



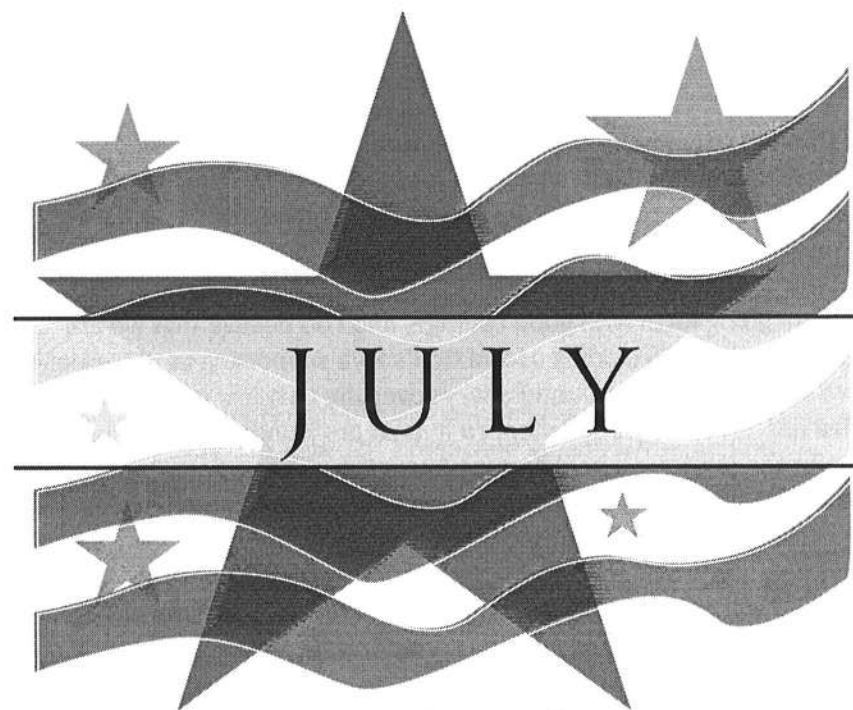
## Zion Lutheran Church

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# 2013

✠Pray

✠Worship

✠Study

✠Invite

✠Encourage

✠Give

✠Serve

## Our Discipleship Together

### New Ventures

*"Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us."*

Today this prayer is particularly meaningful to me. Zion is setting out on an extremely new venture of which we cannot see the ending. Our Sunday Evening Service of Reflection is certainly a pathway that has not been trodden upon. We are attempting to offer a style of worship that is not only quite different from what we have come to know at Zion, but is also quite different from worship styles offered within our community. Such new ventures upon paths as yet untrodden offer unknown perils. It just goes with the territory. I must admit, however, that those unknown perils are worrisome and a bit unnerving.

We are going forth with good courage, and I do believe that we are seeing God's hand leading us and God's love supporting us. Personally, I've experienced it in countless ways over the past few years as this idea has developed. I experienced it most profoundly through the dry run of the service we held on June 23. In the places where things could have and should have really fallen apart, small love-filled miracles occurred. It is humbling to see this leading and supportive love, and it certainly has provided me with the precious gift of faith. I pray that it has and will provide you with faith as well. Yes, this is a very new venture we are engaging in, and I consider it a great privilege to be on this venture with you.

*Pastor Keith*

## News from our Intern

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31b*

It's hard to believe, I have only two more months of internship here at Zion. My Lay Internship Committee has already begun my final evaluation. The year has gone by so fast. Thinking about what comes next is a little uncertain and of course with that there is a little fear. Uncertainty can be scary, right?

Internship is a time to test the waters of pastoral ministry, to feel it out, see if it fits, to face your fears. I have faced a few pretty big fears this past 10 months. Recently, I did a workshop on Transformational Ministry at the Synod Assembly in May. This I thought was the scariest thing I would ever do, turns out I had a great time; I was confident and well prepared. I was also very relieved when the hour was over. Then on June 9<sup>th</sup> I did my first pulpit supply ever! I was at Peace United Church of Christ here in town. It was so different than what I was used to, I was so scared and so nervous. Everything went fine. The people there were very welcoming and I really enjoyed the "differences" that I encountered.

