



# “The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

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Last week I attended a joint conference meeting at Shetek Lutheran Bible camp, with pastors from our own conference, the Prairie conference, and pastors from the Shetek Conference. While there, we had an amazing guest speaker by the name of Paul Hill. Paul, together with a man named Dr. Jacob Sorenson, run an organization called *Effective Camp Research Project*. They just completed one of the first major research projects on the positive effects of Bible Camp for youth, and what they have concluded in their reports shows why Bible camp is such a valuable experience for our youth.

For this month’s visitor article, I am going to provide you with the executive summary of their findings so that you can see for yourself some of the wonderful benefits of Bible camp. I hope that it inspires you to sign up for a camp this summer, or in the future. And just as a reminder, Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church provides camperships to all those wishing to go to a Bible camp. If your youth is interested in going to camp, please don’t let cost stop you.

If you have any questions regarding camp, or camperships, please don’t hesitate to contact the church office, or Pastor Levi, or our Youth Coordinator, Amber Groen.

If you would like to read more on the findings of this research project, please visit their website at: <https://www.vibrantfaith.org/effectivecamp/>

Peace, Pastor Levi

## *Dates to Remember...*

6/8 – WELCA Monthly Mtg.– “Classic Christian Woman”

6/9 & 6/10 – Synod Assembly

6/14 – Council at Large

6/18 through 6/23 – Pastor at Family Camp

6/24 through 6/28 – Vacation Bible School 5p-7:30p

6/28 – 6p Meal and 7p Worship



## Effective Camp Research Project, Phase 1: Executive Summary

Jacob Sorenson, PhD

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The Effective Camp Research Project set out to answer: *What is the impact of the one-week summer camp experience on the lives of the primary participants and their supporting networks?* Phase 1 of the project explored this question by examining a cohort of three camps in Wisconsin affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (“Wapo”), and Lutherdale Bible Camp. The project used the methodology of *grounded theory*. Data were gathered from 11-14 year-old camp participants, their parents, summer staff members, camp directors, church professionals who were visiting camp, and direct observation during site visits.

### Positive Impacts of Camp

*I have a different child after just one week of camp!* – Sugar Creek parent

The major finding of this study is: *The Christian summer camp experience directly impacted the participants in empirically recognizable ways, and these impacts extended to their supporting networks.* This finding was clear across all data sources and all three camps. Participants experienced real and identifiable changes that were interpreted in overwhelmingly positive terms. There is evidence that these changes continued after the camp experience. The impacts varied in degree and type, indicating that camp does not have a single determinative outcome but rather a set of potential impacts. It is misleading and erroneous to say that the camp experience causes change. Camp is not a magic formula. The data show, rather, that the camp model, when faithfully practiced, opens the possibility for change in individuals and their supporting networks. The degree and duration of the impacts are unique to the individual participants and are largely dependent on their specific life circumstances. The potential impacts are directly related to the five fundamental characteristics of the camp experience.

### 5 Fundamental Characteristics of Camp

The data suggest that the positive impacts of camp result from a dynamic interplay of five characteristics that can be considered fundamental to the camp model of these three camps. It is notable that a breakdown in one of the five characteristics seems to constitute a breakdown in the model itself, leading to interpretation of the experience as negative or even harmful. These five characteristics have no set order, and they manifest differently in various contexts. The camp model may look very different from camp to camp, from week to week at the same camp, and even from person to person within a single camp group. Context and individual experiences matter. There is tremendous and almost unshakeable buy-in to the camp model among the camp faithful who have witnessed or experienced the impacts. There is also a clear preference for the specific way an individual experienced the camp model. This can lead to a narrow view of what qualifies as camp or the notion that a specific camp is better than all others. These data counter that claim, instead suggesting a highly adaptive model that functions in a space where all five characteristics are present.

### **1) Camp is Relational**

*We're all so different, but we all came together and it was a puzzle that fit perfectly together. – Lutherdale camper*

The entire camp experience is framed in an intensely relational environment that includes living together, meeting new people, practicing reconciliation, and encountering the other in face-to-face interaction. The potential impacts of this characteristic include improved social competency, increased self-confidence, and more positive attitudes toward Christian communities.

### **2) Camp is Participatory**

*They're teaching us without us knowing that we're being taught! – Sugar Creek camper*

The camp environment emphasizes experience and agency. Participants learn and grow through active, kinesthetic activities. These experiences are multi-sensory and often include new or novel experiences (especially in the outdoors) that participants characterize as fun. Participants even characterized the absence of technological devices as a positive aspect of camp that facilitated participatory encounter. The potential impacts of this characteristic include willingness to try new things, increased creativity, and more positive attitudes toward life.

### **3) Camp is Different from Home**

*Once you actually get away from your life, you can see a whole different angle, and it can be a lot more fun and exciting. – Lutherdale camper*

Camp exists in a set apart location that provides physical and emotional distance from environments that participants consider normal. The differences highlight the special nature of the camp environment and provide perspective on the places participants left behind and to which they will return. The potential impacts of this characteristic include increased independence and differentiation from parents.

### **4) Camp is a Safe Space**

*The whole camp is like a huge safe zone. – Wapo camper*

The strong sense of safety at camp includes physical safety, but there is a special emphasis on emotional safety. Participants described camp as a place where they could be themselves without fear of judgment or ridicule. The potential impacts of this characteristic that manifest themselves in the data include more positive self-understanding, increased self-esteem, and a desire to seek out safe places and relationships.

### **5) Camp is Faith-Centered**

*Each time you go to camp, you run another mile in your race of faith! – Wapo camper*

Faith teachings and practices are not peripheral or intermittent aspects of the camp experience but rather are experienced as intertwined in all other characteristics. The potential impacts of this characteristic include increased frequency of faith practices in the home, stronger identification with faith traditions, and ability to interpret life through the lens of faith.

**For April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>:**  
**Gifts/Offerings received:** \$13,227.25  
**Distributions:** \$19,406.58



**Driver Information** - If you need a ride to church for Sunday morning services, please call the church office at 223-5528 by Friday noon prior to the Sunday for making arrangements.

### *Communion Services*



#### **Tuesday, 6/13/17**

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Court Chapel  
 12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sylvan Place  
 2:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Sunset Assisted Living  
 3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at  
Twinwood A and Twinwood B

#### **Wednesday, 6/14/17**

1:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion in  
Our Saviour's Chapel

**Daybreak Bible Study for Men**

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. at the Kornerstone Bakery

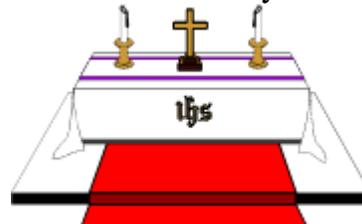
**Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times**

Phoebe- 6/6 – 7:00 p.m. – Carol Kopperud's  
 Elizabeth-6/13 – 9:00 a.m.  
 Naomi Circle- 6/15– 2:00 p.m.  
 Gather Bible Study – 6/21- 2:00 p.m.  
 Sylvan Court

## **JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Altar Assistants:

Glenda Olsen & Joyce Duin



### **Ushers**

*Gary Fokken, Captain*

223-5178

Donn Peterson

Eric Hanson

Gordon Palm



### **Scripture Readers**

4<sup>th</sup> Darold Snortum

11<sup>th</sup> Peggy Sik

18<sup>th</sup> Youth

25<sup>th</sup> Missy Hanson

### **Acolytes**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.*

### **Communion Assistants:**

*Confirmation youth will be signing up.*

### *Eternal Lights for the month of June*



For **June the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in loving memory of David Hacker.  
Given by Dana Kelly.

### **TV Broadcasts for May:**

14<sup>th</sup> : In loving memory of Joyce Rein whose birthday is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Given by Deloris Schwartz.

**Mission Calendar for May:**

2<sup>nd</sup> *In honor of Mary Christianson's Birthday*

**Mission Work**

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go 1/2 toward our new mission church and 1/2 to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

*Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity* for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our radio and TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50 and one radio broadcast costs \$100.

**Eternal Lights**

Darlene Palm

**Mission Calendar**

Mary Christianson

**Undesignated**

Neva Kamrath

\*\*\*A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's

*Lutheran include:*

**Altar Fund**

**Blanket Fund**

**Broadcast Fund**

**Building Fund**

**Campership Fund**

**Cemetery Fund**

**Cornerstone Fund**

**Eternal Lights**

**Fireside Room Furniture**

**Foundation**

**Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**

**Mission Action**

**Mission Calendar**

**Music Memorial Fund**

**Organ Restoration Fund**

**SundaySchool**

**Women's Retreat Fund**

**WELCA Projects Fund**

**Youth**

Or you may give it as:

**Undesignated**

**INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor:

**Levi Bollerud**

President of Congregation:

**Bruce Wornson**

Vice President:

**Richard Kvols**

Congregational Secretary:

**Karen Hacker**

Congregational Treasurer:

**Sherri Full**

Organist/Handbell Director:

**Karen Olsen**

Choir Director:

**Dawn Ourada**

Custodian:

**Jesse Engesmo**

Office Manager:

**Cheryl Norquist**

Youth Coordinator:

**Amber Groen**

Missionary:

**Rev. Tessa Moon & Jon Leiseth**

**COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS**

***BOARD OF DEACONS***

Karen Hacker\* 2015

Lori Husby\* 2015

Doug Hansen 2014

Dan Kraft 2016

Tammy Welker 2016

***BOARD OF EDUCATION***

Dee Benson 2014

Jenna Norquist 2016

Tricia Groenhoff 2016

Carrie Benson 2017

Sabrina Stockman 2017

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bev Larsen*	2015
Curt Olsen*	2015
Rick Olsen*	2015
Bob Welker*	2015
Larry Stoks*	2014

**YOUTH BOARD**

David Snortum*	2014
Cheryl Norquist	2016
Rick Hansen	2016
Beth Hansen	2016
Alex Whittier	2017
Collin Bueltel*	2016
Matthew Groen	2017



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Council-at-Large**

**Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Meeting**

These are the minutes of the May 10, 2017, Council at Large. Pastor Levi's devotion was based on Matthew 28. Jesus instructed the disciples to go forward and teach, to live, work, and spend time with the people. They should make disciples of the people, finding the young, old, healthy, sick, and the tax collectors.

The disciples were afraid, questioning, combative, asking questions like interruptive children, some even falling asleep, just like us. We are to model ourselves after Jesus, inviting people to come; teaching, working, and living as agents of God's grace, introducing others to Jesus.

Pastor Levi prayed with the council to let God's grace empower us to make disciples of the people.

The minutes of the April 12 meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the transfer of membership for Jessi Jeppesen from United Methodist Church in Gary to Our Saviour's.

Pastor Levi discussed an experimental summer schedule for worship. Worship will be held on Wed. evenings rather than on Sunday mornings for 3 major holidays in the summer, including Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. A potluck will be held 1 hour prior to the services on each of these Wednesdays. The first of these services is scheduled for Wed., May 24, replacing the May 28 Sunday service.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. The Council members retired to conduct their individual board meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

**BOARD OF DEACONS:**

These are the minutes for the Board of Deacons for April 12, 2017.

Members present: Lori Husby, Karen Hacker, Tammy Welker, Dan Kraft.

Members absent: Doug Hansen

The April minutes were read and approved.

Communion schedule for June 4<sup>th</sup> was passed around for sign up.

Summer special music was discussed. We will ask it to be announced in church and put in bulletin announcements for anyone who would be interested in helping out. We also discussed a different approach to summer music and will discuss this with Pastor Levi.

The Senior display is done. Senior Recognition is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Since we are now a “one” Pastor congregation we are working with Pastor Levi to implement a backup plan in case he is unable to be here on a Sunday due to illness or an emergency.

More discussion on the church directory. We need to get details on sign up options.

Easter review – all seemed to go well.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Welker

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

Board of Trustees minutes May 10, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, and Larry Stoks,

Members absent: Rick Olsen

Others present: Bruce Wornson, Richard Kvols and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

After a review of the bills, a motion was made, and seconded, to pay the bills as printed from April 13, 2017 to May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried.

- ❖ Leaf Committee: Tabled till next month.
- ❖ Credit Card for purchases: Information was gathered about a credit card for the church. The Synod uses a card called Sparks Visa. Sherri Full reviewed the information on the Sparks Visa card and made a recommendation that we apply for it. A motion was made and seconded to accept Sherri’s recommendation. Motion carried.
- ❖ Commercial Carpet cleaner: Curt talked to Jesse about purchasing a carpet cleaner and Jesse felt that it wasn’t necessary to purchase one.
- ❖ Larry has visited with Mark Whittier about updating the Video and Sound equipment. Will have more information next month.

