

Congregational Life

10:45am Worship Evaluation Meeting

Wednesday, May 5 at 6:00 PM.

It's important to check in from time to time and evaluate: what's going well? Are there areas we can improve? How can we make the worship experience the best for the congregation and those who are involved? Where should we focus our energy? If you have input but are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to visit with John Jahr.



Playground Project Workdays

Thursday, Friday, Saturday –

May 6, 7, 8TH – 8:00am-8:00pm

All volunteers who give at least 4 hours of their time will get their name in a drawing for a \$50 visa gift card! Come join the fun of a community project! Sign up in the Loving Arms office or call 235-7271.

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!**

Children's Ministry

2nd Grade Parent Meeting

Sunday, May 9 at 10:00am in Heritage Room

We will hand out the 3rd grade Bibles and discuss this Milestone event to be held in the fall of 2010. If you have any questions or cannot attend please call Linda at 235-1441.

In Our Community/Area

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 6 from 6:30-8:00am

@Willmar Holiday Inn & Conference Center

"Landscape America: Prayer, Practice and People of Faith"

Special speaker: Rev. Peg Chamberlin, President of the National Council of Churches. Tickets are available in the church office for \$12.00.

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.



Special Events in May

Sunday, May 9—8:30 & 10:45am

Vinje Village Celebration

Installation of Pastor Mary Hovland

Sunday, May 16—8:30 & 10:45am

Music Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, May 23—8:30 & 10:00am (note time change)

Celebration Sunday-Hog Roast

Sunday, May 30—

8:30am Graduate Recognition

10:00am Courtyard Worship

Vinje Connections

Bridge—Mondays @ 12pm Willmar Community Center

Spiritual Growth Opportunities

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

Women's Noon Bible Study~Thursdays, Heritage Rm

May Circle Schedule

Tuesday, May 4

• Naomi, 2:00 pm in the Vinje Heritage Room

• Sarah, 2:00 pm in the Vinje Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 6

• Elizabeth, 6:45am at Diedra's Café, 309 Lakeland Dr.

• Esther, 9:30am @ Lois Gulbrandsen's, 2832 Eagle Lake Rd N

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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, 2010 ~ 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.

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 13:31-35	<i>Love one another</i>
Monday ~ Mark 12:28-34	<i>The greatest commandment</i>
Tuesday ~ John 15:9-17	<i>Remaining in Christ's love</i>
Wednesday ~ 1 John 4:7-21	<i>God's love and ours</i>
Thursday ~ Matthew 5:43-48	<i>Love your enemies</i>
Friday ~ Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35	<i>The early Christians</i>
Saturday ~ Leviticus 19:11-18, 32-33	<i>Love your neighbor</i>
Sunday ~ John 14:23-29	<i>The sending of the Counselor</i>

Scripture Verses for the Week:

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” - John 13:34-35

Devotional Practices:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 gives a wonderful description of love. In your home devotional times this week, work together on a definition of love which applies to your household e.g.

Love is being patient when someone else is using the bathroom.

Love is being kind when someone else is hurt or feeling sad.

Pray together for God's help to show his love to one another.

Rituals and Traditions:

Talk together as a household about what makes one another feel loved (e.g. a hug, an act of service, a kind word or note, a gift). Write up a list of these and post these in a prominent place. Focus this week on performing acts of love towards one another. As the week progresses, monitor your progress.

Prayer for this Week:

Lord, thank you for your love. Help me to love others.
Amen.

Free Community Meal — 3rd Saturday at Noon Next meal at Vinje is May 15

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 2

- 8:30 am Children's Musical
- 9:40 am Vinje Village
- 10:45 am Children's Musical
- 3:00 pm Joe Iverson's Eagle Scout Ceremony

Monday, May 3

- 12:00 pm Bridge
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace Class

Tuesday, May 4

- 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 2:00 pm Sarah Circle
- 5:15 pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:00 pm Loving Arms Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 5

- 9:00 am Staff
- 5:00 pm Hang Time
- 5:45 pm Nova Voices
- 6:30 pm Shalom Singers (9-12th grade)
- 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Live!
- 7:30 pm Vinje Choir

Thursday, May 6

- 6:30 am Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 am Chapel Time
- 9:30 am Esther Circle
- 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Community Meal Meeting

Sunday, May 9—Installation of Pastor Mary Hovland

- 8:30 am Worship (Communion)
- 9:40 am Vinje Village
- 10:45 am Worship (Communion)

Sunday Attendance Last Week—405

Gifts

Bulletin is given in memory of Mary Newman's birthday on May 3—from Corby Newman.

