



# THE MESSENGER

Vermont Lutheran Church's Mission Statement:

Christians **A**ctively **R**eaching Out **E**xperiencing Christ and **S**preaching His Word

## From the Interim Pastor's Desk . .

The “oldest profession,” biblically speaking at least, is not what it is said to be. The “oldest profession,” biblically speaking, is gardening – “And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.” That first garden provided prodigiously for all the man’s wants – “out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food...”

But of course, the man, or at least his wife, ruined everything. She supplanted God’s wisdom with her own and reached for the fruit of the forbidden tree; thereby skewing relationship – relationship between humankind and God, relationship within humankind, and relationship between humankind and the earth.

The writer of the Garden of Eve narrative could not have conceived the extent to which humankind would, some three millennia later, exacerbate its already skewed relationship with the earth. It is more dire than ever that we return to God’s wisdom – which provides that we are the earth’s stewards, not its despoilers. This makes our work on Legacy Woodland and Prairie important and urgent work. The summer season bears witness that God is prospering the work of our hands. The place looks Edenic.

With God’s direction and through God’s wisdom, may our attempts at stewardship extend to all the areas of our lives.

*Rev. Rebecca Clancy*

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**Martin Luther's  
Quote of the Month**

"Here I stand.  
I can do no other.  
So help me God.  
Amen."

Ask me  
anything....  
about the Bible!



Pastor Rebecca is eager to answer any and all questions you may have about the Bible. Please submit your questions to the church by email, and they will be answered in the newsletter.

**HIGHLIGHTS**



**LOGO WINNER**

The votes have been counted and by 41 votes logo #1 has won.

**CARPET WINNER**

The winner is GREEN. The votes have been counted and by 46 votes green has won. It will be installed this fall.

# *Our Legacy*

**Vermont Lutheran Church**

## **Rosenbaum Garden Update!**

**First Planting Date Set**

**Friday Morning, August 11 8:30am**

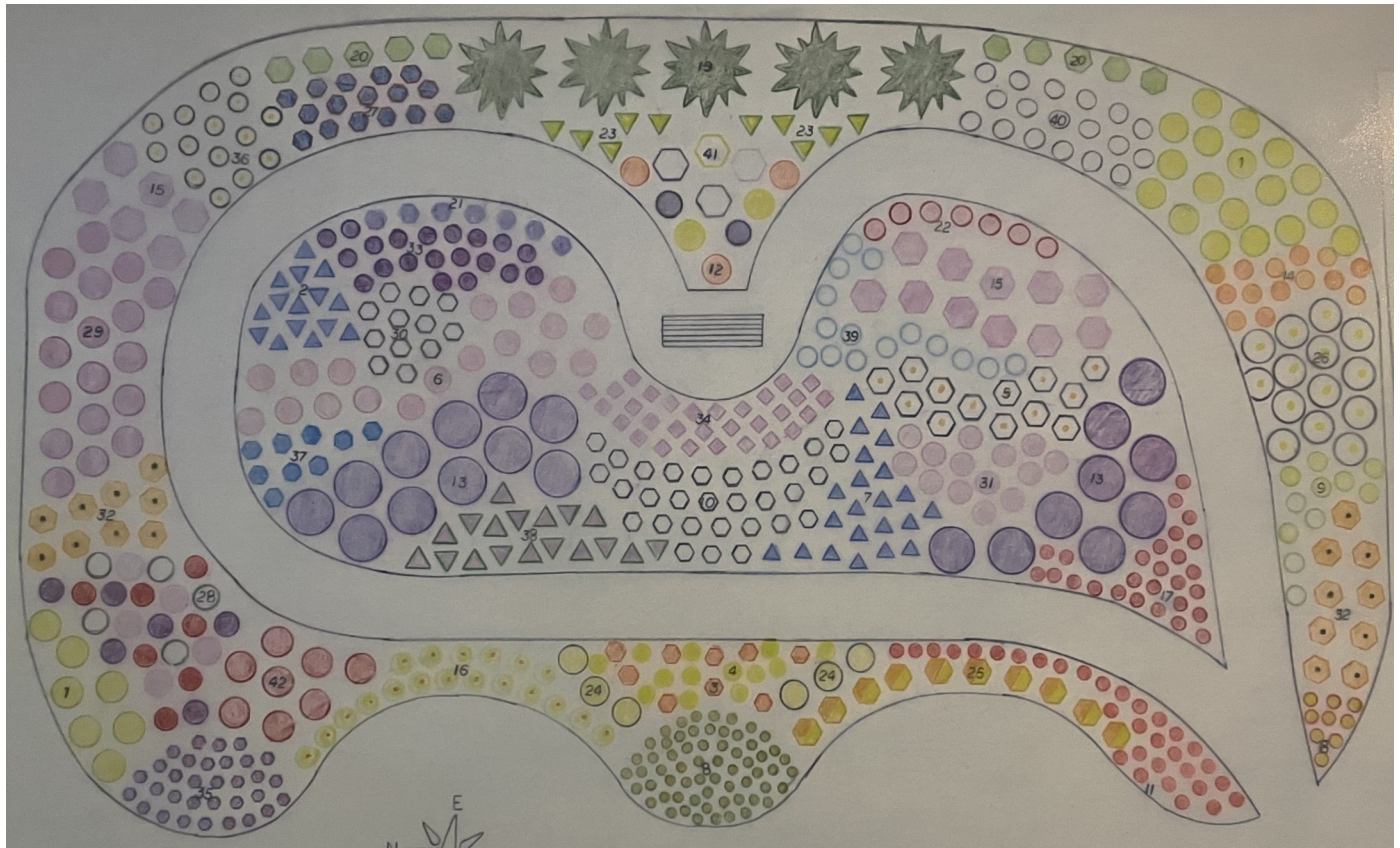
Unless temperatures climb back into the 90's, our first garden planting session will happen on Friday, August 11, starting at 8:30am. This first planting will be the center section of the garden only. The area bordered by the new walkway. Volunteers should be at the garden, ready to start planting right at 8:30. Stuart will have the plants laid out and it should be simply matter of planting followed by watering. Bring your favorite small hand spade along with perhaps knee pads and gloves. Refreshments will be served and we should be finished up by noon.

The perimeter curb is scheduled to be poured the following Monday, August 14, after which the outside area will be sodded and an irrigation system installed. The planting date for the remaining area is not yet set because it depends on these other things happening first. However, a target date will likely be August 21-26. More on that later.

Please call or text with your availability for the August 11 planting date to Jon Urness at 608.575.2387.

All the plants have been tenderly nurtured at Stuart and Sherri Petsel's since early spring and are looking good for the upcoming planting project!





GARDEN NOTES: Vermont Lutheran Church

PERIMETER 238' BED DIM. 30'x48'  
WALKWAY 190'x4' SCALE 1"=4'

