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JULY 2019



Important Dates in July

Anniversaries

Bruce Nickels & Marsha Yelick..... July 3
Michael & Sheri Williams..... July 5
Romaine & Jane Gardner July 16
Barry & Judy Sandstrom July 19
Larry & Jan Kilgore July 31

Birthdays

Michael Oglesby..... July 3
Gary Wallace July 6
Marilyn Dutton July 8
Penny Brisbin..... July 9
Jim Ecklund..... July 10
Vanessa Paswaters July 10
Steve Peter July 10
Al Olson July 11
Roger Fjeld July 13
Amber Lorenz July 15
Del Kienker..... July 23
Lauren Molle July 26
Alta Wachs..... July 26

July Worship Matters

Sunday, July 7, 9am

The Kingdom of God Near You

Sunday, July 14, 9am

Generosity DNA

Sunday, July 21, 9am

The Better Part

Sunday, July 28, 9am.

Prayer 101

June Prayer Reminders

- Richard, Vanessa Paswaters' father, surgery, medical procedures, rehabilitation
- Roger Fjeld, surgery
- Ron Dutton, continued improvement in rehabilitation



**Come Watch
the fireworks
from SMLC!**

**Ice Cream floats served from
8:30 pm to 9:30pm
Fireworks following!
Bring a chair with you!**

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657

The Generosity Gene

At a recent continuing education event I heard more about the human brain and how it just might be wired for faith in God. At first we may balk at such a notion. Don't we say faith is a gift from God? Yes, just as our bodies and brains are gifts from God. Now with increased knowledge of the brain being discovered, we are beginning to recognize God's handiwork in wonderfully making us with the capacity to trust in what we cannot see. Such a discovery caused me to spot the following reflection on generosity from the ELCA.

Is generosity in your DNA? Is an understanding of generosity learned or inherited? Most people learn about generosity from their parents, grandparents, or other close family members. Who has been most influential in teaching you about generosity?

One of the most familiar stories in scripture is "The Good Samaritan" (Luke 10: 30-37). Why does this story make such an impression? It is not where someone is from. It is not one's position or profession in life. It is not the order in which the persons appear. It is how each person responds to an opportunity to practice generosity. Sometimes this opportunity is in the most unexpected circumstances.

The Samaritan is not expected to be generous to a Jew. His action cuts through the stereotypes. His behavior is truly counter-cultural. Jesus calls us to giving behaviors that are counter-cultural also. People who are generous have an opportunity to do the unexpected, even if this is not the daily expectation in their culture.

How do we as Christians practice generous living in a culture that seems to be moving further away from our faith practices? We turn to examples from scripture and those close to us. It is by developing generous practices in our life and looking for ways to demonstrate these practices that we both reflect Christ and teach others. How have you demonstrated generosity recently? How have others learned from your example?

Prayer: O God of abundance, open my eyes to see those who are truly generous around me. Help me to be prepared for the unexpected and to be generous in unexpected ways. May I understand how my living examples shape the life of others. Amen.

Amen!

Pastor Ron

Tomatoes

Summer means delicious, red tomatoes! Below is an excerpt from Peter Steinke's book, *Healthy Congregations* called "The Tomato Effect" (pgs. 74-75).

Even if evidence stares us in the face that something is needed or effective, we may reject it. If it does not fit our ideas or if we do not want to change course, we can deny, neglect, or trivialize the evidence. Information always has an emotional side to it. The phenomenon has been called the "tomato effect."

The tomato was discovered by Europeans in the New World. Explorers brought it to Spain and from there it spread quickly to Italy and France. The Italians called it "pomodoro"; the French ascribed aphrodisiac properties to

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July Bible Readings

July 7

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 28

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July		1 5pm Meditation Hike	2	3 7am Sacred Space 4pm Choir Rehearsal	4 Independence Day	5	6 10:30am Organ Rehearse
	7 9am Sunday Worship	8 2pm Holy Communion at Good Sam's 5pm Meditation Hike	9	10 7am Sacred Space 4pm Choir Rehearsal 5pm Church Council	11 9am Quilters	12	13 10:30am Organ Rehearse 1:30pm Stewardship Committee
	14 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:30am Stephen Ministry	15 10:00am Endowment Committee 3:00pm Council Mini- Retreat 5:00pm Meditation Hike	16	17 7:00am Sacred Space 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00am Quilters	19	20 Youth Group Overnight 10:30am Organ Rehearse
21 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:30am Adult Forum	22 5:00pm Meditation Hike	23	24 7:00am Sacred Space 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal	25 9:00am Quilters	26	27 10:30am Organ Rehearse	
29 9:00am Sunday Worship	30 5:00pm Meditation Hike	31					



Star-Spangled Quilting In July

Calling all people who are free on Thursday mornings in July. This is the time to try your hand at assembling quilts, tying knots and assembling materials into kits for quilt tops. It's fun, it's not too difficult and its for a good cause. Fellowship, coffee, treats and instruction are included. Please plan to join us on every Thursday except the 4th in July from 9 to 11:30 AM at the church. Now is the time for all good people to come and help with this important ministry. Smiling face with halo Save your Thursdays for quilting in July and plan to join us. See Linda Schlitt for more information.