- ❖ Bell Tower repair: Larry will talk to Sussner Construction to see if they would come and look at the project.
- ❖ Updating the Office  
Computer/Publisher: A gift of money has been received to purchase the program Publisher for the office computer. A motion was made and seconded to go ahead with the purchase.
- ❖ AED: A fully auto AED machine runs from \$1200.00-\$1800. The American AED has a version that is made specifically for churches and schools for a cost of \$1195.00. A motion was made and seconded to purchase the AED from The American AED Company. Motion carried.
- ❖ Lock on the Front Door by the Elevator: Curt Olsen will look at it and see what he can do.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bev Larsen

**YOUTH BOARD**

Youth Board minutes from April 12, 2017

Members Present: Collin Bueltel, Dave Snortum, Rick Hansen, Amber Groen, Alex Whittiter

Members Absent: Beth Hansen, Cheryl Norquist, Matt Groen

We read and approved the April minutes.

-Easter Breakfast Update: Huge Success! Thanks to everyone who came and had breakfast!

-Silent Auction Update: Also huge success! Thanks to everyone who donated baskets/items and people who bid on the items! Very much appreciated!

-Easter Bake Sale Update: All Proceeds went to the students own account who baked items and were sold.

-Soup Suppers - Also a huge success. Thanks to Chuck Moberg who donated meat every Wednesday and the sausage links for the easter breakfast!

-Sr. High Bible Camp: August 19th weekend is booked - Pricing all depends on how many kids attend. Camp is "Lost Timber Bible Camp"

-Possible Pancake Fundraiser: We have lots of syrup left from Easter breakfast and a good way to get rid of it. Planning around Fall time.

-Possible Church Fall Festival: Possible Bingo, Cake Walk, Snow Cones, Bean Bags, Miniature Golf - (Tabled)

-Possible Outdoor Movie - Tabled

-National Youth Gathering - Offered to Current 9th-12th Graders

-Moberg Meat Fundraiser - Started new fundraiser - Ends May 26th

-Jr. High Summer Get Together - Get grades together separately a few times this Summer for fellowship and fun!

Having no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Collin Bueltel

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

Board of Education minutes from April 12, 2017

Present: Dee Benson, Sabrina Stockman and Tricia Groenhoff

Absent: Jenna Norquist and Carrie Benson.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Sunday School wrap up: Pastor Loren from Green Lake Bible Camp came and shared information on camp; Pastor Loren also involved the kids in games and activities. Approximately 15-20 kids were present; it was shared some parents thought Sunday School was done a couple weeks earlier because of the break for Easter and Confirmation.

2017-2018 Sunday School; Discussed modeling Sunday School after VBS; we will be looking for a theme in the upcoming months.

VBS; June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>; Curriculum was reviewed and a tentative schedule set up; the kids will sing in Church at the Wednesday evening service. Jenna Norquist will prepare for the Recreation activities and Tricia Groenhoff will prepare for the food; a light supper will be provided. We will continue to ask for volunteers via the bulletin. All members will be working on preparation for VBS.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Dee Benson, Chairperson

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



*Happy Birthday to all those born in June:*

**1<sup>st</sup>:**

Jonathon Andersen  
Matthew Anderson  
LaVern Kuester  
Shaun Vernlund

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Amanda Andersen  
Diane Melby  
Brady Nosbush

**3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Bryce Gorder  
Christopher Kaddatz

4<sup>th</sup>:

Donald Kirkeide  
Matthew Steward  
Travis Wahl

5<sup>th</sup>:

DeeDee Behnke  
Jennifer Coil  
Jeff Harding  
James Ferguson

6<sup>th</sup>:

Kayelee Johnson  
Allen Livermore  
Richard Olsen  
Matthew Paulsen  
Michael Tol

7<sup>th</sup>:

Cayden Anderson  
Cody Baer  
Larry Dybsetter

8<sup>th</sup>:

Joyce Grong  
Shirley Hanson

9<sup>th</sup>:

Kaye Eilers  
Evan Engesmoe  
Todd Stockman  
Sarah Thorsteinson

10<sup>th</sup>:

Ryan Schmidt

11<sup>th</sup>:

Perry Groenhoff  
Evan Hacker  
George Steffen  
Joseph Steffen

12<sup>th</sup>:

Joan Gorder

13<sup>th</sup>:

Judy Bednar  
Dallas Cornell  
Jordan Fairchild  
Dawn Ourada

14<sup>th</sup>:

Nathan Hulzebos  
Kirsten Ufkin

15<sup>th</sup>:

Rylan Behnke  
Weston Shaffer

16<sup>th</sup>:

Payton Anhalt  
Allison Nelson  
Jacob Wagner

17<sup>th</sup>:

Ethan Eilers  
Melanie Reyerson  
Sara Stoks  
Donald Verschelde  
Molly Zobrist

18<sup>th</sup>:

Marla Groenhoff  
Karen Oellien  
Bill Wernisch

19<sup>th</sup>:

Doris Armitage  
Craig Kaddatz  
Shirley Markegard  
Lola Reckoff

20<sup>th</sup>:

Inez Olsen  
Andrew Ufkin

21<sup>st</sup>:

James Hiedeman  
Michael Norton  
Catherine Paulsen  
Ty Stoks

22<sup>nd</sup>:

Paul Anderson  
Jeanne Evanson  
Carol Gorder

23<sup>rd</sup>:

Janet Jeremiason  
Cheryl Mortenson  
Aubrey Roth

24<sup>th</sup>:

Avis Harding  
Aaron Olson  
Curtis Stene

25<sup>th</sup>:

Aria Coil  
Joyce Ramlo

26<sup>th</sup>:

Lindsay Bresser  
Evelyn Husby  
Randall Jacobson  
Harris Melby  
Paul Severson

27<sup>th</sup>:

London Payler  
Douglas Madsen  
Grant Stoks

28<sup>th</sup>:

Seth Devos

29<sup>th</sup>:

Cody Morris  
Bernice Nordseth

30<sup>th</sup>:

Jill Anhalt  
LaVonne Berndt  
Melodie Shaffer  
Dorothy Zimmerman

## Card Display

*Please take a few minutes to check out the card display located in the hallway by the office.*

*There are several new boxes. Singles are priced separately. Please pay for the cards you choose in the church office.*

# PRAYER

*changes things*

**We ask God's guidance and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Marvel Haas, Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Marsha Tollefson, Karen Wendroth, Zach Moltzer, Stephanie Kreutner, Duane Anderson, John Cornell, Stacy Norquist, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), Dorothy Thovson, , LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Barry Ufkin, Mike Bissen, Henrietta Hundt, Jerry Thomsen, Debbie Cornell, Karen Schultz, Judy Halvorson, Joyce Brouwer, Ken Club, Mary Adler, John Hansen (Kevin Hansen's father), Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Judy Lillard (Sister-in-Law to Linda Ward), Pastor Cy Solberg, Connie Severson, Demitrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Paula Rhymer, Patty McLain, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dean Hedge, Melanie Haggard, Betty Ferguson, Karen Ouverson-Pohlen, Sonny Stephenson, ArLoa & Harold Meyen and family, Braylee Jo Pridal, Violet Hook, Kent Bren, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck, Noah Hanson, and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

**Make sure to check out our NEW website, [www.oslcanby.org](http://www.oslcanby.org). Our monthly schedule is posted there. You can find links to the sermons and other information! Contact the church office if you have information you would like to add or if you have any questions. You can also go to Facebook and "like" the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School pages.**

### Mark your Calendars for VBS

*Hero Central*

*"Discover Your Strength in God!"*

**June 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th**

**5:00pm-7:30pm**

***We're excited to have Sue Halvorson back with us again this year!***

**We continue to pray for the Leaders** of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Cody Dinius, Andrew Thompson, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

## Thank You's.....

*Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: Sunday worship services, special music, Bible Studies, communion services, Confirmation service, Sr. Recognition worship and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!*

Thank you so much for the beautiful, yellow begonia plant that was delivered on Easter Sunday. Thank you also to Loren & Karen Hacker for delivering it to me.  
JoAnne Nelson

Thank you for the beautiful plant delivered on Easter Sunday.  
Avis Harding



Even though school is out, there are still activities that the youth are involved in. The youth and their parents helped serve at the Church picnic supper on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Some of the youth and adults will be serving food for an auction in June. The 9th grade confirmation class is planning on going to Valley Fair on July 10 for their confirmation trip. Hopefully, we can get a few days in during the summer time for more activities, fellowship and fun.

I realize that I use the newsletter as a way of showing thanks but honestly, there are so many people to be thankful for. I just recently found out about the Thrivent opportunity to give back to the community and charities. I guess that individuals that have insurance through Thrivent can receive a gift card for a cause or charity of their choice. Some individuals have used this money to buy much needed items for the food shelf and have used it towards other programs. I won't pretend to know enough about the program to explain it and please know that I am not

trying to encourage people to use this company. The only reason that I feel the need to mention this program is because recently someone used their "charity funds" towards the expenses for the Easter Breakfast. The youth board also received another card to use towards youth expenses. The envelope of the card says "SEED MONEY" and underneath it says "to make a positive change. What an amazing way to give back to the community. For me though, I am not only thankful for this program because it benefited the youth of our church but I am even more thankful that individuals from our congregation thought of the youth and wanted to share their "seed money" with them. This congregation continues to amaze me and on behalf of the youth, I just have to say THANK YOU!