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

Interim Pastor—Al Bjorklund

Musicians—John Jahr, Organist

Servant Leaders

Joyful Kids Choir

Matt Prois, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Altar Guild

Carole Meyer, Carol Schriener

Lectors

8:30 Jim Andresen

10:45 Becky Knudson

Communion Servers

Dave & Laura Becker

Communion Assistant

8:30 Val Swanson

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Altar Guild Helpers

Andrew Buchanan

Jared Eischen

Acolytes

8:30 Kylie Kessler-Gross

Kyli Kaderabek

10:45 Charlie Trochlil

Elise Porttiin

Greeters

8:30 Don & Edith Thompson

10:45

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

Nursery

8:30 —Marsha Butterfield

9:30 —Kevin & Kim Hanson

10:45—Carol Schmiesing

Video

Jen Hovland

Remember in Prayer

The Ill and Hospitalized: Pat Nelson, Lyle Lange, Jeff Youngquist, Myron Dunlavy, Oscar Myhre, Les Swanson, Norm Johnson, Bill Welker, Dale Beliveau

Please continue to Pray for: Leann Wadsworth, Mary Juel

Baptism: Ethan Matthew Kottke son of Megan Kottke and Matthew Skornicka. His sponsor is Lindsey Quam.

Bereaved: John & Nancy Hafner following the death of Nancy's uncle, Wayne Hoffman on April 23.

Today

Children's Musical—Elijah: God's Faithful Prophet
Joyful Kids Choir presents the word for the day in the story of Elijah, taken from 1 Kings Chapters 17 and 18. Elijah is banished from the city by evil King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. God is faithful and sustains Elijah despite the drought facing the land. Elijah returns and is triumphant in a showdown with 450 prophets of Baal. Thanks to the Joyful Kids Choir and their families for making this possible today.

Cast (in order of appearance)

Narrators... Taryn Reinke, Kya Egge

Elijah... Connor Olson

King Ahab... Cameron Murphy

Jezebel... Carly Hulstein

Palace Guards... Wade Fischer, Caleb Mathison

Ravens... Emma Vogel, Rebecca Anfinson

Widow of Zarephath... Avery Hovland

Obadiah... Cayle Hovland

Choristers... Wade Fischer, Caleb Mathison, Emma Vogel, Rebecca Anfinson, Kylie Halvorson, Paige Jansons, Paige Hanson, Sydney Kennedy, Joely Palmer, Jillianne Klein, Sonja Madson

Soloist on "Showdown"... Emma Vogel

Prophets of Baal... Rob Palmer, Scott Lundy, Al Juhnke, David Korsmo

Fire Dancers... Kylie Halvorson, Paige Jansons, Paige Hanson, Sydney Kennedy, Joely Palmer, Rebecca Anfinson, Emma Vogel, Jillianne Klein, Sonja Madson

Eagle Scout Ceremony for Joe Iverson

Today at 3:00pm ~ Vinje Fellowship Hall

Son of Steve and Peggy Iverson

May Mission Partner:

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

The mission funds that are received today will be divided between Green Lake Lutheran Ministries and Vinje Bible Camp scholarship fund. Please consider giving generously to this ministry.

Next Sunday

Special Recognition of 11 Years of Vinje Village Sunday, May 9

Pastor Steve will lead the congregation through a lively review of the teaching themes of the Vinje Village curriculum with songs, art, stories, and scripture. We will also give thanks and recognition to the many people who have written curriculum and to the teachers and helpers for this year.