PLANT LIST

DW VNY	GENUS, SPECIES X HYBRID 'CULTIVAR' COMMON NAME	FOLIAGE PATTERN			BLOSSOM COLOR
		COLOR	TYPE	SPREAD	
5	Achillea 'Moonshine'		24"	12'-24"	July-Oct Lt. Yellow
5	Allium 'Mangolian Gem'		15"-18"	18"	Aug Lav./Pk
7	Asclepias Tuberosa		24"-36"	15"	July-Aug Crown
4	Asclepias 'Hella Yellow'		24"-36"	12"	June-Aug Yellow
3	Aster f. 'My Antonia'		12"	12'-15'	June-Aug White
8	Aster 'Nova-angliae'		3'-4'	2'-3'	Aug-Sept Violet/Lt
12	Campanula 'Superba'		20"	12'-18"	June-July Violet
2	Coreopsis A. 'Nana'		8"	12"	June-Aug Orange
1	Coreopsis A. 'Moonbeam'		18"-24"	15"	June-Aug Pale Yellow
0	Dianthus 'First Love'		15"-18"	12"	June-Aug White/Pink
2	Dianthus 'Firewitch'		6"	12"	May/June Rose/Pink
7	Echinacea 'Cheyenne Spirit'		24"	24"	June-Aug Mixed
10	Echinacea 'Magnus'		3'	2'	July-Sept Purple
4	Echinacea 'Ruby Orange'		18"-20"	18"-24"	July-Sept Orange
5	Eupatorium purpur. 'Little Joe'		36"-48"	24"-36"	Aug-Sept Pc/Purple
9	Gaillardia 'Amber Wheels'		30"	16"-18"	June-Sept Yellow/Pk
7	Gaillardia 'Arizona Red Shades'		8"-12"	10"-12"	June-Sept Red
1	Gaillardia 'Kobold'		12"	12"	June-Aug Red/Yel
5	Grass miscanthus s. 'Zebrinus'	Yell/G.	3'-7"	5'-7"	Fall White
9	Grass Panicum v. 'Northwind'	Blue/G.	4'-5"	2'-3'	Fall White
1	Hemerocallis 'Little Grapelle'		12"	18"	July Purple
7	Hemerocallis 'Strawberry Candy'		24"	24"	July-Aug Pc/Red
0	Tris pseudocactus		5"	2'	July Yellow
2	Tris s. 'Butter and Sugar'		24"	15'-18"	July White/Yell
0	Kniphofia 'Flamenco'		36"-36"	24"-30"	July-Aug White/Orange
4	Leucanthemum 'Snowcap'		15"-18"	18"-24"	June-Aug White
6	Liatris 'Kobold'		24"	15'-18"	July-Aug Op. Purple
3	Lupinus 'Russell Hyb. Mix'		30"	18"	June-July Mixed
8	Monarda 'Gubbegum Blast'		28"-32"	27"-30"	June-Aug White/Pink
2	Penstemon 'Prairie Snow'		24"	15"	June-July White
4	Penstemon 'Prairie Bisk'		19"	12"-14"	June-July Rose/Pink
3	Rubus 'Goldstücken'		24"	24"	June-Aug Op. Yellow
10	Salvia n. 'Candonga'		19"	18"	May-July Purple
10	Saponaria 'Max Frei'		8"	12"-18"	May-June Br. Pink
12	Sedum s. 'Fuldagut'		3'-6"	12"	July-Aug Rose/Red
15	Tanacetum c. 'Nivolum'		18"	15"-18"	June-July White
9	Trandescantia 'Covarde Grape'		18"	15"	June-Aug Purple
8	Veronica l. 'First Match'		24"	24"	June-July Purple
15	Veronica 'Snow Mass'		1-2"	15"-18"	June White
10	Vitis 'Luteo-Sarita' (Suk Alba)		19"	15"	July White



## Legacy Prairie & Woodland Update

*By Peter Antonie*

The Legacy Fund Committee and other interested parties have continued their work to further develop the Legacy Prairie and Woodland and explore options to enhance what has already been accomplished.

**Patio Shelter:** The good news is, our new patio has a beautiful view looking down the hillside to the east. Unfortunately, that easterly view is also in full sun much of the day during the summer, making the patio less desirable for a picnic or gathering.

Consequently, we're going to construct a shelter to cover a portion of the patio. The rendering below, produced by Wade Winchip, shows how the shelter will coordinate with the church and Gathering Place and their roof lines, trim and colors.

Work on the shelter will begin at the start of August and may be completed in time for the Community Picnic on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. If not, it will be done by the time of the Town of Vermont picnic hosted at Church on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Shelter in the Woods:** We know that lots of folks have been driving up the cemetery extension road to the top of the hill to enjoy the views. Plus, it's a great place to start a hike on a couple of the woodland trails or around the top-of-the-hill prairie field. We'd already cleared an area in the woods to have a shady place to sit and thought, why not a small shelter with a table and a couple of benches to accommodate a picnic or snack?



