



# THE MESSENGER

Vermont Lutheran Church's Mission Statement:

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

## From the Interim Pastor's Desk . .

Advent marks the beginning of the church year, but in a sense the church year begins in a few weeks with Rally Day. Rally Day marks the end of our summer roving and the beginning of church school.

There are any number of reasons for us to bring our children to church. One reason could be labeled **socio-religious**. This reason is essentially a practical one. It goes to the perpetuation of our religion. If succeeding generations are not churched, the church will, obviously, erode, and erode eventually into non-existence. There is added urgency to this reason at the present time, because in this nation at least, *in fact* the succeeding generations are not churched. They have actually been dubbed "the unchurched;" and, *in fact*, the church *is* eroding.

Then there is a reason to bring our children to church that could be labeled **personal**. It goes to the welfare of our children. What better way to promote the welfare of our children than by giving them a set of convictions from which to operate in life? I deal with the so-called "unchurched" on a regular basis. There are exceptions, of course, but my experience is that they are not given, in the absence of a set of *religious* convictions, a set of *secular* convictions. They are given very little in the way of convictions at all. What convictions they form are impressionistic and unexamined – usually derived from the pseudo-wisdom of popular culture. And let's face it: people of all ages need convictions. Convictions give people understanding, purpose, direction, and motivation.

And the set of convictions our children will be given have to do not only with this life, but with eternal life. Our children will hear eternal life proclaimed again and again in church, for indeed it is the very crux of the gospel; it is the meaning and import of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And if our children are convicted of eternal life, they will never be lost to fear, despair, and senselessness. They will be given the basis for courage, optimism, and hope.

Yes, there are any number of reasons for us to bring our children to church, and indeed, they are all good ones. But they aren't the best one. The best one has to do with truth. We come to church, we practice this religion, not necessarily because we believe that *this*

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church or *this* religion is in perfect accord with truth. As Paul reminds us in the book of Galatians, “all things are imprisoned under the power of sin,” and they are: even this church and this religion. But we come to church because we believe in the God that stands above this church and this religion is in perfect accord with truth. He is the truth to which the whole cosmos accedes -- to which all history has acceded, and to which the future will accede. He is the truth which is inviolable, try as we might in our pride to violate it.

Holy Lord God,

We thank you this morning for children. For our children and for all children. Help us to lead and serve them wisely and faithfully. Bless them and prosper them through the spirit of your son and savior...

And if we don't bring our children to church they will not be exposed to it this truth. They will not be able to learn it. They will not be able to affirm it. They will not be able to defend it. And they will not be able to live it. And this truth is the highest thing there is. It is higher than the perpetuation of our religion. Our religion should not be perpetuated, in fact, if it does not align with this truth. It is higher than our personal welfare, indeed our welfare may well be sacrificed for it, and sacrificed rightly.

And this truth cannot be assimilated instantaneously. It can only be assimilated slowly, in time – week by week, year by year. There are no shortcuts. This is one lesson life has taught me. There are no shortcuts. In grief, every tear must be cried. In a journey, every step must be taken. In an accomplishment, every effort must be made. And for children to assimilate this truth, we must bring them to church. And so let us give our children that truth.

*Rev. Rebecca Clancy*



## **Martin Luther's**

"We need to hear the gospel every day, because we forget it every day."

## **Quote of the Month**



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



Our fun at the Black Earth parade. We all like the new banner! It's super nice!

*shelby & arlyn*



August 25th Sharon, Shelby, and Joan shopped for our homeless veterans. We bought fans, air mattresses and pumps - just in time for the hot weather! Our next trip will be for winter items suggested by the VA staff. It's a 'win, win, win' for the veterans, staff and us - very gratifying. Thank you for your support and generosity.



*Baptisms are abound at Vermont Lutheran Church*



*Recognition of the Assistant Ministers. Thank you for all that you do!*

# HIGHLIGHTS

## CHURCH PICNIC



Rusty the Rooster landed on the Gathering Place—Historically many Protestant churches in Europe placed a rooster atop their steeples to distinguish them from Catholic Churches. The rooster has been a Christian symbol since **God used it to show the weakness of man with Peter and the triumph of Christ in the resurrection.** Also, a symbol of vigilance.



