

# Stillwater Free Lutheran Church

## Ripples

### “Sharing Jesus Christ with Our Neighbors”

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*“Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it: and my body I recommend to the earth...nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mercy and power of God.”*

*John Hancock – Signer of the Declaration of Independence*

# “ The Fourth of July Celebration”

“On July 3, 1776, following the signing of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams wrote to his wife, reflecting on what he had shared in Congress concerning the importance of that day:

*The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward and forever.*

*You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means; that posterity will triumph in that day's transaction, even though we [may regret] it, which I trust in God we shall not.”*

“...having no hope and without God in the world.” -Ephesians 2:12

“In August 1984, Ronald Reagan spoke to an ecumenical prayer breakfast in Dallas, Texas, and stated:

*We establish no religion in this country, nor will we ever. We command no worship. We mandate no belief. But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief. All are free to believe or not believe; all are free to practice a faith or not. But those who believe must be free to speak of and act on their belief, to apply moral teaching to public questions.*

*I submit to you that the tolerant society is open to and encouraging of all religions. And this does not weaken us; it strengthens us...*

*Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, We're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”*

“In God we STILL Trust” - Dr. Richard G. Lee

# Free Flyers Youth Group

*The Free Flyers are committed to serve the community through our strength in Jesus Christ.*

## Summer Youth Calendar

*July 2nd-9th – FLY convention in Estes Park, Colorado*

*July 12th (Wed.) – Youth group 6 – 7:30*

*July 26th (Wed.) – Youth group 6 – 7:30*

*July 31st- Aug. 4th – VBS @ church 9:00-12:00, always need volunteers!*

*Aug. 2nd (Wed.) – Youth group with VBS team. Afternoon through evening, details to be announced.*

*Aug. 23rd (Wed.) – Youth group 6 – 7:30*





## *Youth & Afterschool News*

We are still in need of after school volunteers to help the after school facilitator. You can find the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church or talk to me. Even if you can only come in certain days, it would be much appreciated!

Speaking of the facilitator position, it is a part time (18-25) hours per week, roughly 2:30-6:30, Monday through Friday. We are looking for someone who enjoys children, and can participate in activities with them. Questions please contact Danny.

Pray for Me Campaign update: Thanks for all our prayer champions! We hope to bridge the gap in generations with this amazing prayer time for our youth. Your prayers through the summer and all of the school year DO make a difference!

As you read this be in prayer for the FLY convention and travel. We have 6 youth going this year. We will be leaving July 2nd to Estes Park, Colorado, returning on July 9th.

VBS reminder: We can use some youth to volunteer for VBS. It is a great chance to show your leadership skills and have fun with the kids. VBS starts on July 31st @ 9am. On Wednesday of that week will be going paintballing and maybe hiking or swimming with the team from AFLBS, make sure you can be there for that!

Questions or concerns please contact Danny @ 261-8004



*June 15<sup>th</sup>*

Elaine opened with devotions from Our Daily Bread titled “The Bond of Peace.” We had 6 ladies present for the meeting. Sherri led us in bible study; lesson 6 titled “Joyful Acts.” We have \$98.00 in the bank. After the meeting Heather and Carol served a delicious lunch. Thank Heather for opening your home for us.

There will be a sign-up sheet posted pertaining to our picnic on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you, Darryl and Rose Askvig, for housing our 4 students that will be leading our Vacation Bible School this year. Again, a BIG thank you! We still need volunteers for Bible School helpers; there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A Ladies Retreat is being planned for September again this year. We don’t have a location yet, date and place will be announced soon.

Volunteers are still needed for the after school program starting at the end of August. Please, even if you can only help out one day a week or month, sign up or talk to Danny. Every little bit helps!

Our July meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the church with Linda McGrew as host and Nicole Jorgenson as co-host. Bonnie will lead our bible study, lesson 7 titled “Encouraging Acts,” and Elaine will have devotions.

Please continue to pray for all our ladies and men who are having health issues.

~ Elaine Lessor

Secretary

**O** LORD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the kingdoms, empires and governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved bands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honroable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony, and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

—The First Prayer offered in Congress,  
September 7, 1774 by Jacob Duche

## *Building Committee Report*

The major topic for suggestion at the June 25 committee meeting will be the new drain field/septic system and related costs. Reference Stephanie's memo on this subject dated May 25. There are other related documents available for anyone interested in reviewing them (i.e. DEQ, Perc Test, etc.) Contact any member of the committee for more information.

We are also hoping Miles will be able to present the bids for drilling the new well. He has received the bid from Allwest Drilling which is \$ 27,416, but is still waiting to hear from Glazier and Liss Drilling Companies.

Please keep the building and committee in your prayers!

-Ed



Way to go 2017 High School Graduates!!

David Bruyer (Askvig)

Silas Schwarz

Will Tutvedt

Francis Saenz

Seth Howard



# Book report

## *Humility by Andrew Murray*

A month ago I was given a small book called Humility, written by Andrew Murray. This book has changed my life and is a companion to my study of the Bible.

Andrew Murray was born in South Africa in 1828. He was educated in Scotland and Holland and returned to South Africa as a pastor and missionary. He became a staunch advocate of biblical Christianity and authored many books and devotionals.

The book begins with a quote from Susan Nickaido (editor of the Discipleship Journal). She states, "There are very few books that belong in every believers library, Humility is one of them. This book is to be underlined, meditated on, quoted, prayed over and read again and again."

