

# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Summer 2014

Georgi and my summer calendar is filling up fast: family reunion, mission trip, confirmation camp, grandkids, celebrations (my Dad's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination), a little golf, family time, campfires, and I'm sure my dear wife will come up with a few projects for around the house! My hunch is if I was not leading worship on Sunday's it would be very easy to forget about sitting in a pew during the summer!

I encourage you to worship this summer, to pause as you join others in connecting to Jesus in an intentional time together. If you're out and about visit another church and then do me a favor by bringing back a bulletin. Also remember that your weekly offering is still needed to move Jesus' ministry forward in our Parish.

But most of all when you are enjoying the wonderment of God's creation this summer, pause every so often and give thanks to God for: the warmth of the sunshine, the fish on the hook, the conversation with family and friend, the coolness of the water, the flavor garden fresh tomatoes, the sound of laughter, the refreshing rain, the time for travel, the gift of life itself.



**Westby Lutheran Parishes Joint Worship**  
**Sunday, June 15th**  
**at Country Coon Prairie Church**  
**At 9:30 a.m.**

Join your sisters and brothers from Our Saviors, Skogdalen, Vang and Westby Coon Prairie Churches in worshipping at historical Country Coon Prairie Church on fathers day! We will celebrate a baptism, share in communion, and sing praises to God followed by ice cream and all the toppings!

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**OSLC March offering and attendance:**

	<u>Offerings, Memorials</u>	<u>Other Income</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
May 4	\$ 3,321 (*\$1,240)	\$ 1,075	140
May 11	\$ 1,570 (*\$400)	\$ 1,853	129
May 18	\$ 3,708 (*\$2,275)	\$ 675	—
May 25	\$ 1,393 (*\$350)	\$ 1,020	66



\*Auto Giving included in Total

**OS WELCA Highlights**

Fourteen ladies met in the church basement on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, to listen to a lovely program but President Joan Anderson read the Purpose Statement to start the meeting off. Our lovely voices joined together to sing Hymn #141 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul' as pianist Delaine Jefson led on the piano.



Lynette Johnson gave the devotions and the Secretaries Report was approved as read. The Treasurers Report was given by Hildur Devine and it was approved as read. A Thank You card was read to the ladies from the family of 'Tootie' Hall. New Business discussed included help needed for the Sunday Syttende Mai dinner for the day of washing dishes, table setting, serving and general cleanup. Norma Bekkum questioned who would do the luncheon for the Friday Olde Time Music program. There were some startled looks as many had forgotten that event would be held in the church basement from 1pm to 4pm. So it was quickly decided that both circles would supply sandwiches and other sweets for the event.

Many ladies had come to hear Karen Hankee talk about her many experiences with Rosemaling and she did not disappoint any of us as she had many items to demonstrate the different types of techniques that go with Norway's many areas of rosemaling design. As the collection was taken Delaine Jefson played some appropriate music. The Table Prayer was then sang and the Lord's Prayer was said. Karen Hankee did double duty as she was a serving hostess with Lynette Johnson. The month of June will have Arlene Buros and Joan Anderson as Serving Hostesses and the Rachel Circle doing the program.

**Mission Jamaica 2014**



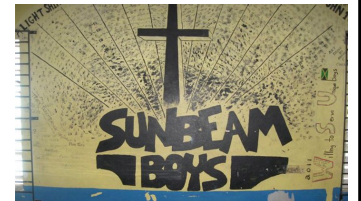
Nine missionaries from OSLC/Skogdalen will be traveling to rural Jamaica to work with the orphans of Sunbeam Boys Home. They will be staying at Sunbeam interacting with the boys through games, crafts, reading, and assisting in school work. A day will be spent in Kingston visiting other ministries that serve the homeless and elderly.

Sunbeam missionaries: Kendra Brazelton, Erica Erdman, Georgi Belke-Dumke John Dumke, Harley Marlow, Becca Maxwell, Isaac Jacobs Mitchell, Katrina Oium, & Gary Lee Volden

Please keep our missionaries and the boys in your prayers during the trip and also consider donating much needed supplies for the school.

**This summer the Sunbeam home is in need of the following:**

Sheets for single beds - Church clothes and shoes (boys age range 6 to 16) - Boys belts and black/blue socks - Medication/First Aid (vitamins, antibiotics, anti-fungal ointment, antihistamines, antacid, etc. - Dinner plates, tea cups, drink cups, forks - 2 irons - 3 staplers with staples - Whiteboard markers - Clothes hangers-



Items are needed by Sunday June 22.



**Join Pastor John and Georgi at Grandparent/Grandchild Camp August 18-20, 2014**

Bring your grandchildren to camp and join us for this popular program that features activities designed to strengthen this cross-generational relationship. Share special times together swimming, horseback riding, canoeing, making crafts, in Bible study, enjoying campfires, and much more! Program starts Monday morning and ends Wednesday afternoon. Bring one or more of your grandchildren! COST: \$110 per person. Ages 8 years old to Adult.



## Vacation Bible School Sugar Creek Bible Camp is coming to Westby!

July 13-17

8:00 a.m. - NOON!

