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SUMMER PLANS

By John Kester, Pastor

As I sit down to write this article, there are just 7 days of school left in the Cleveland school district. With the unusually hot weather we have been having the last few days, I can't help but think about what summer holds in store for my family. We are looking forward, at our house, to spending time around water. We have already taken Olivia to the lake to go swimming. We have been out in the boat a couple of times. Swimming lessons are just around the corner. Both Olivia and I are looking forward to a week of camp at Pine Haven. We are thinking about a trip to the North American Christian Convention. The promise of a summer full of fun activities stretches before us.

Most of you who are reading this article probably have plans for the summer as well. Vacations and outings and the enjoyment of outdoor activities fill summer days with promise.

But one thing I have noticed about summer plans is that few people approach these halcyon days with thoughts about how they can serve Christ better. I suspect that church attendance will suffer this summer. I anticipate fewer people will commit to service in the church during the summer months than during the school year. It seems a bit sad to me that we plan on using the best days of the year for our personal enjoyment and we forget that each and every day belongs to God. We forget that we are to redeem the days and make each day an offering of praise to God.

I hope you do not think I am suggesting that we not enjoy the beautiful summer days in Minnesota. That is not my point at all. What I want you to consider is what your highest priority is as you approach these summer months? Are you looking for ways that you can contribute to the kingdom of God? Have you committed yourself to worship God regularly and consistently, whether it is July or February? Are you concerned with how you can be more Christ-like tomorrow than you were today?

I hope that as you make plans for this summer that you will take some time to think about how you can do more for the kingdom than you did in the past. I hope that you will consider a new avenue of service that you have not explored before. I encourage you to think in terms of how you can use the glorious days of summer, not for your enjoyment alone, but for the glory of God.

The Apostle Paul said, **mak(e) the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.** He understood that we live in perilous times and we dare not take entire seasons of the year off. Summer is filled with a multitude of opportunities to serve the Savior. I hope that as you are making your summer plans at the top of the list will be the commitment to worship regularly, to serve generously, and to proclaim the Gospel boldly. Together we can make summer at the Cleveland Church of Christ a great time of ministry and outreach.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE 2010



All events are at the church building unless otherwise noted.

* Indicates an article is elsewhere in this newsletter.

- June 2 – Cleveland School Baccalaureate
7:00pm - John Kester to speak
- June 4 – Cleveland School Commencement
7:00pm
- June 6 – Elders Meeting
- June 8 – Dorcas Fellowship at 1:30pm
- June 8 – Church Board meeting at 7:30pm
- June 11-12 – “Love & