

Ripples

Stillwater Free Lutheran Church

“Sharing Jesus Christ with Our Neighbors”

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June



Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:3-4 NIV

From the Pastor

During the last month or so, there seems to have been a lot of chaos, that we have seemed to handle all by ourselves.

Worship services were conducted in an empty Sanctuary, and then uploaded to the internet, so people could worship virtually. But it just wasn't the same! Talking to an empty church seemed cold and lifeless.

The Deacons and staff were kept busy keeping tabs on the congregation, but it too didn't feel quite right. We had times of prayer and talked about life's issues, but there seemed to be something missing.

For most, staying home became burdensome, and especially for those with children, adding the task of schoolwork to the stress of not working. All this brought a lot of us to the point of screaming, and some of us even took the opportunity to just let loose – after all, no one was in the sanctuary!

With the state moving into phase 2 of opening, and a lot of the restrictions lifted, I want to take this time to point out a short verse of Scripture, that we all know, but we should be clinging to in times like what we have just been through, especially with the threat of it all returning in the fall!

Paul says: We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 Corinthians 4:18

As we go through uncertain times, my reminder to you is to look to Jesus, and our Blessed Hope – our Salvation and life eternal with Him!

It is easy to get cough up in the issues of the daily grind – but Paul points out that this is only temporary! It will indeed pass!

So, we focus on what we know is awaiting us – a glorious home in heaven. A place where God Himself will wipe away every tear, and there is no more death, or sorrow, or pain or crying! Because the former things have passed away – the new has come!

As we step into the summer, and the new things that it offers, as well as the new things the pandemic has brought – lets keep our focus on Jesus – the Author and finisher of our faith!

God bless you all – and Happy June!
Pastor Craig

Building Committee Report

Other than the rain setting things back a few days construction of the North, South and East additions has been coming along as expected. Since Phase Two is a shell only we are reviewing with our contractor Matt Lee what can be finished with the interior assuming funds are available. For example, we are looking at the cost to finish the bathrooms and of course the bathrooms are not useful until we have a new septic system. Currently we are awaiting three bids for constructing the new sand mound drain field septic system. Another option is to have volunteers frame and finish the classrooms. Once we have all this information the building committee will meet to review it and make recommendations to the council and congregation. Ken West has completed laying the floor in the activity center. Thanks, Ken for a job well done! As previously reported fundraising is still a major focus for us to continue moving forward with the project. Your prayers and support are extremely important as we know without a doubt God will continue to bless us in ways we can only imagine.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Van Scoten

Committee:

Ed Van Scoten, Chairman

Sharon Wilhelm, Recorder

Rick Martinez, Volunteer Coordinator

Lindsey Erickson

Shelby Switzer

David Tutvedt

Ken West

Danny Wilhelm

We would like to go as digital as we can! If you are not already receiving this newsletter via email, and are willing to go digital too, please contact Nicolz at the church!



Women's Missionary Federation

13 women met on May 21st at the church. Gayle began the meeting at 10:15 with a presentation from Sherri on Brent and Emily Raan. They are in the United States now on furlough and are trying to do their fundraising to return to Africa. They started out their missionary journey years ago in India, but because of the dangers there to them they were sent back home. Then they were sent to Africa and have been serving there since, besides the furloughs. When they are able to return, they will not go back to Jinja, but will be located in a different place in Africa. You can see their video testimony at <https://youtu.be/bPutRhHNmGA>.

There was no meeting last month, so no minutes were read. Linda McGrew gave the treasurer's report. We have \$211.76 in the bank and we discussed giving \$20 to AFLC Christian Ed for April, May's donations go to the General Fund.

Nicole is collecting your recipes for the church cookbook. Please bring them to the office or contact her about entering your recipes online. We need at least 100 and so far, we have 15.

There will be cake and coffee on June 7th after the confirmation service. Boe Tutvedt, Tristen Jorgenson and Justin Timlick are this year's confirmands. On June 14th our high school graduates will be presented with the quilts that our awesome quilters created for them. Our seniors are Nate Tutvedt, Kallie Brubaker and Allee Meyer.

A baby shower for Jessi Wisner will be planned later in the summer. Our next meeting will be on June 18th at 10:00 am at Heather Meyer's house. Karen Van Scoten will present on a missionary family.

Gayle led us through our bible study, and everyone shared prayer requests. Sherri gave an excellent prayer. Lunch was provided by Nicole and dessert by Gayle.

Submitted by Nicole

Free Flyers Youth Group

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

Happy June everyone, though Rachel and I have not lived here a full year yet, we have figured out that this was most likely the original spot where Noah built his ark and floated around for forty days and nights, with the way it has not stopped raining the past three weeks (not quite scientifically proven yet), but nonetheless, praise the Lord for the weather still warming up, and all the blessings He has provided us. The rain obviously has not been that bad, and is also a reminder that the Lord always gives us hope, at least it's not snow, so no matter what or how hard it is to hear, we always have something to be thankful for. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We can't control anything here on earth, no matter how hard we try, we serve the kind of God who is omniscient and limitless, God could staple water to a tree if He wanted to (not very practical), but we never have to be anxious when we serve a Savior who has overcome every obstacle we've ever faced. So let us always remember who is ultimately in control and who has the ultimate blessing waiting for us beyond the physical grave, and let's take a look at how He has blessed our youth ministries.

Youth group has picked up once again, praise the Lord, following social distancing rules of course, staying six feet from each other, but with how the youth room sometimes smells when we are done, we've always tried to practice that. After posting lessons on YouTube or only meeting on the GoTo meeting app for all of April, it was so uplifting to return to youth group on May 6th and just be able to talk in person and throw things at each other during game time without a computer screen stopping us. We had actual, live youth group the whole month of May minus one week we weren't able to meet in person and just did another computer meeting, but we averaged an attendance of seven and have continued to study our curriculum of Journey Through the New Testament. June 3rd will be our last week of "normal" youth group before we get into our summer schedule, which will consist of twice a month meetings or so with different activities of hiking, swimming, paintballing, maybe mowing our lawn at home, and a Bible study to accompany it. Young adults Bible study will be just like youth group in terms of the summer schedule, meeting once or twice a month as a group and just fellowshiping and learning more about our awesome God. High School Sunday school is still wrapped up for the summer, but we are looking forward

to adding three young men next year that are being confirmed on the 7th, so now that I put this in the newsletter, they have to attend Sunday school next year, hallelujah! As always, if you have any questions (or concerns) I would love to answer them as best as I can and am always here as a brother in Christ for whoever may need it.

As summer comes, I hope, let us not forget to pray for our youth, but also all of our ministries and staff here at Stillwater, we are truly so lucky to live in a place where we can still openly praise and worship Him. So, I pray we don't take that blessing for granted and continue to serve him, have a great June everybody!

God Bless,

Bryce Timmerman



STILLWATER VBS

JULY 20TH -24TH

AFLBS is not sending out teams this year, the Christian Ed Board will meet in the next couple weeks to make a plan for VBS this summer. Details coming soon!

Please pray for the VBS teams for the summer. We usually pray for them while they travel, but since the government restrictions have prevented them from joining us, they won't get that opportunity.



There really are no words to express how blessed we were last Sunday with the "drive by good wishes" and the box with the collection of delicious treats and inspirational ~~CD's~~ C.D.'s. Each item was so appreciated! We wish to thank every one who was involved, and, especially Sue Shea who came up with the clever idea and made it happen. Our neighbors certainly were impressed. What a way to share Jesus Christ with our neighbors! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless each and every one of you!

Larry & Joyce

June 21st

Happy
Father's
Day

Feeding the Flathead

Memorial Day we served 55 cheeseburgers out of Central Christian Church in Kalispell to grateful and wonderful folks. Along with the burgers we had some fabulous cooks make potato salad. Thank you to July H., Elaine L., and Juanita H.

Also, much thanks to Gayle L. and Darlene A., the cookies and treats were wonderful to add to the to-go trays. Thank you, Sherri for helping to organize.

I couldn't have served this meal without the help of Judy H. and Vicki W. on
Monday evening,

We scooped salad, watermelon and made up the trays with burgers. Kalispell Kreamery has been donating 2 gallons of their wonderful whole milk, so we filled cups for them as well.

The two previous months we made turkey sandwiches to go with fruit and snacks. It appears likely we will continue with serving this way for the next 2 months or so, with grab and go bags.

Donations needed would be whole turkey breasts (cooked) from Costco, sandwich bread, apples or oranges and other snack items to include in the bags. We serve 50.

Serving in Jesus's name,
with love from Lori and Susan

Prayers for June

Please take this home and use it all week long.

"Whatever you ask in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matt 21:22

Church Work & Ministry

Sharing Jesus Christ with our
Neighbors
Building Project and Committee
Church Leaders & Staff
Stillwater Men's Group
Serious JuJu
WMF
Stillwater Youth Group
Feeding the Flathead
Before/After School Program
Worship Team

General Prayers

Marriages and Families
Our Country and Leaders
Workers in the Harvest Field
Hannah Watson – Missionary
Crystal (Lessor)

Military

David Askvig (Bruyer)
Evan Groder
Issac Saenz
Katherine Elgin
Aaron Burns
Andrew West
Gauge Triplett

Health Concerns

Jean & Al Pittman
Sue (Herset)
Sylvan Herset
Eric (Cartwright)
Justin Latta (Herset)
Tanner Hopsen (Elgin)
Joyce Banzet
Britton Morin (Stahlberg)
Maverick Bench (Jorgenson)
Jeremy Hartle
Steve Fetveit
Greg Comer
Cindy Houtonen (Jorgenson)
Jimmy Poe
Wayne Floan
Olivia
Jim Meyer
John Cluba (Shea)
Frank Cluba (Shea)
Bonnie Upton
Kelly
Maureen
Bob Cartwright



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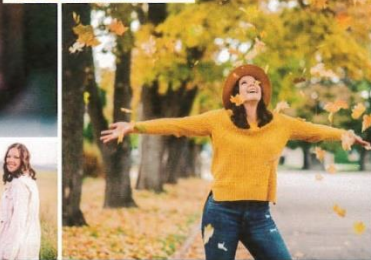
*I can do all things
in Christ who
strengthens me*

2020 GRADUATE

ALLEE MEYER

Glacier High School

May 30, 2020



Graduating



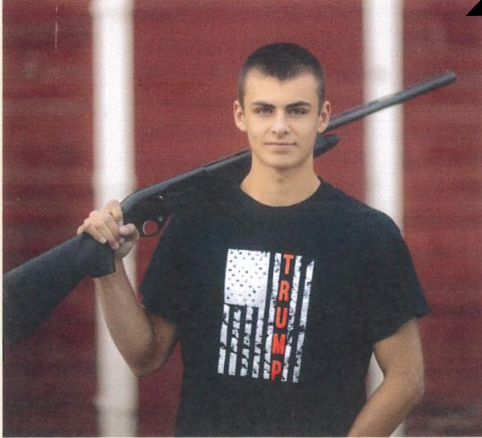
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**Kali Irene
Brubaker**

Whitefish High School 2020



Class of 2020!



Nate is planning to attend FVCC for 2 years and then, transfer to MSU-Bozeman. Nate has been passionate about the outdoors since he was a young boy. His love of waterfowl and big game hunting, shed hunting and videography sparked him and his brother to create the YouTube channel, "Coulee".

Nate's GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE will be Friday, June 5, from 5:00-8:00. We recognize that this is an unprecedented time due to Covid-19 concerns. If you are uncomfortable attending, we understand.
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