

Saint John's Bible Project

Coming Events

All events are open to the community, so please bring a friend!

Wednesday, May 19 ~ 2:00pm & 7:00pm

From Inspiration to Illumination: *An Introduction to The Saint John's Bible*

Through video, reproduction and a PowerPoint presentation, participants are guided through the story of *The Saint John's Bible*.

Wednesday, May 26 ~ 2:00pm & 7:00pm

Visio Divina

A follow-up to the Introduction to *The Saint John's Bible*. The session will focus on a single Scripture passage and the accompanying illumination from *The Saint John's Bible*.

Tuesday, June 1 ~ Depart Willmar at 8:30 AM

Trip to view The Saint John's Bible with the Dead Sea Scrolls at the St. Paul Science Museum, sponsored by Lake Region Bank. Tickets are \$53 each (\$48 for members of the Good Neighbor Club) and include transportation and admission to the Science Museum. Limited space available. Call 235-5900 to register.

Summer worship schedule

Beginning **Sunday, May 30**

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

8:30am— Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00am— Courtyard Praise Worship-weather permitting

Children's Ministry

Summer Bible Camp Scholarships

Are you are planning on attending an ELCA Bible Camp this summer? If you are, remember you must let Linda Switzer know which camp and when by May 28th to be eligible for VLCW Bible Camp scholarship. Call the church office 235-1441 to sign up!!

Congregational Life



Spring Flower Sale—May 17-22

When you buy your outdoor flowers from *Frank's Nursery and Greenhouse* the week of May 17th-22nd 20% will go to Loving Arms Child Care Center for the development of their outdoor

nature classroom. Coupons are available in the May Witness and in the Loving Arms office. **You must bring your coupon with when you make your purchase!**

Vinje Connections

Bridge—Mondays @ 12pm Willmar Community Center

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Men's Bible Study~Tuesdays—9am, Heritage Room

In Our Community/Area

May is Undie Sunday month

The United Way of Kandiyohi County is collecting **NEW** undergarments and personal hygiene products for local agencies serving those in need. Help them fill a shortage for those in need. You may drop off your donation through the month of May in the marked box located in the gathering area. Thank you for LIVING UNITED in our community.



90th Birthday Open House

For Alice Olsen on Sunday, May 23rd from 1-4pm at Copperleaf.

Graduation Open Houses This Week:

Jennie Mattison

Saturday May 22, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.
2718 N Eagle Rd, Willmar

Paul Schrupp

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 2-5
Corner Cottage Bed and Breakfast
615 Becker Ave SW, Willmar

Alissa Tinklenberg

Saturday, May 22, 1-4 pm
Willmar Civic Center

Jacob Tone

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 2-5
Corner Cottage Bed and Breakfast
615 Becker Ave SW, Willmar

Samantha Thompson

Sunday, May 23 12:00 to 3:00pm
213 Manila St Ne, Willmar

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 17:20-26	<i>Jesus prays for the disciples</i>
Monday ~ Romans 15:1-5	<i>A spirit of unity</i>
Tuesday ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	<i>An appeal for unity</i>
Wednesday ~ Philippians 2:1-4	<i>One in spirit and purpose</i>
Thursday ~ Ephesians 2:13-22	<i>Christ himself is our peace</i>
Friday ~ 1 Peter 3:8-12	<i>Live in harmony</i>
Saturday ~ Psalm 133	<i>How pleasant is unity</i>
Sunday ~ Acts 2:1-21	<i>Filled with the Holy Spirit</i>

Scripture Verses for the Week:

"I will be in them, just as you are in me. I want them to be brought together perfectly as one. This will let the world know that you sent me. It will also show the world that you have loved those you gave me, just as you have loved me." - John 17:23

Devotional Practices:

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be "brought together perfectly as one." Make Christian unity a focus in your household devotion times this week. Here are some prayer suggestions:

Sunday – Pray for peace and unity in your congregation;

Monday–Pray for peace and unity in your church denomination

Tues.–Pray for peace & unity in the households of your congregation

Wed.–Pray for peace & unity between churches of different types

Thursday – Pray for peace and unity between marriage partners

Friday – Pray for peace and unity between parents and children

Saturday – Pray for peace and unity in your own household

Conclude your prayer times with a candle ritual. Light one central candle and give each household member an unlit candle. At the same, light your individual candles from the central candle. Pray this prayer together: *Jesus, Light of the world: Draw us to your light, so that we grow together as a household, united in your love. Keep us at peace with each other. Amen.*

