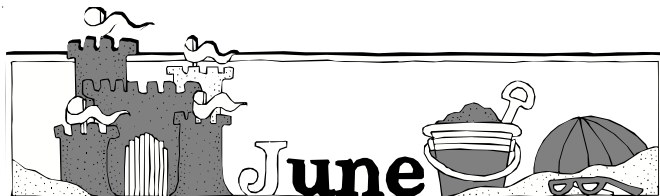
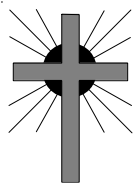


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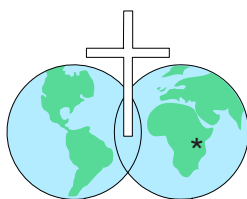
On my morning jog these last couple weeks, I've been enjoying great smells! Our street is brimming with lilacs, lilies of the valley, and other blooming delights. When so many things in life and in the world "stink", those smells inspire. I started thinking of 'fragrant things' in the Bible. Here's a verse I didn't know was there: *God also helps us spread the knowledge about Christ everywhere, and this knowledge is like the smell of perfume. In fact, God thinks of us as a perfume that brings Christ to everyone.* (2 Corinthians 2:14-15). Ahh, that would be sweet indeed! -Pastor Paul



SUMMER WORSHIP

As you vacation or camp this summer, remember there will be a place to worship anywhere you go! Visit another ELCA church when you're traveling. Bring us back some good ideas! Many of our state campgrounds will also have a Sunday worship ministry. Any Saturday or Sunday you can gather here, please do! Mark your calendar for Outdoor Worship and Picnic on August 16.

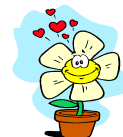
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! Paul Ziemer, Andrew Heidtke, Kassi Wolf, Charlie Jones, Valerie Honeck, Brittany Gruenberg, Brittany Walker, Lizzie Maniaci, Ethan Kerr, Emily Abel, Lucas Nelsen, & Zach Hertzberg. *Keep in touch and those going to college or into the service, give us your addresses, please! "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for a future with hope!" -Jeremiah 29:11*



TANZANIA, HERE WE COME! Ten of us travel June 16-July 3 to work with our missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Steve & Bethany Friberg; and to visit Ulong'a Parish, our sister church there. Keep the group in your prayers! We'll give a send-off at worship on June 14. Fill our spare suitcases with multi-vitamins and vitamin C, rubber gloves, ace bandages, and toothbrushes. Buy a \$15 *Asante Sana* certificate to be on our postcard list, and to share in a Tanzanian dinner later this summer!

PLANT CERTIFICATES ARE BACK!

You can purchase \$10 certificates for Groth's Country Gardens (2 1/2 miles east on Pioneer from Division). These make great gifts for birthdays, teacher gifts, graduation..or treat yourself! A portion of the sales go to our Youth Group!



'CROCODILE DOCK' COMING THIS AUGUST!

Mark your calendars for August 9-13 for Vacation Bible School. We'll start Sunday night with an intergenerational dinner and program. Then Monday-Thursday, we'll have classes for kids age 4 - grade 6 from 9-12:00. Older kids can be assistants and co-teachers! Use the enclosed VBS Registration Form to register your kids today! We're in need of teachers, assistants & other leaders! Use the form to volunteer or talk to Laura Bartelt (628-2780).

CROSSWAYS CAMP PROGRAMS STILL HAVE SUMMER OPENINGS!

Youth and adults who can fit in a week or weekend at camp will be blessed! There's a new *Global Village* weekend for all ages, July 8-11 involving neighbors, music, and culture from all over! Call camp at 920-882-0023 or go online at www.CrosswaysCamps.org for more information. There are Family Camp Weekends, and youth camps for grade 2 and up!



SHARING GOD'S BLESSING APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you to the individuals and families who have returned commitment cards so far. We'd like to received a card from EVERYONE, even if you can't make a firm commitment now. Our goal for this one-year appeal is \$125,000, which will cover our monthly building loan payments and our tithe to ministry partners. We have received 80 commitments for a total of \$60,344. Our Stewardship Team thanks you for your consideration, commitment, and generosity!

COMING DOWN THE PIKE

+We'll need **Sunday School teachers** and at least two male **confirmation guides** this fall (we'd like some 10th-12th graders to guide also!) Talk to Laura Bartelt.
 +There's a **Road Trip** to 4 or 5 of our great ELCA Colleges October 29-31 for 10th-12th graders. Past participants highly recommend (talk to Wendy Heidtke!) this fun and informative trip that happens over break.
 +We'll fill you in on highlights from our **Renewal Team conversations**, on Core Values, and What God is calling us to do and be! Watch the bulletins and newsletters!
 +We're aiming for some **Young Adult events** over the summer for fun and fellowship! If you're interested, get on our email list and will keep you in the loop! Send us your email at officestjohns@nconnect.net



SPECIAL THANKS TO: Our Christian Ed staff for a good year; to those who tend plants, flowers, and shrubs: Vi & Ray Fischer, Arleen Ziemer, and Dick Uhlig, and to all who have been part of our Congregational Renewal talks and meetings. Talk to Laura Bartelt, our Director of Lay Ministries, to see how you can get involved!

Help us stay connected! We email out periodic notices of special things happening at St. Johns. Send us your email at officestjohns@nconnect.net. (and keep us updated when it changes!)