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Men in Mission June Pancake Breakfast

The annual Men in Mission pancake breakfast will be held on June 9th at 8:30 in the morning at the church. All men, spouses, friends, neighbors are invited to attend. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, fruit, etc. Free will donation to benefit the seminary student scholarship fund. Bill Hayford is in charge and is currently lining up the program, to be announced

on Sunday in church. Anyone wishing to help cook can contact Bill. Last year over \$1000 was raised. Can we top that this year?

John Tessler



Red Balloons in celebration of Pentecost.

June Worship Matters

Sunday, June 3

Doing the work of God on the sabbath

Sunday, June 10

Doing the work of God as brothers and sisters of Christ

Sunday, June 17

The parable of the mustard seed

Sunday, June 24

Christ calming the sea

Pastor's Corner - Greetings People of SMLC

by Pastor Ron Bockhaus



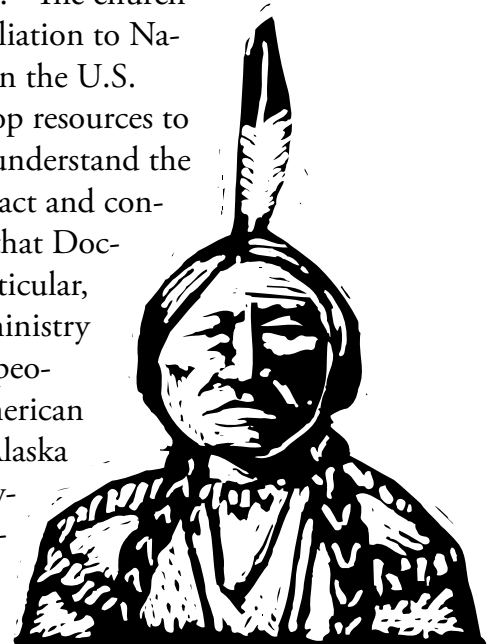
I'm writing on the eve of our return home from Great Britain, primarily in Scotland. It has been a wonderful ten days filled with adventure and new experiences for Susan and me. After two days in Edinburgh, Scotland's capitol, we struck out on our own to places not well known by most tourists. We were in search of places significant for historical, religious and environmental importance. And we found them! The most well known place was the small island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. There we learned more about Saint Columba who brought the Christian Faith in the sixth century! The depth of history makes one very humble in the scope of life. The picture included here is my foot stepping into a footprint carved into The Stone of Destiny at Dunadd, a hill fortress of the first kings of Dal Riata, the time prior to the Scots. You need to know my foot didn't fit the stone. There will be no kin doms in my future to be sure! The many layers of religious history and practice have given me much to ponder during this time. Our lives are a small part of history, yet an incredibly important part to the whole human experience. It begs the question: how do I live? Answer: faithfully.

Grace & Peace Pastor Ron

The Doctrine of Discovery: Where are God's people?

On Sunday, May 27 we had an adult forum discussion on the Doctrine of Discovery, a written grant in the form of a Papal Bull, issued by Pope Alexander VI in 1493. This grant became the legal premise for the colonization of much of the western world and stated that the "Christian religion be exalted and be everywhere increased and spread...that barbarous nations be overthrown and brought to the faith." In other words, explorers and/or armies or citizens of the European Catholic nations who "discovered" a land had the absolute right to claim ownership of that land and abolish the "occupancy" by any indigenous peoples. Thus began colonization in the Americas, India, Canada...and other major lands. This continued through the Louisiana Purchase, Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, and Manifest Destiny.

Now we as people of God and the Rocky Mountain Synod, voted to repudiate that Doctrine and acknowledge and repent of the church body's complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas. The church seeks reconciliation to Native nations in the U.S. and to develop resources to help people understand the negative impact and consequence of that Doctrine. In particular, a renewed ministry with Native people, both American Indian and Alaska natives, allowing a mutually enriching experience.



June Calendar at a Glance



June 2

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 3

9:00am Sunday Worship
9:00am Oglesby Baptisms
10:30am Adult Forum

Wednesday, June 6

7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7

9:00am Quilters

Saturday, June 9

8:30am Men's Breakfast
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 10

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 14

Carpet Cleaning

Friday, June 15

Carpet Cleaning

Saturday, June 16

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, June 17

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum

Tuesday, June 19

Peace Lutheran Visit
9:00am PEO

Wednesday, June 20

Peace Lutheran Visit
7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 21

Peace Lutheran Visit
9:00am Quilters

Friday, June 22

Peace Lutheran Visit

Saturday, June 23

10:30am Organ Rehearsal
Peace Lutheran Visit

Sunday, June 24

9:00am Sunday Worship
10:30am Adult Forum

Wednesday, June 27

7:00am Sacred Space
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, June 30