*Sandhill Cranes flying through the prairie*

Pat Powers & Laura Winchip

SEPTEMBER  
ALTAR GUILD

### ATTENDANCE TODAY

#### August

6th	46
13th	62
20th	56
27th	55

# Our Legacy

## Vermont Lutheran Church

### First and FINAL Plantings are a BIG Success!

A great crew of gardeners planted the first phase of the Memorial Garden on Friday morning and as luck would have it, we got 3/4" of rain the next night. Things look great.



The next planting date will be Monday, August 21...again at 8:30am. I know this doesn't work for everyone but to accommodate the installation of irrigation, sodding and tilling, that's what we came up with.

Thanks again to our hard-working crew and especially Stuart Petsel who might make a gardener out of me yet!

Yours,  
Jon



Under the supervision of two very wisened gardeners we completed the planting early this beautiful morning of the Betty Rosenbaum Memorial Garden. We also got a good start at applying mulch. Two more trailer loads of mulch are parked adjacent to the garden so feel free to continue the job. I hear there will be a crew gathering for that purpose this Wednesday morning at 8:30. Reply to all for more info or discussion.

Great crew this morning including Stuart and Sherry Petsel, Mike and Bonnie Dauck, Deb Krebs, Polly Kawalek, Karsten Haugen, Dennis Schaefer, Lori and Louisa Brody, Liz Herrling and Larry Ziemer. Apologies if I missed someone and thanks to all!

## Legacy Prairie & Woodland Update: late August 2023; 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, a group of mostly volunteers from Church constructed a shelter to cover a portion of the patio. The shelter coordinates with the Church and Gathering Place and their roof lines, trim and colors.

Work on the shelter began right after the Community Picnic, August 20<sup>th</sup>, and was completed September 1<sup>st</sup>! Here are pictures taken from start to finish:



*Lumber awaiting the construction*



*One Roof Truss with Brackets*



*Framework Is All Up*



*Roof Boards Going On*



*Shingles Going On*



**Inside Finish Coat and Trim**

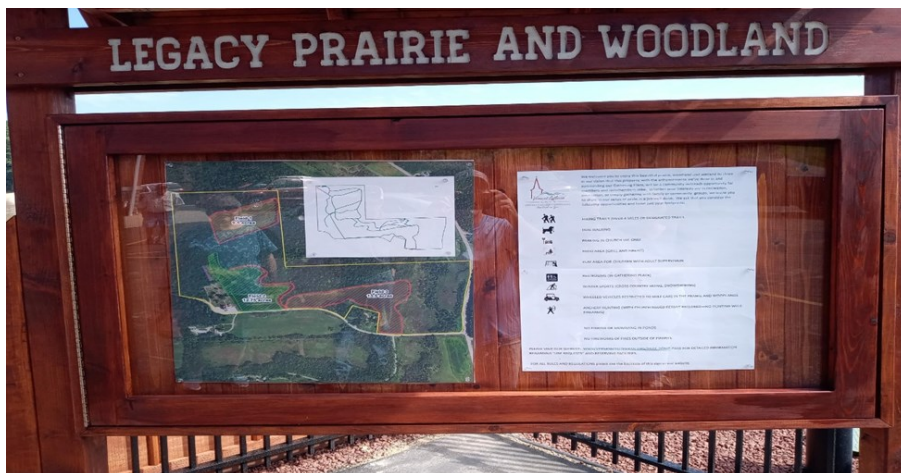


**The Finished Product!**

**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, so why not a small shelter with a table and a couple of benches to accommodate a picnic or snack?



**Dan Watts** shaped all the timbers, constructed the benches and table and used his handiwork to carve one of the benches – no, there are no Trout in the woods, but there are some in Vermont Creek!



**Bill Meddings** created a one-of-a-kind “Welcome” board that was placed at the Trail Head for the Legacy Prairie & Woodland, just off the patio area, with a map, brochures and “rules of the road.”

**What’s coming Up:**  
 There’s always something happening:  
 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:

- Vermont Township Annual Picnic – 4 – 7 PM Sunday, September 10th
- Fall Festival – 11 AM – 2 PM, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Blue Grass Worship Service – 9:30 AM, Sunday, November 12th

**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.



# NEWS



## PARADE

**Come and watch!**

**Sunday, September 10th, 2023 at noon in Mazomanie.**

<http://www.mazowildwestdays.com/home.html>

## Annual Town Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 10, 4–7 Pm

The Town Picnic will be at Vermont Lutheran Church on September 24th from 4–7 pm. Artemis Provisions will be providing pulled jerk pork Mac and cheese (buns also provided). Cress Springs will have blueberry bars for a dessert. Corey Matthew Hart will provide musical entertainment on guitar.