We found a nice level spot and began drilling holes for the shelter house post footings on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

How many rocks do you think we found?



One of the completed footings. The finished shelter will have a 10' x16' concrete slab. The shelter itself will be 10' x 10' with a metal roof. The extra 6' x 10' area will be an open "porch."

**Memorial Bench:** When John Hallick died last winter, he was fittingly buried at the top of the new cemetery extension. John and Jamie Hallick are major contributors to many projects at church, notably the Legacy Fund for purchase of the cemetery expansion and Legacy Prairie & Woodland, as well as the new LED lighting for the parking lots and spot lights on the church and steeple. A bench, in John's honor, will be placed on this newly poured concrete slab for all to savor the beautiful view to the southeast.



**What's coming in August:** There's always something happening:

A one-of-a-kind "Welcome" board will be placed at the entry to the Legacy Prairie & Woodland, just off the patio area, with a map, brochures and "rules of the road."

**And:** There are three events coming up where you and the whole community are invited to come and witness how the Legacy Prairie & Woodland has evolved since last fall:

Community Picnic - 11 AM - 2 PM, Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Vermont Township Annual Picnic - 4 - 7 PM Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Fall Festival - 11 AM - 2 PM, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**Please:** Come on out anytime to take a hike, have a quiet moment on the patio, use the play structure, or drive up the Cemetery extension road to take in the view

**VERMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COMMUNITY PICNIC**

**August 19th 11 am—2 pm**

Invite your neighbors and friends to our picnic. All are welcome! Extra paper invitations to handout to your besties are in the narthex.

A tent will be set up next to the parking lot on the east side of the property to accommodate all our guests.

Food supplied by the church: hot dogs; brats and chips.  
Bring: your own beverage of choice and a dessert/pie for the auction

Activities: Tours of the Legacy Prairie and Woodland; Dessert/Pie Auction, Scavenger Hunt; Bounce House, Corn Hole and Bubble Blowing.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS.**  
You can sign up to volunteer on-line at  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49A9A82EA1FD0-picnic>  
or in the church narthex.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supplies keep going on sale earlier each year. Don't forget to buy your supplies for the Lutheran World Relief kits and area school kits! Items can be dropped off in the church narthex.

Clorox wipes  
Glue sticks  
Kleenex  
Washable markers  
Masking tape  
Dry eraser markers  
White glues

Notebook—70 sheet  
Crayon box 16-24 count  
Ruler 12"/30cm  
Pencil sharpener  
Blunt scissors  
Pencils—#2  
Pens—black or blue  
Erasers 2 1/2"





August 6:

Exodus 19:7-11, 16-20

Acts 16:16-34

John 17:20-26

Title: Singing in Prison

Topic: Authentic Witness

August 13:

Amos 6:1-3

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Matthew 10:26-39

Title: The Company He Keeps

Topic: Outreach

August 20:

Psalms 14

Acts 5:27-31

John 14:25-31

Title and Topic: Belief

August 27:

Genesis 32:22-31

Romans 8:26-30

Mark 6:30-44

Title and Topic: Feeding the Hungry

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bailey	Lynch	August 01
Janet	Castle	August 02
Maya	Burton	August 03
Brady	Hurner	August 04
Hannah	Hurley	August 06
Jonathan		
James	Schultz	August 07
Randall	Adler	August 08
Owen	Danz	August 13
Isaac	Lentz	August 13
Klover	Schafer	August 14
	Pribbenow-	
Bonnie	Paddock	August 15
Thomas	Hefty	August 25
Judy	Urness	August 25
Wade	Winchip	August 25
Gary	Olsen	August 30
Jacob	Laurent	August 31





# Vermont Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes (Draft)

July 16, 2023

Present: Aaron Tigert, Steve Holzhueter, Deb Krebs, Carol Johnson, Wade Winchip, Jamie Hallick, Karsten Haugen, Pastor Rebecca

Called to order 8:02am- Aaron Tigert.