Most recently, I did one of the scariest things I could think of in pastoral ministry. On June 16<sup>th</sup> I preached at Zion Lutheran Church, without a manuscript! Now I don't know if any of you noticed, and that wasn't really the reason I was doing it. Pastor Keith wanted my personality to come through in the adlibbing, spontaneity of it all. For me it was conquering a great fear. Getting through that sermon was a big accomplishment for me, not to mention a huge relief when it was over. I don't think I ever what to do that again, at least not for a few years anyway, but it is good to know that if I have to, I will live through it!

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As Christians, we have a big advantage over non-believers. We have God's promise through Jesus Christ that He will always be with us. God's presence and guidance through these "scary times" is what brings me through to the other side, what brings us all through. Nothing can stop you when God is for you, when you are following the path that God has set for you. Follow that path, and don't be afraid. God will be right there by your side, for "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Yours in Christ, Intern Linda

## Thursday Morning Bible Discussion Group

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A Thursday morning Bible Discussion Group has begun at Zion. This group will meet tentatively on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am in the family room at Zion. We will be discussing the texts for the up-coming Sunday worship at each session. The group will meet for no longer than an hour each month. Please join us for this interesting, thought provoking text study. The next gathering will take place on Thursday, July 18th. Come check it out!

## NEWCAP Donations

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Our NEWCAP collection theme during the month of JULY 2013 is "Red, White & Blue." We will be collecting such items as tomato soup, sauce, and whole tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, macaroni, canned blueberries, etc. We are collecting all non-perishable items. Your donations will be given to the NEWCAP local food pantry.

## Council Meeting Summary

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May attendance remained about the same as in 2012, from 123 to 122. There were two baptisms: Marlea Roseann Wienandt on May 12 and Easton Matthew Buenning on May 26. A wedding was conducted for Tyler Briggs and Alice Malana on May 25. Pastor Keith's vacation schedule is June 15-22, July 15-20, and Aug. 26 to Sept. 2. Linda's vacation schedule is June 17-18 and 30, July 1 and 8-14, and Aug. 5.

Linda Forray noted that her workshop for the Synod Assembly was well received. On June 2, she attended the Menominee Valley Conference/Clergy Spouse get-together; and on June 9, she led the service and preached at Peace United Church of Christ for the first time. Linda has 10 weeks remaining with Zion.

General Fund/Parsonage combined fund balances increased \$1,657. The Capital Campaign Fund balance decreased \$1,260 from \$20,665 to \$19,405. Debt/DAR and Community Children had receipts of \$1,399. \$3,337 is available for Community Children/Fortune Lake use. The estimated Thrivent loan balance is \$26,038 after the \$700 principal payment at the end of May.

The Evangelism committee meeting minutes were reviewed. Peter noted that the Cry rRom redecorating is coming along nicely.

Council members gave the Git-R-Done group a resounding thank you for the excellent job they've done of organizing and cleaning different areas of the church and grounds. They meet on Tuesday mornings.

The Worship and Music Committee meeting minutes were reviewed.

The Personnel Committee hired Carla Clarke and Abby Demmith as custodians for Zion.

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## Council Meeting Summary

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The Harvest of Hope Community Garden has several new raised beds. Heidi and Scot Beland generously donated the materials.

Council approved plans for the new "Sunday Evening Service of Reflection". A trial run is set for June 23. A town hall-style congregational meeting will be held after worship on July 21 to explain the service and evangelism goals. Introductory services are planned for July 28 and August 4. August 11 would be the first official service. A 5x8 inch, invitation-style postcard advertising this new service is being designed. Members of Zion will be asked to distribute these to people they know, and these cards will also be mailed out to 17,000 mail customers in the tri-city communities. Costs are \$2,736 for postage and approximately \$1000 for printing. There is a Synod grant of \$500, a congregational family wants to donate at least \$1,000, and the remainder of the cost could come from undesignated memorial funds.

