

Congregational Life

Pastor Steve and Becky Host Last Outdoor Gathering at Green Lake, Sunday, July 18

There will be one July Outdoor Gathering at Pastor Steve's family lake home on Green Lake. The gathering is 4-8pm, Sunday, July 18. This gathering is geared for families. Bring the children to swim. The beach is sandy with shallow water. A hot dog supper will be served.

This is an event for relaxed fellowship and a chance to talk about Vinje's future. Pastor Mary will also be there, so it will be a chance to get to know her better.

Sign-up by calling the church office, 235-1441 or pastorknudson@vinjchurch.com. Address of the cabin is 13044 Indian Beach Road, located on the east side of Green Lake, ¼ mile south of Indian Beach Cove development.



Vacation Bible School God's Great Get Together August 2nd-5th, 2010

Hosted by Vinje and
Calvary Lutheran Churches

Registration Information: Available on-line or forms are in the gathering area! Go to www.vinjchurch.com. Registration deadline is July 26th! 10 volunteers are needed to help serve a light supper each evening. Please call Linda if you can help out one night.

Children's Ministries

MISSION OUTREACH FOCUS

Habitat for Humanity builds affordable housing for moderately low income families. Even though there is no house under construction locally at this time, plans are underway for a fall build. There is always a need for volunteers, financial support, and gifts in kind.

Mark your calendars for **Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17** for the upcoming garage sale offering household items such as furniture, building materials, windows, and doors. Your donations and purchases are welcome. In addition, there will be a bake sale as part of this fundraiser. Anyone wishing to donate household items or baked goods can deliver them Thursday, July 15 or baked goods only the mornings of the sale to the Habitat for Humanity office, 4078 Highway 71 North. Hours of the sale are 8-2. For more information contact the Habitat office 231-2704 or Bob or Dee Rosenbrook at 599-4118.

A special offering for the Habitat for Humanity Affiliate of West Central Minnesota will be accepted this Sunday, July 11.



Bridge—Mondays @ 12pm Willmar Community Center

ALL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

July 20 at 11:30 am in the Vinje Gathering Area.

Pastor Mary Hovland will lead us in the study.

Come for lunch, learning, and laughter!

Any questions, please call Bobbi Gates at 222-8464.

July Book Group

Please join us for coffee and discussion on Tuesday, July 27th from 3:30-5pm at Deidra's Café, Willmar. All are welcome! The July book is "*Look Again*" by author Lisa Scottoline ~ Questions/Call Diane Rasmussen 235-0418 or Jean Johnson 231-1563

In Our Community/Area

Engagement Open House for Marija

Knudson and Michael Crosson on July 11

Pastor Steve and Becky invite members and friends to their home on **Sunday, July 11, 2-4pm** for an engagement open house for their daughter Marija and her fiancé Michael Crosson. Marija and Michael will be married on August 28. They will be living in Minneapolis. Next year, Marija has a one year Lily grant funded position at St. Olaf working with students to explore questions of vocation. Michael is a church musician at the UCC church in Excelsior. Marija and Michael met at St. Olaf College. Michael is from the Philadelphia area. In case of rain, the open house will be moved to Vinje.

Address is 1432 Grace Ave SW, Willmar. One long block north and 3 blocks west of Vinje.

Becker Market—every Thursday from 3-6:30pm

On Becker Avenue (between 4th & 5th St SW)

Produce vendors, food demonstrations with free samples, zumba demonstrations, children's activity tent, master gardeners, information booth, baked items, jewelry, clothing, entertainment and more.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life will be held on July 23-24 at the Willmar Junior High Track field. Luminaries will be sold at Vinje today and Sunday, the 18th. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society. Vinje's Relay for Life contact is Donna Vigen (231.3706).

Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to Susan Thorson for making a beautiful oversized lap quilt that will be Vinje's donation to the Green Lake Quilt Auction. She donated the fabric and time in quilting this colorful creation called "Sunshine and Shadow." Just a reminder, the Quilt Auction is July 16 and 17. Thanks again Susan!

Taking Faith Home . . .

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday...Luke 10:25-37 *The good Samaritan*
Monday...Deuteronomy 24:17-22 *Show kindness*
Tuesday...Isaiah 58:6-11 *Help those who need help*
Wednesday...James 2:14-26 *Faith produces good works*
Thursday...Mark 12:28-34 *Two great commandments*
Friday...Romans 13:8-10 *Love fulfills the law*
Saturday...Psalm 72 *He will deliver the needy*
Sunday...Luke 10:38-42 *Only one thing needed*

Scripture Verses for the Week:

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' – Luke 10:27

Devotional Practices:

Speaking through Moses, God told the people of Israel that his word was in their mouths and in their hearts so that would obey it (Deuteronomy 30:14). In your home devotion times this week, try to memorize (i.e. place in your mouths and hearts) what Jesus called the two greatest commandments: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Luke 10:27)*

Prayer for this Week:

Lord God, help me to see the needs of others and to be a loving neighbor to them. Amen.