Pastor's Report: Paster Rebecca shared that the number of baptisms is up as well as funeral and gravesite visits. She recommended that the council create an Event Coordination Team to be point on all VLC events and indicated that Peter Antoine has volunteered to be the liaison between all the committees/teams the PR/Marketing committee. She reported that she is analyzing current mission related projects and will share her recommendations for future outreach in the upcoming weeks.

Secretary's Report: Approved: (Steve Holzhueter/Deb Krebs)

Treasurer's Report: Approved (Wade Winchip/Karsten Haugen). Expenses are ahead of 2022 numbers by \$20,000 due to improvement expenditures.

- Generator Proposal: The town of Vermont would like VLC, as the local emergency shelter, to install a generator. A recent proposal to do the work came in at \$128,000. The Town can commit \$15,000. The Town is going to reconvene with the American Red Cross to determine what is truly needed and get back to VLC.
- Security Proposal: The proposed cost for security upgrades came in \$10,000 over expectation. Liz will set up a meeting to talk to the company to get a breakdown of costs and what is all involved.
- American Red Cross Proposal: The proposed cost for training/certification is approx. \$2,500. Melissa can provide the training, but students would not be certified. Insurance company indicated that they are ok with trained but not certified people.

Norsk Grant update: The grant is a matching grant to be used to make improvements to the historic aspects of the church. It requires in-person training sessions specific to fundraising and marketing. All agreed to pass on opportunity this year.

Call Process Update: Carol reported the call committee will be taking a slight hiatus from regular meetings but will convene if an interview opportunity arises.

New Business:

- Wade presented the latest plans for a shelter on the east side of the Gathering Space. The proposed materials cost for the plan is \$8,400 and recommends hiring a contractor to complete the roof-shingles.
- The Council discussed salary increase for cleaning services. All agree.
- The council discussed a nominal \$50 cleaning fee for the Gathering Space if used by

church members. This would not apply to church committees use of space.

- Carol reported that there will be costs related to interview pastoral candidates and recommended a budget of \$5,000. Approved. (Aaron Tigert/Deb Krebs)

Carpet samples have arrived and the congregation will be asked to vote on the two options.

Old Business:

- Church Picnic is August 19, 2023.
- Works is underway on the Flower Garden. A shelter is being proposed for the upper part of the Cemetery Drive. Concrete work for both should be scheduled in tandem.
- Trash receptacles should be placed in sheltered areas.

The Town of Vermont has requested use of the Gathering Space for their upcoming Town Picnic. Aaron will reach out to confirm the date.

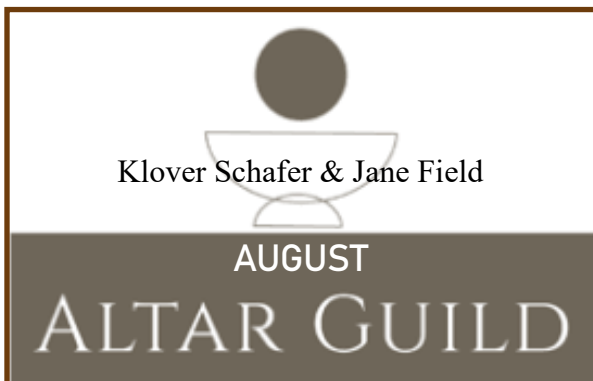
Adjournment 9:05am

Next meeting: August 13, 2023, at 8:00 am

Submitted

Carol Johnson, Secretary

VLC Church Council



**ALTAR DUTY**

We are in need of two additional people to change the altar flowers and the cloths for the month of July each year. Please let me know if you are available.