The newly established 117-acre prairie and woodland will be on display. There is a playground for the kids, and much more. All Vermonters are welcome. Come meet your neighbors.



Join us for the beginning of our Educational season on September 17th at 9:30 a.m.

- Sunday School children begin their lessons during the church service with their families and head down to Sunday School after the Children's Time portion of the service (Ages 4 to 5th grade)
- There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting after service. (grades 6th-8th or those who have not yet been confirmed)
- Lecture Series - Introduction to Biblical Theology will begin the following Sunday after service.

## NEWS (continued)

### 2023-24 MISSION PROJECT— SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION



### Help end hunger with a Milk Menagerie

The gift of a milk menagerie includes four milk-producing animals: two goats, a water buffalo and a quality-breed heifer. Families will also receive training on the animals' care. Your donation of a milk menagerie:

- Provides an abundance of milk to improve both nutrition and income
- Enriches crops with fertilizer, producing better yields
- Sustains farming by providing livestock to work the land
- Improves the lives of families for generations by Passing on the Gift

Gallon after gallon of precious milk will provide nourishment for hungry families. Extra milk can be sold, and the money allows families to afford health care and education for those who previously had no access to them. And as the families Pass on the Gift to others in need, this generous gift will provide a better life for generations to come.

#### What your gift provides:

- Milk
- Nutrition
- Steady, Dependable Income
- Passing on the Gift
- Fertilizer
- Women's Empowerment
- Self-Reliance

# NEWS (continued)

## MISSION TAKE-OUT LEFSE & MEATBALLS

Preparations for the 3rd annual Mission Take-Out (replacing the Lutefisk Dinner) is starting in September:

### PREP DAYS:

#### Potatoes:

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Lefse:

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Contact:

Janet Castle 833-7019



#### Meatballs:

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Gravy:

Saturday, October 14<sup>st</sup>  
Kris and Peter Antonie 767-2641



## EVENT DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>

### MISSION TAKE-OUT

10:30am-12pm

### HØST (Norwegian for FALL) FESTIVAL

Questions please call Church Admin 767-3312

11am—2pm

- Meatball Slider supplied by the church.
- Potluck Sides and desserts (bring your Norwegian cookies/rommegrot/lefse)
- Activities: Wagon Rides, Pumpkin Painting, Apple Bobbing, S'mores by the fire pit, Three Legged races and Giant Ball of Twine.

**Thank you! It takes a lot of us to make this day a success.**

**All times are listed on our website calendar.**

### Monthly Financial Report

August 2023

	Contributions			Operating Expenses		
	2023	2022	Change	2023	2022	Change
Monthly	\$ 8,191	\$ 5,875	\$ 2,316	\$ 12,438	\$ 9,949	\$ 2,489
YTD	\$ 96,017	\$ 83,405	\$ 12,612	\$ 115,881	\$ 94,468	\$ 21,413



**September 3**

Title: How Long?

Topic: All the bad things out there in the world

Habakkuk 1:104

Philipians 4:4-8

Mark 1:9-14

**September 10**

Title: So Grows The Kingdom

Topic: Spreading the gospel

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

Mark 4:2-9

**September 17**

Title: Rally Day

Topic: Rally Day

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

James 3: 13-18

Matthew 19:13-15

**September 24**

Title: Hiding in the Herd

Topic: Individuality

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 19: 11-27

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Noah	Grenlie	September 06
William	Hanson	September 06
Sharon	Lee	September 06
Craig	Mickelson	September 06
Koah	Orth	September 06
Jill	Dybdahl	September 08
Hazel	Klein	September 10
Julie	Schultz	September 10
Heidi	Lemke	September 12
Cody	Amble	September 13
Peter	Antonie	September 13
Kason	Thronson	September 13
Jennifer	Syrjamaki	September 15
Sawyer	Kennedy	September 16
Joel	Schultz	September 16
Susan	Meigs	September 19
Patricia	Herrling	September 20
Eric	Haugen	September 21
Karlee	Adler	September 22
Polly	Kawalek	September 22
Andrew	Donaldson	September 23
Debbie	Krebs	September 25
Laura	Winchip	September 28
Mike	Yaktus	September 28
Michelle	Danz	September 29
Jason	Myers	September 29
Joanne	Skalet	September 29



# Committee/Team Reports

## Missions Meeting Minutes, 8/24/23

Present: Klover Schafer and Rebecca Clancy

### I. Missions at Vermont Lutheran: Past and Present

Many Missions projects are a continuation of the Missions projects of the *Women of the ELCA* after it ended. These projects take place organically with no oversight from the Missions Team.