Westby Coon Prairie & Vang, Our Savior's & Skogdalen Lutheran Churches are partnering with Sugar Creek Bible Camp for Vacation Bible School. This year we will be offering **DAY CAMP from JULY 14-17 for all students entering Grades 1 through 6 in the Fall of 2014!** Day Camp will run from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and be held at OSLC.

This year, Sugar Creek Bible Camp Counselors will bring their energy, enthusiasm, music, and love for God and God's children to US in Westby! Day Camp will be held from 8 a.m. until Noon July 14-17 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Cost for the week of Day Camp is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 per family.

Please assist us in our planning by registering by June 30th. A health form must be completed and returned to Pastor Julie at WCP by June 30. Forms are available at church and on-line at [wcplutheran.org](http://wcplutheran.org).

Invite your friends and join us for a week of faith, fellowship, and fun!

Adults: If you are able to host one of our Four Sugar Creek Counselors at your home in July or assist with Day Camp, please speak to Pastor Julie at WCP!

Thank you!



sugar Creek Bible Camp  
Day Camp 2014



## Stories of Faith in Action in the ELCA

### Followers of Christ Church

Whenever community members worship at Followers of Christ, a new ELCA worshipping community at the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln, Neb., they are always astonished.

“These people look like me. They could be my neighbors,” they say. To which Bob Bryan, the ministry’s pastor, nods and replies, “They are.”

Followers of Christ is supported by ELCA members, grants from the ELCA Nebraska Synod and the ELCA church wide organization. And along with its partner ministries at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Lincoln, it works hard to restore the broken relationships between the inmates, God and society.



Most inmates get out in four years and are eager to return to normal lives. Followers of Christ is there to make that transition easier. Bob says he meets many people in the community who think that the inmates don’t deserve such a service, to which he will reply: “We are all equal at the foot of the cross.”

### Signs and Wonders

Sign outside Grace Lutheran Church, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL:  
“Heavenly forecast...Reign forever.” —

Church sign in Maryland:  
“Are you looking for a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.”

Sign in a restaurant:  
“Shopping with your husband is like going hunting with a game warden.”





**OSLC Church Council Highlights  
May**

(complete minutes available in the church office)

**Accepted the secretary and treasurer reports**

**Identified four major areas of concern from the congregational visioning event held on April 27:**

Community Care, Building maintenance, Youth & Small groups, Worship. Committees will be working on these throughout the summer with the goal of reporting back to the congregation in August

**Ministry Reports**

Stewardship Committee discussed a Ministry Fair.  
Worship Committee was talking about possible new chairs, pew cushions and tables.  
Property Committee is creating a maintenance plan and investigating HVAC needs. The ELCA building consultant will be here June 16th to assist in assessing building needs and options.  
Youth & Education Committee will be involved in a joint VBS with WCP

**Accepted the Joint Executive Committees of WCP and OSLC recommendations**

**Combined High School Youth Ministry**  
The High School Youth Ministry Program of Our Savior's Lutheran and Skogdalen Lutheran parish and Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran and Vang Lutheran Parish will be officially combined into one joint program beginning September 1, 2014. This ministry will focus on faith development of kids in grades 9-12.

**Official Invitation to Worship**  
There will be an official invitation to all members of the four congregations to feel welcome to worship at any service offered. Any offering given designated for another parish will be honored and given to the treasurer of that parish.

**Community Worship on June 15**  
Joint worship service at Country Coon Prairie Church at 9:30 a.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sugar Creek Week!!!**



- On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**, the Sugar Creek Staff will assist us in morning worship.
- On Tuesday night, July 15th, Confirmation age Kids.** A special evening event with the Sugar Creek Counselors for all incoming and current Confirmation age kids.
- On Wednesday night, July 16th, High School Youth** A special evening event with the counselors for all High School age youth.
- On Thursday night, July 17th, Celebration Program** there will be a closing program at Our Savior's.

**OS USHERS FOR JUNE**

**Head Usher:** Howard Langhus                      **Balcony:** Peter Leum  
Doug Traastad, Larry Lee & Garry Brudos

**ALTAR CARE:** Barb Christenson  
**COMMUNION CARE:** Mary Lium & Linda Huebner

**MEMORIALS**

<b>Hazel "Tootie" Hall</b>	<b>Kitchen Fund</b>
<b>Gordon Eitland</b>	<b>Undesignated</b>
<b>Hjordis Helgestad</b>	<b>Undesignated</b>
<b>Mary Stakston</b>	<b>Kitchen Remodel</b>
<b>Leo &amp; Darlene Ostrem</b>	<b>Youth Ministry</b>



**OSLC BAPTISMS**

<b>Matelynn Mae Brueggen (daughter of Gary &amp; Brianne Brueggen)</b>	<b>April 13, 2014</b>
<b>Aurora Elizabeth Howell (daughter of Silas &amp; Tabatha Howell)</b>	<b>April 27, 2014</b>
<b>Abigail Alyssa Casper (daughter of Andrew &amp; Tiffany Casper)</b>	<b>May 10, 2014</b>