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Bereaved: Betty Schneider following the death of Ron Schneider on July 10. The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Glen & Peggy Wilson’s 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 25th. There is also cake in celebration of their anniversary today during fellowship time. VBS—“Faith: on Fire!” JULY 24 – 27, 2017 8:30 am— Noon Kindergarten — 5th Grade with Bethel Lutheran Church AND Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Naomi-Sarah Circle Tuesday, August 1 @ 11:00 am Lunch at Spicer Castle Car pool from Vinje at 10:15am August Is ‘Stuff the Bus’ Month!
* Help ‘stuff the bus’ with school supplies for west central Minnesota kids! Donations will be received through August 18th and distributed through United Way. Sure of what to purchase? Here are a few suggestions- a complete list is available on the ‘stuff the bus’ bin in the Mission Hallway:
- Backpacks (NO wheels), Calculators, Ziplock Bags, Pencils/Markers, Rulers, Paper Towels, Glue Sticks, Crayons
* For more info visit www.lwvinje.com or call 320-235-1050 Remember— We would like to be able to visit you when you are hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let the hospital pastors or the church office know.

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Bus Drivers Needed
We are looking for bus drivers to help pick up our members for church on Sunday’s. Our bus has not been able to run on some Sunday’s because we have not had a driver. If you are interested in helping, training will be provided. Please call the church office for more information.

Sunday Fellowship
Servers and food providers are needed for Sunday morning coffee in August. Please contact Val Swanson at 235-3084, vyalswan-son@gmail.com, or Jean Geselius at 905-0146, tgeselius@charter.net, if you are able and willing to help or provide.

Grief Group—Day Trip — Tuesday August 1st, 9am
Terry Redline Art Center & Luncheon, Watertown, SD
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