1. School kits, headed by Lavonne Classon
2. Quilts, headed by Tee Parrell and Laura Winchip
3. Veterans Assistance, headed by Sharon Lee and Joan Skalet

There is a Missions line in the congregational budget, which in the past has been augmented by the fundraising Lutefisk Supper, which has been replaced by the fundraising Meatball Supper. The recipients are determined by Council.

The Endowment Funds provides for Missions. The recipients are determined by the Endowment Fund Committee.

There are Missions Projects during Advent and Lent. The lenten project normally involves the food pantries in Mazomanie.

Missions provides scholarships for Bible camp.

Missions is also responsive to local and international disasters.

A new Missions project has been inaugurated -- Change for Change -- in which the Confirmands will solicit loose change from the congregation in order to purchase a "Milk Menagerie" from Heifer International.

Going forward:

1. Create a Missions Statement which defines what Missions is.
2. Recruit members for the Missions Team.
3. Investigate the ELCA for Missions involvement and opportunities.
4. Set a date for the next meeting.

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## Vermont Lutheran Church

Visibility/Marketing Team

Notes from Committee Meeting August 31, 2023

Attending: Peter Antonie, Jill Dybdahl, Jane Hansen, Polly Kawalek, Bill Meddings, Tracy Yaktus, Larry Ziemer, and Pastor Rebecca Clancy.

Meeting chaired and agenda provided by Bill Meddings.

Welcome to new committee member, Tracy Yaktus.

**Review** of July 27 meeting – discussion of picnic results.

**Grant proposal** – "Kingdom Advancing Grants" from insurance company Brotherhood Mutual. We requested \$15,000 for prairie and woodland development signage and further communication initiatives (website).

The grant application process focused our thinking to create a comprehensive plan for the signage. This plan has been executed with other sources of funding/generosity.

Website development discussion is ongoing. Bill Meddings to discuss further with Jeff Dickinson and Greg Herrling.

We did not receive a grant from Brotherhood Mutual this year and were encouraged to apply again next year.

Calendar of events for remainder of 2023. Discussion of communication strategies and visibility enhancements for each event.

**Mazo Wild West Days** – 9/10

VLC presence in the parade – truck with banner, golf carts. Potential deployment of poster board or better quality paper for golf cart signage.

*Frisbees* for distribution at the parade (instead of candy) – provided by Bill.

*Idea* to create a post card inviting people to VLC. Cards will be distributed along the parade route. Tracy

## Committee/Team Reports (continued)

and Polly to create content, relying on Liz's considerable skills with publisher software to design and print.

### **Town of Vermont picnic at VLC – 9/10**

Vermont-engaged caterer is self-sufficient, responsible for set up, food service, and clean up. Brigham Park was site for last year's picnic, demonstrated the effectiveness of their approach. Some VLC members plan to provide welcome and guided tours of the trails.

### **Rally Day – 9/17**

Launch of Sunday School and confirmation classes. Pastor Rebecca and Jill planning discussion content for parents. Student service initiative outlined ("Change for change")

Communication – Jill provided a framework of all communication outlets used by VLC. Discussion of announcements for each and timing. Content to be developed with particulars from Pastor Rebecca, Tracy and Polly to follow up.

Source baseball caps with VLC logo to give to students. Education fund potential source of funding. Polly to follow up.

### **Lecture Series with Pastor Rebecca– 9/24 "Introduction to Biblical Theology"**

10:45 in the Gathering Place. Second and fourth Sundays.

First and second lectures build the foundation, introducing the fundamental concepts of theological study that enable deeper understanding as the lectures continue.

Communication to be developed with particulars from Pastor Rebecca. Tracy to follow up. All communication outlets to be engaged.

Will ask for sign ups/RSVP.

### **Høst Festival – 10/21**

Coincides with Meatball and Lefse pick up.

Festival events include hay wagon ride, pumpkin collection (stashed along wagon route), pumpkin painting.