Pastor Keith reported that the hymnals were not able to be taken back by the Tanzanian contingency after the Synod Assembly in May. Pastor Byonge could perhaps take some back after his visit here in December and the remainder could go next summer.

Council members approved Donald Mark Boerschinger's request to become a member of Zion.

The next Council meeting will be August 13, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne Bowdin, Recording Secretary

## Town Hall Congregational Meeting

Zion is embarking on a bold new venture. We are starting a new worship service intended to connect with some of those who are not a part of a worshipping community at this time. It is called Zion's **Sunday Evening Service of Reflection**. It will be held at 5:00 on Sundays and will feature a very informal conversational style of worship. It will be held in our fellowship hall around the round tables that have recently appeared.

This service will be an outreach to our community and its success will depend upon all of us connecting with those we know who may be searching for just such a type of worship service. You will be the ambassadors! No one can do a better job than you with those whom God has connected you with. Who will you invite?

Ahhh, yes, it is very difficult to invite someone to something you know little to nothing about! That's why we are going to have the Town Hall Congregational Meeting! It will take place following worship on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. At this meeting we will present what this service is all about, and what our plans are for promoting it.

Come experience the service! On Sundays July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> we are inviting the congregation to come and experience this service so that you have an even better understanding of what you are inviting your friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors and acquaintances to. The service begins at 5:00. Plan today to be a part of it!



## Zion's Custodial Positions Are Filled \_\_\_\_\_

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that all of the custodial positions at Zion have now been filled.

Julie Bayel now works two hours per week cleaning Zion's seven restrooms, removing trash, and other assigned miscellaneous tasks.

Abby Demmith works four hours per week as custodian for the worship wing at Zion. Her duties include vacuuming, dusting, candle and altar maintenance, cleaning glass, and general tidiness of the area.

Carla Clarke will work three hours per week as custodian for Zion's education/office wing. Her duties include vacuuming, dusting, cleaning glass, sweeping, mopping, and general tidiness of that area.

Rick Larson will continue to mow the lawn through June. In July and August we will again be looking for volunteers to mow the grass. Each volunteer will be thanked with \$50.00 each time the mowing is done.

The Git-R-Done group is taking on a myriad of duties from organizing areas and supplies to miscellaneous mechanical work.

Zion is blessed to have this talented group of people willing to assume these responsibilities on our behalf. Without them, our building and grounds would not be as attractive as they are.

Karen Sylvester

## Making A Difference! \_\_\_\_\_

Recently the Git-R-Done Group performed much needed basic maintenance at Zion. They also took plenty of time for coffee. A lot was accomplished in just 4 hours! Thank you, thank you, thank you to this group that is making such a wonderful difference! You are welcome to join the fun. The next Git-R-Done group gathering will be on TUESDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, BEGINNING AT 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Gary Grom @ 715.732.0617.

## Zion's AV Team Wants You!! \_\_\_\_\_

We need at least five volunteers to assist with the AV system on Sunday mornings. It isn't nearly as complicated as you might think. All that is really needed is the ability to stroke a keyboard, hit the space bar to advance the slides, and the ability to pay attention to the worship service. Truly, what could be easier?

You will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. and you'll be done and on your way 10 minutes after the worship service concludes. Please consider assisting us by contacting Troy Cording at 715.587.9296 or [troy.cording72@gmail.com](mailto:troy.cording72@gmail.com).

Thank you, Troy Cording

## Outdoor Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Weather permitting, we will be holding an Outdoor Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday, July 14, and August, 18th.



## The Stewardship Corner \_\_\_\_\_

Are you ready for this? Today I'm going to talk about money, and I'm not going to ask you for a penny! It's true. I won't ask you for a penny. So please, relax and read on.