ATTENDANCE TODAY	
July	
2nd	84
9th	82
16th	82
23rd	66
30th	Not Recorded

**Monthly Financial Report**

July 2023

	Contributions			Operating Expenses		
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change
Monthly	\$ 18,263	\$ 13,114	\$ 5,149	\$ 10,071	\$ 9,675	\$ 396
YTD	\$ 87,826	\$ 77,530	\$ 10,296	\$103,443	\$ 84,519	\$ 18,924

# Visibility/Marketing Team Meeting

July 13, 2023  
Notes from meeting

Roll Call : Peter, Jill, Larry, Pastor Rebecca, Polly via phone with Jill calling meeting to order at 12:35

Larry substituting for Polly with note taking

Logo Vote continues in person and online due to conclude on Sunday July 23. Liz reports turnout is very good and stood her ground to secrecy of which option is leading despite some reveal pressure!

Tagline: Word Worship Woodland provided previously was discussed with word variations. We were looking for single words that had expanded meaning. Our finalist with unanimous agreement is: Worship Witness Woodland!

Slogan: In agreement with: We Welcome You!

Website Funding: Peter reported deadline for decision making on a grant applied for by VLC for a Web Designer is July 31. Both Jill and Peter have received bids for a Web Designer. Going forward Peter and Liz will work on tweaking and cleaning up our current website using our new slogan/tagline. When logo decision is made that also may be incorporated.

A few of our current goals/strategies but by no means all of them:

- Comprehensive list of local groups we want affiliation with
- Our Church activity/ schedule of events available
- Educational opportunities
- Our Christian Church celebration days
- Related events with the community

As we develop our website with information the web designer will help with graphics and arrangement

Banner for parade use and other functions: Our current banner is 12” by 72” which fits nicely on the side of a parade vehicle. Our new banner would feature our new logo. Mazo Graphics in Mazomanie has done work for us in the past and will be contacted for creating our new banner.

Future Marketing strategies: We will individually search out target groups as homework and also as a Team develop a list of groups we can coop activities and interests with. A great early opportunity is by providing a location for The Town of Vermont to have their picnic on September 10 of this year.

Next Meeting date tentatively is Thursday July 27 at 11:30 AM with a coffee cake provided by Polly

Adjourned 1:37 PM

Larry(aka Pollys wingman)

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## Outreach/New Member Minutes July 27, 2023

Present: Jane Hanson, Susan Olson, Jill Dybdahl, Pastor Rebecca Clancy

Approved last month’s minutes.

Reviewed New Member Orientation for Sunday August 13, 2023

Finalized the agenda. Jill will write up and email to committee members.

Susan and Jill will contact the presenters and share the agenda and allotted time for each presentation.

Agreed to write a personal invitation to all new and potential members. This will be divided up between Jane, Susan, and Jill

Jill will take pictures of the new members and email them to Liz

Vermont has had several babies baptized over the past couple of years. We discussed how to engage the young families with babies. Pastor Rebecca will call selected families and inquire what their ideas and needs may be to bring these families together at church.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting not yet set.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dybdahl [jill.dybdahl1@gmail.com](mailto:jill.dybdahl1@gmail.com)

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## **Visibility/Marketing Team Meeting**

July 27, 2023 – Next Meeting Pending

Notes from Meeting with Consolidation of Ideas submitted by Larry

Roll Call: Peter Antonie, Jill Dybdahl, Polly Kawalek, Jane Hanson, Larry Ziemer, Bill Meddings

Also attending: Pastor Rebecca Clancy

Election of Church LOGO result: The “Steeple Design” was the winner by a fair margin!

Amy our Graphic Designer (courtesy of Jill) will offer us 3 font designs that we can incorporate with our Logo and Tag Line

Now that a Logo has been decided upon, we can begin to consider some merchandising that will promote VLC and the Legacy Prairie and Woodland. A preferred choice of a vendor is Top Promotions, a local Madison area company. Polly and Bill agreed to take a road trip to Top and begin viewing some of their products and get pricing and volume options that may fit our program. They also may be able to obtain with some samples.