God's Blessings!  
Amber Groen, Youth Coordinator



## "You Rock!!!"

This new program is sponsored by the OSL Youth. It is a program designed to encourage and thank members of the congregation for all they do to make this Church and community amazing. There are so many people that go above and beyond and this is a way to show our appreciation.

Here's how it works...(located in the corner of the Narthex on a table) if there is someone you would like to recognize, fill out the "You Rock" form by writing the recipient's name and why you want to recognize them and if you wish, you may sign your name. Then pick out a stone to give to the recipient along with the duplicate copy and put the white copy on the bulletin board. If you would rather remain anonymous, please feel free to bring the slip and stone into the church office and we will make sure the recipient receives it.

We hope that this program inspires you to spread a little kindness and to make someone's day a little brighter. **ROCK ON!!!**

## WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

- June 8<sup>th</sup>                    **“The Classic Christian Woman”**  
                                  **2:00 p.m.**  
                                  **Hostesses T-Z**  
                                  **(will be called)**
- July 13<sup>th</sup>-                **10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention and**  
16<sup>th</sup>                        **Gathering, Minneapolis**
- July 13<sup>th</sup>-                **Yellow Medicine County Fair**  
16<sup>th</sup>                        **OSL Foodstand**
- August 10<sup>th</sup>             **“The Parable of the Shoes”**  
                                  **Over “80” Party**  
                                  **2:00 p.m.**  
                                  **Committee, hostesses**

Please continue to sign up for serving coffee talk through the summer months. Please call the church office to schedule your time. Thank you!!

If there is anyone interested in being on the **Fair Committee**, please give Juli a call at 507-530-8001.

### Prayers for Tuesdays @ Two

June 6<sup>th</sup> – Pray for peace and patience.

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Pray for kindness and generosity.

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Pray for faithfulness and gentleness.

June 27<sup>th</sup> – Pray for delegates/voting members as they prepare for the business at the triennial churchwide convention in Minneapolis July, 2017.

Thank you, ladies for the privilege of representing Our Saviour’s women at the 2017 Synodical Convention on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls.

President Kristy Henriksen presided at the sessions. Bishop Jon Anderson gave greetings. Linda Post Bushkofsky, churchwide also brought greetings. The churchwide guest was Lisa Florin from North Dakota. She encouraged the women to be involved in leadership roles.

Our guest speaker was Lenae Bulthuis, an author from central MN. She spoke on “Grace and Peace”, using the theme verses from Eph. 2:8-9.

The offering for the day was over \$4600. The in-kind offerings were: 934 layettes, 1276 quilts, 597 personal kits and 744 school kits.

Thank you again, Janice Zimmerman

*“Not that I speak in respect of  
want: for I have learned, in  
whatsoever state I am, therewith  
to be content.”  
Philippians 4:11*

\*\*\*\*\*At this time we are **NO LONGER  
COLLECTING PLASTIC CAPS.** We are in the  
process of trying to find a place for recycling  
closer than Florida. Thank you so much to  
EVERYONE who has donated!!!!

All Thrivent benefit members can receive  
up to two \$250 grants per year that can be  
used as seed money to purchase project  
supplies and create promotional materials to  
support an activity that meets a need in our  
community or church, a mission project,  
service activity, or educational event.

If interested, please contact Nadine Sorby  
at 507.223.5515 for additional information.



*Our Saviour's Lutheran was  
responsible for planning and  
facilitating the making and serving  
of the food for the Bloodmobile  
which was held on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
here in Canby.*

*Those who gave of their time and  
talents were: Celina Fokken,  
Darlene Anhalt, Lyla Nelson and Jan  
Jeremiason who worked by serving  
meals to the workers and donors.  
Kaye Eilers made the hotdish for  
Thursday night. Bruce Wornson  
made the BBQ's for Friday noon.  
Jan Jeremiason and Si & Rose Olson  
made the sandwich fillings and Doris  
Myers gave Juli advice on planning  
and the recipes for the sandwich  
fillings.*

*WELCA provided the financial  
assistance for the ingredients and  
paper products.*

*I would like to **THANK EVERYONE**  
who so willingly helped with this  
important project!"*

*Juli*