

## Congregational Life

*It's Time for*

*Time Traveler's Tuesday*

**An adult ministry opportunity**

July 6, 2010 — 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Green Lake Bible Camp

Coffee breaks and noon meal

Worship, Bible Study led by Pastor Linda Lagergen

JOY: Jesus, Others, You **Cost: \$18**

Reserve your place now by calling the Vinje Church Office 235-1441 We will leave the Vinje Parking Lot at 8:15 a.m. to share rides.



## **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@vinjehurh.com](mailto:pastorknudson@vinjehurh.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.

## **Sonshine Festival!**

If you ordered a Sonshine ticket through Vinje, please stop by and talk to Laura! We do have a few extra left, \$70 for the entire festival! See you there!

## Children's Ministry



**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.vinjehurh.com](http://www.vinjehurh.com) **Early bird deadline is July 7.** Special prize drawing for eligible registrations. Registration deadline is July 26th! 10 volunteers are need to help serve a light supper each evening. Please call Nancy or Linda if you can help out one night.

Vinje **Connections**

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.

## 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 June—September**

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 Sunday, July 11 and 18. Proceeds go to American Cancer Society. Vinje's Relay for Life contact is Donna Vigen (231.3706).

# 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 ~ John 8:31-36	<i>The truth will set you free</i>
Monday ~ Isaiah 61:1-3	<i>Freedom for the captives</i>
Tuesday ~ Romans 8:1-17	<i>Free from sin and death</i>
Wednesday ~ Galatians 5:13-25	<i>Freedom in Christ</i>
Thursday ~ 1 Peter 2:9-17	<i>Use your freedom to serve others</i>
Friday ~ Revelation 1:4-8	<i>Freed from our sins</i>
Saturday ~ Psalm 116	<i>Freed from my chains</i>
Sunday ~ Luke 10:25-37	<i>The good Samaritan</i>

## Scripture Verses for the Week:

“So if the Son of Man sets you free, you will really be free.”  
– John 8:36

## Devotional Practices:

In your home devotional times this week, pray for people whose freedom is limited because of personal or social circumstances. Here are some suggestions:

- Pray for people who live in countries where personal freedoms are restricted.
- Pray for people who have been wrongly imprisoned.
- Pray for people who lack freedom because of poverty.
- Pray for people trapped in addictions to drugs or alcohol.
- Pray for people who are unable to freely practice their Christian faith.

As a visual symbol of your prayers, tie white ribbons to a tree or a post outside your home.

## Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for setting me free. Help me to hold onto you. **Amen.**

## Free Community Meal — 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

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

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

### Monday, July 5

CHURCH OFFICE AND LOVING ARMS CLOSED

### Tuesday, July 6

- 9:00 am Time Traveler's Tuesday at GLLM  
5:15 pm Executive Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, July 7

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

### 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

Sunday Attendance Last Week— 323

## Gifts

**Bulletins** are a gift in honor of Betty Melbye's birthday today from Lowell Melbye.

**Broadcast** is given by Bob and Dee Rosenbrook in thankfulness for living in a country where we can worship as we please.

### **Sponsorships For Bulletins & Broadcasts**

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

## Servant Leaders Today

**Pastor**—Steven Knudson

**Pastor**—Mary Hovland

**Interim Pastor**— Al Bjorklund

**Director of Worship and**

**Music**—John D. Jahr

**Musicians**—

Brenda Thorson, Soprano

**Altar Guild**

Julene Bredeson

Michelle Carlson

**Lectors**

8:30 Kathy Hund

**Communion Servers**

Barry and Lyn Bakker

**Communion Assistant**

8:30 Rod Hanson

**Altar Guild Helpers**

Brianna Bredeson

**Acolytes**

8:30 Brock Geselius

**Greeters**

8:30 Linda and Susan Sanders

**Ushers**

8:30— Norm Hellickson-captain

Lee Sanders, Mark Thompson,

Todd Reinke, Jerry Schliep

10:00— Doug Dodge-captain

## Remember in Prayer

**The Ill and Hospitalized:** Pat Nelson, Jeff Youngquist, Myron Dunlavy, Morris Leaf, Carole Meyer, Betty Olsen, Fern Peterson, Cliff Swalin, Florence Dufty, Leann Wadsworth

**Please continue to Pray for:** Mary Juel

**Those Attending Bible Camp 7/5—7/10:**  
Megan Rosenbrook

### **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 4—Growing Deeper in Serving God's Purposes**  
What is God's Purpose for your life?

**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?

### **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.