Related Discussion: Gift new members a few items with VLC logo on it

Consider pricing merchandise with logo

Consider free will offering for merchandise distribution which has been successful in previous Church events

Move forward with consistency, deliberateness and effectiveness!

Upcoming Events:

VLC Picnic August 19

Rally Day in September

Fall Host Day in October

Current advertising options for events:

Facebook

Shopper/Advertiser

Bulletin insert with “invite a friend” content


Next Door Neighbor

VLC website

A new season of Confirmation Class to begin in September. The format will be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month with classes to be held after the Church Service. We will plan on Marketing this new era of Confirmation Class as youth from our area will be welcomed to attend.

Another new event to be held at VLC beginning in the Fall will be Professor Rebecca Clancy holding a class the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the Church Service. Her Academic Theological Continuing Education of Biblical Insight will be an Exploration of the Fundamental Book of Western Civilization. This new and exciting program also needs to be promoted in our area inviting all interested people to attend.

A feeling that future events at VLC would be encouraged to be presented to this VMT (Visibility/Marketing Team) including funding options for review and approval prior to the Council



Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferrysville, Wis., makes its cabins available to migrant workers from October to December.

Photos: Courtesy of Sugar Creek Bible Camp

# CAMP HOSPITALITY

*By Wendy Healy*

## THE ELCA'S OUTDOOR MINISTRIES WELCOME ALL

The ELCA has long presented itself as an inclusive church—especially Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, which is leading the way in welcoming all religions, ethnicities, races and sexual orientations.

Several outdoor ministries have initiated unique programs and retreats. One program is designed for other religious groups, another offers migrant workers lodging as they work

for a local farm, and a third connects with area LGBTQ+ communities.

### **Lutherhill Ministries**

For the past six years Lutherhill Ministries in La Grange, Texas, has hosted leadership training retreats for the Muslim Students Association (MSA), a nationwide college program. Matt Kindsvatter, the camp's executive director, said



New water lines to the dining hall were constructed to accommodate Sugar Creek's new guests, and this work was cost-shared with the farm at 50%.

that when the MSA's plans fell through at another retreat center six years ago, the group asked if it could use the Lutherhill facilities.

The MSA was pleased to learn that Lutherhill was open to hosting its retreat, Kindsvatter said, and it has returned every year since then.

"Once the Muslim Student Association realized we were an open, welcoming and affirming community—and word got out—it opened us to hosting other organizations too," Kindsvatter said. Among them are a Muslim community center from nearby Sugar Land, Texas; a Jewish high school from the Houston area that uses Lutherhill for new student orientation; and a regional Hindu cultural society.

**"IT MODELS FOR OUR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD AND EMBRACE PEOPLE WITH A SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY AND CURIOSITY."**

"Part of our mission is that this is holy grounds," said Jen Kindsvatter, Matt's spouse, a pastor and the camp's director of programs. "The people who set it up knew it was a place to rest and play, not only for Lutherans but for as many people as possible. It models for our people of all ages what it means to live as

Christians in the world and embrace people with a spirit of hospitality and curiosity."

### **Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

When a flower farm in Soldier's Grove, Wis., couldn't find housing for its seasonal migrant workers in 2021, it turned to Sugar Creek Bible Camp in nearby Ferryville.

"I got a call from the CEO of a factory farm 10 miles away that makes Christmas wreaths and floral arrangements, asking on a long shot if we'd be open to welcoming 20 to 30 Hispanic people who worked the winter harvest," said Jesse Klosterboer, executive director of Sugar Creek.

Klosterboer said that when he worked out an arrangement for the migrant workers to stay in cabins at Sugar Creek from October to December, the farmer said, "I never imagined a Christian place would welcome people from this background."

Migrant workers stayed in several cabins and used the kitchen facilities. Sugar Hill also hosted a dinner to make them feel welcomed, which was attended by Felix Malpica, bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod. This partnership led to the synod establishing its Migrant Justice Team, which is looking at ways to expand care of migrants throughout the synod.