Church will provide meatball sandwiches, with gravy. People will be asked to bring food to share, "covered dish to pass".

Sign up for types of food to bring – appetizers, desserts, etc.

### **Deer Hunters' Meeting and Potluck – 11/19**

Bill volunteered to develop communication content for this event.

*Idea* for a special premium for this event, first aid kit with VLC logo. Bill to follow up.

### **General Discussion of VLC lists of contacts and how to reach as many people as possible for our communications. The virtue of 'send all', for maximum outreach and those not interested can skip.**

### **Promotional Items for 'engagement and outreach'**

Bill and Polly made first contact with Julie Dittberner at Top Promotions in Middleton. Company recently returned to original ownership.

Discussion of a potential framework for "what kinds of items to have"

Low cost, useful household items with VLC logo (key chains, letter opener, chip clips) for outreach and events. Free to recipients, specific items and funding to be discussed.

New member welcome collection – tote bag, pen, notebook with VLC logo. Free to recipients, specific items and funding to be discussed.

More substantial items for purchase, like nice apparel with embroidered logo.

Pilot program to source shirts for Council and Call Committee (and Pastor Rebecca). Immediate next steps getting their sizes and color preferences, placing order. Will discuss with Liz so order comes from VLC, Bill and Polly to fund.

First draft needed to choose what items to feature to congregation and specific process to place a monthly order. Polly will work with Julie to develop, review with Bill, and send to committee in advance of next meeting.

### **Lead Agenda Item for Next Meeting – Schedule and Use of VLC facilities**

Bill will distribute materials already developed (how to schedule and price list)

Discussion to provide a thoughtful examination and update of assumptions regarding weddings, retreats, use of golf carts, other kinds of events.

Objective – first draft of recommended approach to review with Council.

Desired outcome – encourage engagement with targeted constituencies (identifying who those are) while articulating desired limits to preserve member access, serene setting, and not booking every Saturday in wedding season (as an example).

### **Next Meeting – Sept. 28, beginning at 9:30.**

Please note – all steps outlined above assume those following up will prepare content and forward to Liz.

Bill, thank you for your kindness in providing lunch today. Will bring something baked and delicious from Clausen's for next meeting to accompany coffee.

# Synod



## "This is How We Die" - LFCNA Series

In September, the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association will be offering a series entitled *This is How We Die*.



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ent content from Barbara Karnes's DVD series *This is* dialogue and reflection. Barbara Karnes is a well-known hospice pioneer and advocate. **This course** **community Nurses, chaplains, rostered leaders, and** **to learn more about how to accompany others** **d of life.**

Click [here](#) for an button below to register or

out the series, including a course outline. Click the



## Faith+Lead

**Did you know?** Faith+Lead, a ministry of Luther Seminary, offers a wide variety of resources and learning opportunities not only for rostered ministers, but congregational members and anyone seeking to expand their spiritual horizons. **Many courses are on-demand, meaning you can take them when your schedule allows.**

Here are just a few of the resources you can find on Faith+Lead:

- A blog with spiritual practices, congregations sharing experiments, and theological reflection
- E-books
- Coaching
- Learning communities, and
- Both live and on-demand courses

Click the button below to visit the **Faith+Lead website** and view these and other resources designed to deepen your spiritual life and connect you to others who are engaging in questions about faith, life, and the changing church.



Greetings Vermont Lutheran Congregation from Larry Z

This is a note to let you know that I have volunteered to be the Vermont Church contact for LUAD! What the heck is LUADs you ask? Is this another new International Golf Organization? Or is this another Racing Group that Larry has joined? No, LUAD is Lutherans United Assisting after Disaster! You may have seen information about it in the past. It covers our South Central Wi Synod consisting of 142 Congregations in 12 Counties. It is available to be of assistance in the event of a disaster or help is required within those borders. Their most recent major assistance was during the very local Big Flood of 2018. My role as representative is to attend ZOOM Council meetings via ZOOM, AND request a list of names from our Congregation that I can contact for availability to assist in the event of a LUAD need. My contact is [larziem@gmail.com](mailto:larziem@gmail.com). Please feel free to read more about LUAD at it's website at [LUAD.org](http://LUAD.org). Liz has also provided some organization information. Thank You! Larry

SEE THE NEXT PAGE

## An Invitation from LUAD



Did you know? **The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin has a local disaster relief organization called LUAD – Lutherans United Assisting after Disaster.** Disasters come in many forms in our part of the world: tornados, fires, and flooding. Assistance

through LUAD is available to anyone connected to our synod.

**When disaster strikes, LUAD works with local emergency offices to connect relief workers and aid to those who need it most.** We are grateful that our services have not been required on a large scale for many years, but stand at the ready for when or if the time comes. In recent years we were able to assist congregations during the pandemic and provided financial support to a family who experienced a house fire just days before Christmas. You can learn more about LUAD and sign up to receive the quarterly newsletter [here](#).

**Now, the invitation:**

**The LUAD team would love to visit and share more about the work we do and invite members of your congregation or ministry site to be a part of the LUAD network of volunteers.**

**If you would like to invite a LUAD team member to share more about this important ministry, please email [info@luad.org](mailto:info@luad.org).** We look forward to meeting you and spreading the word about our life-giving and life-changing work.

## Synod News

### Visit to Our Companion Synod in India

**The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is blessed to have the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (NELC) in India as our Companion Synod.** The NELC is a multi-lingual Lutheran Christian church that is centered mainly in four states of North India. Click [here](#) to learn more about the NELC.



**Next year, Bishop Joy and others from the SCSW Office of the Bishop will be traveling to India to visit the NELC and share in their ministry.** If you would like to be considered for this trip, please click the button below and complete the form including your name, congregation, and a short narrative section, **by no later than August 18, 2023.**



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*Deadline to register is Friday, October 27, 2023, in order to send materials to you one week prior to the experience.*

## Lutheran Social Services



As the sun shines brightly upon us this summer, we are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment to the individuals and families we serve. You are making a difference! Your generosity continues to reduce stigma, remove barriers and restore hope. We appreciate your partnership.

### Because of You, Recovery is Possible

At a 3-month follow-up appointment at one of LSS's Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment facilities, Ken reported that he was working full-time, living in his own apartment, attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings twice per week, and had recently been awarded limited supervised visits with his children. His recovery was on track. He knows he has a long road ahead, but he is pleased with how far he has come.



Ken was referred to LSS through the Department of Corrections. He had a history of methamphetamine and marijuana use, homelessness, unemployment, and criminal behavior. Upon admission, Ken wasn't sure he was ready to work on recovery, but he decided it was in his best interest to stay. Within a few weeks, Ken said he did feel ready to work toward sobriety. He was an active participant in group sessions and completed all his assignments thoroughly. During his stay, he received 14 rewards for displaying positive role modeling.

Ken had no family support or contact with his children for years before his treatment. He desperately wanted to reconnect with his kids, but he knew it was important to "fix himself" first. He was motivated to complete an after care plan with clinical support where he displayed an understanding of the treatment received, including tools acquired during treatment.



Ken says being awarded limited supervision with his children is a powerful incentive to stay clean and out of trouble.

***Thank you for joining us in the belief that Ken and everyone with similar challenges are people of infinite worth. Your support builds their resilience and empowers them to rise above their challenges and chart a course to a bright future.***

# Sugar Creek Camp



**SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP**  
**2023 FALL CRAFT RETREAT**  
 Sept 28-Oct 1

Relax and enjoy time away at Sugar Creek Bible Camp!

Whatever your craft, you'll enjoy time and space to get it done. Bring your own projects and supplies, for a weekend of friends, faith, and phenomenal crafting.

Cost includes lodging, meals and work space.  
**Thursday - Sunday: \$250**  
**Friday - Sunday: \$225**

contact us to register  
 13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd  
 Ferryville, WI 54628  
 608-734-3113  
 office@sugarcreek.org  
 SugarCreekBibleCamp.org





2024 Dates: February 8-11 and October 3-6



**Branson, MO Christmas Shows Bus Trip**

Sugar Creek Bible Camp  
 November 6-10, 2023  
 spots still available

Call the camp office at 608-734-3113 to reserve your spot!

**SCBC 2023 Bus Trips**

**November 3** Fireside Dinner Theater "Scrooge the Musical"

**November 6-10** Branson, MO Christmas Shows




**QUILT AUCTION AND FALL FESTIVAL**

Quilt and Antique Auction, 5K Fun Run & Walk, Country Store, Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts Fair, Pulled Pork Lunch, Homemade Pies, Fun for Everyone!

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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.

**October Newsletter  
articles are due  
September 28th**

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