Prayer for this Week:

Lord, bring salvation to my household, and fill my home with your joy. **Amen.**

Free Community Meal —3rd Saturday at Noon Next meal at Vinje is June 19

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, May 16—Music Appreciation

8th & 9th Grade Retreat

8:30 am Worship

10:45 am Worship

Monday, May 17

12:00 pm Bridge

4:00 pm Loving Arms Family Conferences

6:30 pm Financial Peace Class

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Common Threads rehearsal

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 am Staff

2:00 pm St. John's Bible Session

7:00 pm St. John's Bible Session

Thursday, May 20

8:30 am Staff calendar planning

9:15 am Chapel Time

Sunday, May 23—Celebration Sunday

Amy Juel-Palmer Recognition

8:30 am Worship (Communion)

10:00 am Worship (Communion)—**Note time change**

11am-1pm Hog Roast and Carnival

Sunday Attendance Last Week—550

Gifts

Bulletins are given in thanksgiving for all of the thoughts and prayers during the recent months — from Lyle Lange and his family.

Broadcast—Happy Birthday to Christine Martins whose Birthday was May 12th — given by Carol Schriener.

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

Musicians—John Jahr, Organist

8:30 Vinje Choir

Shalom Singers, directed by Su

Michelson and Travis Michelson

10:45 Tapestry, JuBELLation,

Nova Voices, directed by Su

Michelson

Altar Guild

Carole Meyer, Carol Schriener

Lectors

8:30 Marvin Olson

10:45 Becky Knudson

Greeters

8:30 Harold & Ardy Westhoff

10:45 Brent & Janel Schuenke,

Reese and Rachael

Ushers

8:30— Jim Andresen, Don &

Phyllis Coleman, Mark Kvam,

Adrian Jimenez, Robert Flegel

10:45— Marlyn Bahl, Rolf Peter-

son, Mike Reynolds, Jon Lippert,

Kirk Davis

Video

Jean Geselius

Remember in Prayer

The Ill and Hospitalized: Pat Nelson, Jeff Youngquist, Myron Dunlavy, Norm Johnson, Elaine Wright, Lorna Bahl, Donna Vigen, Theresa Kraft, Bill Olsen, Dorothy Brown

Please continue to Pray for: Leann Wadsworth, Mary Juel

Bereaved: Ron & Melissa Carlson following the death of Ron's mother, Esther Carlson on May 6.

Sunday's

Today — Music Appreciation Sunday

Today we show our appreciation to those who give of their time and energy to provide music in worship. Thanks to everyone who participates in any of our musical organizations: Vinje Choir, Tapestry, Worth Saving, Common Threads, JuBELLation, Shalom Singers, Nova Voices, Joyful Kids, Little Saints, and the Requiem Choir. Thanks also to the volunteers who direct the talents and energies of our youth choirs: Mary Hodapp, Su Michelson, and Travis Michelson. Finally, thanks to Linda Swalin who keeps us all organized by acting as music librarian.

In honor of Music Appreciation Sunday, a special brunch is served in the Fellowship Hall for those music participants who RSVP'd. **Coffee Fellowship will be served in the Gathering Space.** Want to join us for brunch next year? Join a choir! New members are welcome. Interested? Visit John.

Council Elections Today

The nominating committee presents to the congregation for ratification people to serve on the Church Council and in various representative capacities. Information about Council Members will be included in the June Witness. The Church Constitution requires that the congregation approve those who will serve on the Church Council. Terms begin June 1.

Sunday, May 23

Pentecost Sunday! Be sure to wear **RED** in honor of the day!

Celebration Sunday!

8:30 & 10:00am (note time change)

Recognition of Amy Juel-Palmer as she begins her internship in the Murdock/Sunburg area and thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Vinje.

11:00am—1:00pm Carnival

Hog Roast



Carnival!

Free will offering will be taken at the Hog Roast with all proceeds going towards the Community Meals Fund.

Sunday, May 30

8:30am Graduate Recognition

10:00am Courtyard Worship