"The immigrants told me that Sugar Creek has been a place of solace, rest and healing," Malpica said. "They feel seen, heard and valued,

and welcomed. What a way to be church; to show them that we can open our doors and show them hospitality.”

Klosterboer is looking forward to the migrant workers returning for a third year this holiday season.

### **Camp Agape**

Earlier this year Camp Agape in Hickory, Pa., revised its mission statement to better define its ministry of inclusivity. “The mission statement used to say, ‘Bringing people together in Christ through outdoor ministry,’” said Wayne Harrison, executive director of the camp. “People would ask, ‘What are we bringing them together for? Are we going to have a picnic?’ We recognized we needed to be more welcoming.”

The new statement better defines the church’s mission: “As a community grounded in God’s unconditional love, we challenge and nurture all God’s people to achieve their full potential physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.”

With that in mind the camp reached out to the area Gay Straight Alliance to ask if it was interested in building a relationship. “When we met with

them,” Harrison said, “they said we were the first faith-based organization to call and see how we could help.”

Camp Agape is working with the alliance on a series of LGBTQ+ retreats this fall and will likely host a group next summer for a week of camping. The camp will host the event, and the alliance will coordinate programming.

Harrison is pleased about this new partnership and lauded Lutheran Outdoor Ministries’ inclusivity in hosting outside groups. “For far too long, all religions have created a lot of trauma in young people,” he said. “I see it in adults too. People have left the church because of the way that LGBTQ+ and racial communities have been treated. People with disabilities have also been ignored because churches were built with difficult access to the buildings. We haven’t been very successful in attempts to broaden our fellow brothers and sisters in our ministries.”

Jen Kindsvatter sums it up: “When we look at welcoming these groups, while they may not welcome the same God that we worship, we still are true to our mission and providing them holy ground.” †

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 12th, noon - Black Earth Field Days Parade

August 13th, 9:30am service—**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Anyone that wants an introduction to Vermont Lutheran Church can attend the orientation on August 13th after the church service in the Gathering Place.

August 19th , 11am-2pm Church Picnic

September 10th Mazomanie Parade  
Town of Vermont Picnic held at VLC

September 17th Rally Day  
First Day of Sunday School  
First Day of Confirmation (1st & 3rd Sundays)

September 24th First Day of Lecture Series—*Intro. to Biblical Theology* taught by Rev. Rebecca Clancy former faculty at Elmhurst University (2nd & 4th Sundays)

October 21st HØst (Norwegian for Fall) Festival  
Take Out Meatballs & Lefse Pick Up



Call or email

# PRAYER REQUEST to

Jan Cowan - 767-4616 - jancowan@tds.net

## It is our time to build a legacy

Become a member of the Legacy Fund. Members of the Legacy Fund come from all walks of life and are united by a desire to preserve our beautiful Church, Cemetery and adjoining land. Vermont Lutheran Church owns and maintains a cemetery, historic church building, Gathering Place and 115 acres of adjacent land with a hilltop viewscape. Christian stewardship involves the faithful management of all the gifts God has given us, including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources. Therefore, we created the Legacy Fund to encourage, receive and administer these gifts.

Our goal is to generate and maintain a Legacy Fund of \$1 Million dollars, or more. Through receipt of bequests, grants and/or gifts, contributions to the Legacy Fund and investment growth will serve three very important purposes now and into the future:

1. Expand the cemetery and develop and maintain the adjacent land in a manner that maximizes its natural beauty and preserves its ecological importance; and,
2. Provide funds to pay property taxes on the portion of the adjacent land subject to taxes; and,
3. Provide funds for future maintenance of the cemetery and building and grounds needs of the Church.

Any legacy member whose contribution totals \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a brass plate on a prominently displayed plaque. Annual meeting reports will include all the names of those individuals who made a contribution of any amount that year.

**September Newsletter**  
**articles are due**  
**August 31th**

to Elizabeth Herrling at  
[vermont\\_church@tds.net](mailto:vermont_church@tds.net)

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