10:30am Organ Rehearsal

June Bible Readings

June 3

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23--3:6

June 10

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41



Meditation Hikes on Mondays at 5pm

June 4 will be the first of the summer Meditation Hikes at Lily Lake. Anyone is welcome; especially visitors may enjoy this outdoor meditation. It is less than a mile around Lily Lake, a flat and handicap accessible trail. The leader will choose 5 or 6 readings, scripture, poetry and stop to read at regular spots; some areas have a bench to sit on for those who may wish. The entire slow-paced walk is intended to be silent (minimal talking) and takes 45 minutes to an hour.

Lily Lake is south of Estes Park on Highway 7, with parking on both sides of the road. It is about a 15 minute drive from town. No sign-up....just arrive about 10 minutes before 5:00. Steady rain or dangerous lightning will result in cancellation.



Endowment Steering Committee

The Endowment Steering Committee will be presenting the fruits of our labors to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting, June 10th. We were aided in our work by Tina Kvited, an employee of ELCA. This work has been approved by Council.

The first part is a Gift Plan. The personnel and terms are defined. The Plan deals with donations above and beyond pledges and special offerings. A donation might have restrictions which are not in keeping with church ideals. (An extreme example is “I will give you a million dollars if you fly a pink elephant from your roof that says ‘Jesus loves you’”) Sometimes a gift would be declined. The Plan also deals with how the donation might be used--perhaps for something on the “wants and needs list” or into the Endowment Fund.

The second piece is the Endowment By-Laws. The personnel and terms are defined. The By-Laws deal with how the Endowment would be managed and how the growth would be distributed. The Council has already decided that if an Endowment begins, it will be invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust – Fund A, as soon as it reaches \$25,000.

Copies of these two documents will be included in the packet you will receive before the Annual Meeting. Please read them over. The Steering Committee will be asking for your approval.

The Endowment Steering Committee

Kris Adams, Gary Brown, Bill Kehl, Barry Sandstrom, Ruth Turner and Bill Westley

“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

- John Muir



Women of the ELCA Bible Study will gather on Tuesday, June 12 at 1pm in the church library. The topic for the summer is Let Us Pray and is found in the June Gather magazine; copies of the study will be on the table outside the office. Session One is called “The Paradoxes of Prayer” – Why do we pray? Can we persuade God with prayer? How do we encounter God in prayer? Is prayer intended for the sake of the one who is praying, the object of prayer, or the One to whom we pray? All women are invited to Study.

Important Dates of Note

Anniversaries

Mary Banken & Terry Rizzuti June 3
 Gary & Jan Trunnell June 6
 Darrell & Vanessa Paswaters June 11
 Del & Marilyn Kienker June 12
 Sheldon & Jenna Wahlstrom June 13
 Keith & Margaret Riedesel June 14
 Lee & Linda Schlitt June 17
 Allen & Jeanie Garner June 20
 Peter & Jeanne Nelson June 23
 Bob & Jane Rising June 25

Birthdays

Mark Lorenz June 2
 Bethany Lorenz June 10
 Margaret Riedesel June 14
 Mary Banken June 18
 Loren Johnson June 20
 Marion Dougherty June 21
 Kris O'Neil June 21
 Candy Sulzbach June 26
 Rick Brisbin June 30

June Quilting

In May your quilting group sent TEN Quilts to La Puente and we did some work organizing our cabinets. Thanks to the great support of our “at home” quilt workers we have over 50 tops and over 50 backs ready to be put together!!!! During a morning, one person can assemble and tie two quilts, 2 people can double that to 4 and so forth. Even help with set-up can add to that output.

We could really use your help so that we turn these finished tops and backs into warm gifts of love for those in need in Colorado and throughout our weather-ravaged and war-torn world. Even one morning's help can really make a difference. Won't you join us on the first and 3rd Thursday this month from 9 to 11:30am at the church. **Put June 7 and June 21 on your calendar** and join us help make our world a better place.

Linda Schlitt, Quilting Coordinator

THANK YOU!

Just a note to thank everyone who helped with food and set-up and serving for the Letha Ginther and William Peebles Memorial Services. The tables were overflowing with delicious food and families and friends were able to linger and share memories and support each other in wonderful ways. Your warm, loving and generous hospitality was greatly appreciated and made a difference in many lives. We were able to send food home with the families as well as share leftovers with the whole congregation on the following Sundays. What a blessing to be part of such an amazing church family. I give thanks in every remembrance of you.

Love in Christ, Linda Schlitt