Free Community Meal — 3rd Saturday at Noon Next meal at Vinje is July 17

Community Meals are Free and open to everyone, in an effort to bring people together in the community through food and fellowship. All ages invited and welcome!

If you'd like to make a monetary donation to support the free meals, make checks payable to Vinje. If you'd like to help with preparation, serving or clean up contact Deb Kleven 235-7687 or Becky Knudson 235-2192

Free Community Meal Calendar:

1st Saturday at Noon – Harvest Community Church
1st Sunday @ 6 pm – First Baptist Church
2nd Sunday @ 6pm – First Presbyterian Church
3rd Saturday at Noon – Vinje & Paz Y Esperanza
3rd Sunday @ 6 pm – Calvary Lutheran Church
4th Sunday @ 6pm – United Methodist Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

God calls Vinje to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.

As God's people,
we invite people into faith in Christ;
celebrate life together in God's grace;
care for the needs of people;
prepare one another to live lives of joyful witness and service for God.

Our Vision is where everyone within reach of the Vinje community may experience God's presence and say:

**I am a child of God
**I am forgiven-saved by grace
**I know God is good
**I am a servant of God

This Week at Vinje

Sunday, July 11

- 8:30 am Worship (communion)
- 10:00 am Courtyard Worship (communion)
- 2:00 pm Open House for Marija Knudson and Michael Crosson at Pastor Steve and Becky's

Monday, July 12

- 12:00 pm Bridge
- 6:00 pm Loving Arms Staff and Board picnic

Tuesday, July 13

- 1:00 pm Parish Care Coordinators
- 5:30 pm Vinje Staff and Committee Retreat
- 6:00 pm Children's Ministries Board
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, July 14

- Sonshine Festival
- 9:00 am Staff
- 6:30 pm Midweek Renewal Service

Thursday, July 15

- Sonshine Festival
- 4:00 pm VBS Meeting

Friday, July 16

- Sonshine Festival

Saturday, July 17

- Sonshine Festival
- 12:00 pm Community Meal

Sunday, July 18

- 8:30 am Worship (communion)
- 10:00 am Courtyard Worship (communion)

Sunday Attendance Last Week— 184

Servant Leaders Today

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| Pastor—Steven Knudson | Communion Assistant |
| Pastor—Mary Hovland | 8:30 Rick Smith |
| Interim Pastor— Al Bjorklund | Altar Guild Helpers |
| Director of Worship and Music—John D. Jahr | Alex Reynolds |
| Musicians— | Samantha Goeser |
| 8:30 Marilyn Tide, Soprano | Acolytes |
| 10:00 Peggy Karsten, Guitar | 8:30 Elijah Gunderson |
| Mitch Konieczny, Bass | Dustin Wallentine |
| Altar Guild | Greeters |
| Julene Bredeson | 8:30 Bill & Lois Gulbrandsen |
| Michelle Carlson | Ushers |
| Lectors | 8:30— Norm Hellickson-captain |
| 8:30 Katie Switzer | Lee Sanders, Mark Thompson, |
| Communion Servers | Todd Reinke, Jerry Schliep |
| Barry and Lyn Bakker | 10:00— Doug Dodge-captain |
| | Video |
| | Jean Geselius |

Remember in Prayer

The Ill and Hospitalized: Pat Nelson, Jeff Youngquist, Myron Dunlavy, Carole Meyer, Betty Olsen, Cliff Swalin, Florence Dufty

Please continue to Pray for: Mary Juel, Leann Wadsworth

Gifts

Bulletins are given in honor of Duke's birthday—thanks for the memories—from the Theile Family.

Broadcast is given in honor of Harris and Joan Hinderakers's 60th wedding anniversary on July 29th from their children and grandchildren.

Sponsorships For Bulletins & Broadcasts

Please call the church office, if you would like to sponsor the Bulletin \$60 or the radio Broadcast \$95

Summer Theme: Passionate Spirituality.

Growing Deeper in God's Empowering Grace

It is more common to say: "I am more spiritual than religious." We hunger for deeper connection to God and the purposes and power of God for our lives. We are interested in a life that has spiritual depth and meaning. The Pentecost season focuses on what it means to grow spiritually as followers of Jesus. What Jesus did, what he said, and how people responded to Jesus provide clues for growing deeper in our spiritual walk in God's grace. The Old Testament lessons give background stories and teachings that shed light on the Gospel lesson. The second lessons are taken from letters written by the apostle Paul, where Paul describes both the surprising nature of God's forgiving grace, and what this means for the freedom of the Christian to love and serve God and neighbor.

July 11—**Growing Deeper in Love**

What keeps us from sharing love?

July 18—**Growing Deeper in Being Open to God**

How is God unexpectedly present in your life?

July 25—**Growing Deeper in Prayer**

How is your prayer life?

August 1—**Growing Deeper in Breaking Attachment to Things**

What keeps you from seeking the things of God?

Midweek Renewal: A Service of Prayer

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm

Join us for this serene worship experience, which includes meditative chant and Holy Communion. An ice cream social follows the service.