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the tomato, “pomme d’ amour.” By the end of the sixteenth century, the tomato had become a regular ingredient in European meals.

Strangely, the South American fruit transformed European cuisine but had minimal acceptance in North America. Belonging to the nightshade family of plants, some of which are poisonous, the tomato was not grown in North America. Cultivating tomatoes was cultivating death. Despite the fact the Italians and French were harvesting and ingesting tomatoes in larger and larger quantities, the belief persisted that tomatoes induced death.

Harvard business professor Theodore Levitt wrote a classic article on the “tomato affect.” He focused on the demise of the railroad industry in America. At the turn of the century, railroads did not cease growing because people and freight no longer needed transportation. According to Levitt, the railroads declined because they believed they were in the railroad business, not the transportation business. Alternative means of transportation developed. The railroads stayed mired in their narrow view. They confused means (railroad) with ends (transportation).

In contrast to the story of the railroads is the genius of the Stanley Tool Company. They train their salespeople not to sell electric drills but to sell “holes.” (It is believed that laser drills will soon replace electric ones). Stanley is in the “hole” business. They keep a purpose, a goal, or an end in view. The means are simply ways to get there, not the ends themselves.

How many congregations believe they are in the “we exist for ourselves” business rather than the “we are in mission to the community, even the world” business? How many congregations confuse “the way we have done things for decades” with the “larger apostolic purposes”? How many congregations mistake the means for the ends?



ELCA World Hunger

**Shepherd of the Mountains
9 Year Report**

2010

Global Barnyard\$3,787.99

2011

Dadaab Camp\$7,329.89

2012

La Puente.....\$2,300.00

Salud/Habitat \$872.00

CCC/Crossroads.....\$1,382.00

World Hunger\$4,245.00

(Wells and Farms)

Total\$8,799.00

2013

Crossroads\$1945.00

CCC.....\$1553.00

Malaria (Nets).....\$2,241.00

Total\$5,739.00

2014

Crossroads (Flood).....\$5,066.00

La Puente.....\$2,802.00

CCC.....\$1,955.00

Ebola Crisis\$2,425.00

Total\$12,248.00

2015

Crossroads\$3,141.50

Ebola\$250.00

La Puente.....\$3,563.34

plus \$1,000 from Safeway Cards

Nepal Earthquake Relief\$2,119.00

CCC.....\$2,743.00

Good Gifts\$1,639.00

Carolina Flooding.....\$35.00

Total\$13,490.84

(Not counting Safeway Cards)

2016

Crossroads\$1794.32

La Puente.....\$2643.00

CCC.....\$4387.36

USA Disaster Response.....\$1230.00

Good Gifts\$1922.00

Total\$11,976.68

2017

Crossroads\$3160.00

La Puente.....\$2740.00

CCC\$4755.00

USA Disaster Response.....\$1940.00

Good Gifts\$2364.00

Total.....\$14,959.00

2018

Crossroads\$3,385.00

La Puente.....\$3,244.00

CCC.....\$3,134.00

ELCA Disaster Relief (Fires)\$1,383.00

RMS Immigrant Emergency Fund..\$2001.00

USA Disaster Relief\$1968.39

(Christmas Offering)

Good Gifts Ornaments.....\$4,231

Total for 2018.....\$19,346.39

2019

Crossroads\$2801.00

La Puente.....\$2922.00

Total Giving in Quarterly Offerings, Good Gifts, and special related offerings from 2010 to 2019

World Hunger Projects\$28,954.27

Good Gifts\$10,156.00

Crossroads\$21,292.82

La Puente.....\$20,214.34

(plus \$1,000 in Safeway Cards)

CCC.....\$18,527.36

CCC/Crossroads.....\$1,382.00

Habitat/Salud\$872.00

RMS Immigrant Emergency Fund..\$2001.00

Grand Total.....\$103,399.79

(plus \$1000 in Safeway Cards to CCC)