Last month I confessed to you that there were two things in life I absolutely positively thought I would not do at Zion. That was to have anything to do with stewardship and evangelism. For me, stewardship meant only one thing, and that was money, and they wanted it. And, evangelism meant going door-to-door like the Jehovah Witnesses or standing on a street corner proselytizing. Believe me when I tell you, I was totally turned off and tuned out to both of those things.

But something happened; I'm still not sure exactly where or when, but God's Holy Spirit started to work on me. I'll never understand the transformation within me, and that might be best, but one thing I do know is that transformation has indeed taken place. I'm involved in both evangelism and stewardship, and I love it. You know what else? Stewardship is not just talking to you about money, it is not just talking to you about giving away your time and your talents. Mostly, it's about convincing ourselves that stewardship is a faith issue.

Traditionally, Zion only talks about money as October and November roll around. Ok, so maybe Pastor Keith will throw in a sermon on money during the year, but generally not so much. In an email I received from Pastor Chick Lane, Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary, he says: "Interestingly, Jesus talks about money a lot in the gospels, and seldom, if ever, asks for any. Rather, his talk about money focuses on the fact that **what a believer does with his or her money impacts that person's faith**. As I read the gospels, Jesus is convinced that money has the capacity to lead a person's heart to Jesus, and money has the capacity to lead a person's heart away from Jesus. This is what Jesus talks about, along with his conviction that those who have money are duty-bound to use it to improve the lot of those who don't have enough."

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## The Stewardship Corner (continued) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Lane goes on to say, "Our money talk only when asking for some for the church flies in the face of Jesus' money talk as an element of discipleship." And so, I'm talking about MONEY!!!

The goal of stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them. We do this by utilizing sound financial practices and by using our time and talents in ways that are pleasing to God.

Right now there are 11 individuals taking part in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course which Zion offered. This course is all about "not keeping up with the Joneses." It is teaching us to save, get out of debt, become financially secure, and to live like no one else so that later we can live like no one else. It's about living in a world of financial peace, not scarcity. It has been an educational nine weeks and I would recommend the course to everyone.

On June 20th, our last class, we'll be learning about giving like no one else. Do I dare mention the word tithe? "Tithe" is a math term which means a tenth. We're supposed to be giving a tenth of our income, "off the top," to our congregation. I can hear it now, "Are you crazy, why would I want to do that?" Actually, there are a number of reasons why you should be doing that; the first of which is because the Bible tells us that this is what we're supposed to be doing. But there are other more important reasons to be sure. The biggest is that we are made in the image of God, and God is the biggest giver of all. He gave his son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins, and he gives us everything we have and need in our lives. God entrusts money to us and allows us to use it for ourselves and our families, but he also trusts us to manage his money the way he wants, which leads us back to God being a giver. That doesn't mean we have to give it all away.

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1 Timothy 5:8 tells us "And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Ramsey writes, "That means you've got to get out of debt, have emergency savings in the bank, take care of your retirement and your kids' college expense, and put yourself in a position to give like crazy way above your tithe."

The act of giving changes us. Ramsey says, "It crushes our hearts and reforms us into something that looks and acts a little bit more like Christ." When we put money in the collection plate, or support Fortune Lake or the DAR, when we provide money to a single mom who is struggling financially, when we spend a day doing something for someone else instead of for ourselves, these acts change us. My siblings and I adopted a family at Christmas well over ten years ago. It was our first adoption experience and to this day we remember the gratitude of the parents and the pure unadulterated joy of their three children as what we had purchased for them was brought into their home: food, clothing, a set of pots and pans, a vacuum cleaner, and toys for the children. That act changed each of us and it opened a door in our hearts which to this day remains open. It wasn't just bringing the gifts which changed us. It was also shopping for the gifts and purchasing the food. It bonded us together because we were all working to accomplish a single goal. We were filled with joy as we paid the bill because we were picturing the reaction to our gift even before it was given. This experience was like a picture from a movie, something none of us will ever forget.