Though Murray's writing I came to understand that humility can only come from God. As we ask God to draw us closer to His will, we begin to understand. "Jesus' humility became our salvation; His salvation is our humility." My eyes were opened to my nothingness compared to God's sacrifice. "He humbled Himself and became obedient to death." Philippians 2:8.

As Murray writes, "There is so little of the meek and lowly 'Lamb of God' in those that are called by His name. Let us consider how our lack of love, indifference to the needs and feelings of others, even sharp comments and hasty judgements (that are often excused as being honest and straightforward) are thwarting the influence of the Holy Spirit on others." Murray goes on to say, "...temper, touchiness, irritation, etc.... have their roots in nothing but pride. The root of all virtue and grace, of all faith and acceptable worship, is that we know that we have nothing but what we receive, and bow in deep humility to wait upon God for it."

TS Elliot said, "Humility is the most difficult of virtues to achieve; nothing dies harder than to think well of one's self." You can order Humility as well as other books by Andrew Murray on Amazon.com

- Neila Elgin



Joy unspeakable

Faith unsinkable

Love unstoppable

Thank you Stillwater for your prayers for Serious JuJu!

Testimonies there were shared when we met for our Spring Fling on May 21<sup>st</sup>. This is an opportunity for our church to be Jesus' hands and feet!

Thank you Sherri, Linda H, Dan, Sharon, Sierra, Gretchen, Nate, Vickie, Pastor Craig, Ed, Tom & Linda Lund, Bonnie, Carol and Neila. Time well spent!!

Again, thanks Stillwater family for your ongoing support for Serious JuJu.

Love & God Bless

Lavonne West



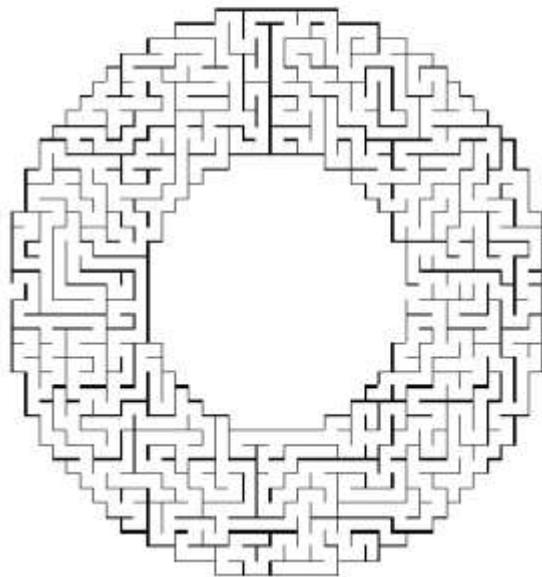
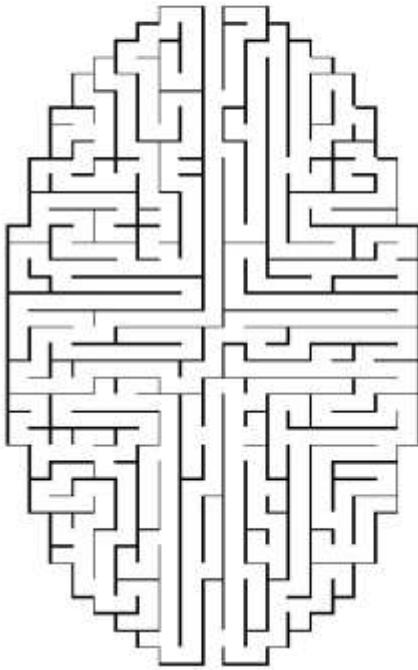
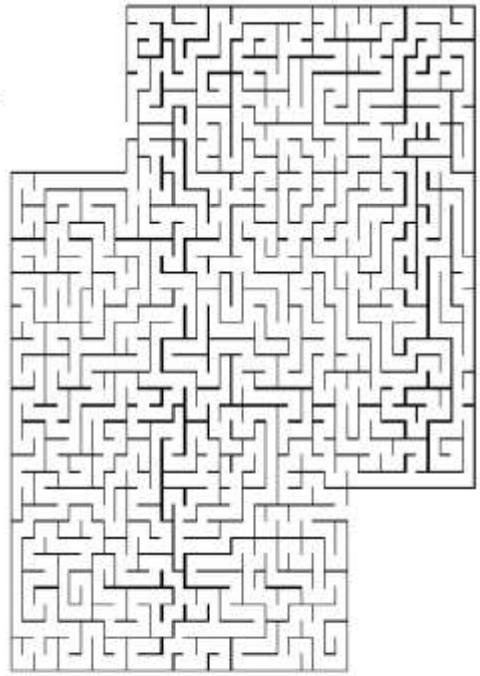
## Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic is on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> this year. Friday evening the pork will be prepped and put in the pit to cook overnight. We will be having a bicycle race in the morning Saturday followed by kid's activities and the closing ceremony of our week at VBS. In the afternoon there will be a BBQ with pulled pork sandwiches, salads, baked beans and chips. There is a sign-up for food in the narthex of the church, so please volunteer to bring some food. Also, while you are in the volunteering mood, please sign-up to bring a pie (or a few!) to auction or create a themed basket for a raffle. All proceeds from the picnic will go towards our new building!



## Fourth of July Maze

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.



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