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## The Stewardship Corner (continued) \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 6:21 reads, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Take a look at where you spend your money. Are you dictating where you want it to go, or is someone else (loan payments and credit card bills) telling you where it has to go? Taking control of your money is only 20% head knowledge; the other 80% is behavior. The course we're taking and the book associated with it, "Complete Guide to Money" can help, but the behavior change is up to you.

Go in God's peace,  
Karen Sylvester

## Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help! \_\_\_\_\_

- We will be passing around a volunteer clipboards during worship in the upcoming Sundays, or call Ann Buscher 715.735.3017.
- We will need workers in the kitchen on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 -6:30.
- We will need guides to accompany a group of kids from activity to activity. You need not be present every evening, but we need three each night, Monday - Thursday.

To save on food costs this year I would like to pick up most of the food, and gather donations for the meal. We are accepting monetary money donations, which can be put in the pew envelopes, and marked for VBS.

I need someone to make 15 pounds of taco meat to be place in the Nesco cooker. I will provide all the fixings, you just need to make the taco meat for the Tuesday night supper.

I also will need someone to help with registration on Monday, August 12, and Tuesday, August 13 evenings from 5:00 -6:00 pm.

Ann Buscher

## VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, July 7—Organist: Ann Buscher**

**Acolyte: Seth Kuhn                      Lector: Amanda Litts**

**Greeters: Rollie & Barb Baumgarten**

**Head Usher: Nancy Benchley**

**Communion Assistants: Don Schutt (Pouring), Amanda Litts,**

**Jacki Renne (Distributing Host)**

**Coffee Time Sponsor: Available**

**AV Team: Troy Cording & Gage Schutt/Drake Schutt**

**Sunday, July 14—Outdoor Contemporary Worship**

**Acolyte: James Jagielski                      Lector: Karen Dill**

**Greeter: Jacki Renne**

**Communion Assistant: Sarge Rudell**

**Coffee Time Sponsor: Michelle Larson**

**Sunday, July 21—Organist: Ann Buscher**

**Acolyte: Olivia Kuhn                      Lector: Carole Boerner**

**Greeter: Jane Landenberger**

**Head Usher: Nancy Benchley**

**Communion Assistants: Steven Hoheneder (Pouring),**

**Karen Sylvester, Pat Rondeau (Distributing Host)**

**Coffee Time Sponsor: Available**

**AV Team: Bill Tipple & Troy Cording**

**Sunday, July 28— Organist: Ann Bushcer**

**Acolyte: Alexandria Cording                      Lector: Ellice DeBenedetto**

**Greeters: Don & Julie Otto                      Head Usher: Don Schutt**

**Communion Assistant: Jacki Renne**

**Coffee Time Sponsor: Available**

**AV Team: Amanda Litts and Drake Schutt**

## Celebrating 60 Years of Ordained Ministry Pastor Ralph J. Backman

On Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, during our worship service and at the coffee time following our town hall meeting, we will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination for Pastor Ralph Backman.

Pastor Ralph enrolled in the Suomi Seminary in Hancock, Michigan, in September, 1948. He was ordained on June 8, 1953. Following ordination he was assigned to the National Lutheran Council's Ministry to Defense Communities, serving first at Robbins Trailer City in Augusta, Georgia, and later at Berea Homes in Berea, Ohio.

His first call to parish ministry was to Bethany Lutheran Church in Almena, WI. Subsequently he served at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wing, ND; St Stephen's Lutheran Church in Shephenson, MI; Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Wallace MI; Calvary Lutheran Church in Two Rivers, WI; Grace Lutheran Church in Pembine, WI; and Calvary Lutheran Church in Quinnesec, MI.

Pastor and his wife, Hilma, have one son and three daughters. Another son was deceased in 1987. They have 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Plan today to celebrate on July 21<sup>st</sup>, with Pastor Ralph and Hilma, this great anniversary!





**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JULY 2013****July 2**

Adam Garrigan

**July 3**

Lily Potack

**July 4**Madelyn Krah  
Jerry Seppi**July 5**

Preston Giese

**July 6**

Sarah Jagielski

**July 7**Rita Kehoe  
Dale Lueskow  
Candy Minzlaff  
Jonah Zuehls**July 8**Roxie Bowdin  
Jacob Ehle**July 9**Peter Jensen  
Keith Kolstad**July 10**Sharon Ehlers  
Allie Saxton**July 11**

Sarah Marzahl

**July 12**Michael Goes  
Amanda Litts**July 13**Rebecca Breuer  
Jack Potack  
Brian Swenson**July 14**

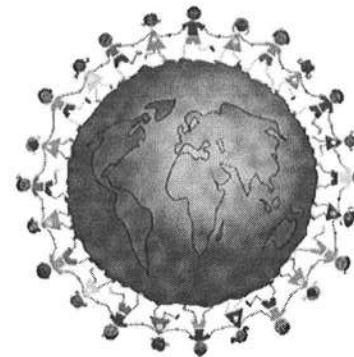
Ellice DeBenedetto

**July 15**Abby Demmith  
Joan Kelly  
Kay Meek**July 16**Samara Hobbs  
Alexa Oleson**July 17**Robert Baxter  
Aiden Miller**July 18**Sheila Durocher  
William Magnuson**July 19**Jonathan Nord  
Traci Olson  
Maureen Wolf**July 21**Samantha  
Schroeder**July 23**

Michelle Olsen

**July 24**Ann Buscher  
Richard McFarlane  
Kristine Potack**July 25**Barb Lebick  
Molly McFarlane**July 26**Karen McFarlane  
Danielle Rhode**July 27**

Rick DeBenedetto

**July 30**Elaine Anderson  
Duane Clarke  
Michael Cook  
George Litts  
Michael Minzlaff  
Jacki Renne  
Jennifer Williams

Ecumenical Vacation Bible School  
August 12-15 Mon.-Thurs.  
5:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
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This year's Vacation Bible School is jointly sponsored by Pioneer Presbyterian Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Peace United Church of Christ, and Zion Lutheran Church, all of Marinette, as well as Bethel Lutheran Church, Menominee.

Vacation Bible School will begin at 5:15 with a supper for the whole family. Following the supper, there will be games, crafts, story time, music, friends, and fun. Supper and Bible School are FREE. Come make your passport and travel the world in mission with Christ. All children, ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome. Our separate Preschool will house our 4 and 5 year olds as well as those entering into Kindergarten. Please register your child according to the grade level they have just finished. Registration forms are available at all the churches. The registration form can also be downloaded by visiting [www.zionlutheran-marquette.org](http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org) and clicking on the "Vacation Bible School 2013" category on the right side of the page. For more information call Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.

# July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10:30 am Evangelism Com.	4 Office Closed Holiday	5	6
<b>Paula Vieth, Office Administrator on vacation Jul 2 &amp; 3</b>						
7 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday Morning Bible Study	8	9 9 am-11:30 am Sew-for-Mission Group	10	11 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	12	13
<b>Intern Linda Furray on vacation July 8-14, Paula Vieth on vacation July 9, 10 &amp; 11.</b>						
14 9:30 am Outdoor Contemporary Worship (No Bible Study)	15	16 8 am – noon Git-R-Done Group	17	18 10 am Thursday Morning Discussion Group 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	19	20
<b>Pastor Keith on vacation July 15-20</b>						
21 9:30 am Worship 11 pm Bible Study 5 pm Congregational Town Hall meeting	22	23 9am – 11:30 am Sew-for-Mission Group	24 Aug. newsletter articles must be in.	25 6 pm Worship at Northland Village	26	27
<b>Pastor Keith will be attending Fortune Lake Camp with the youth on July 21 - 26</b>						
28 9:30 am Worship 11 am Bible Study 5 pm Sunday Evening Service of Reflection	29	30	31			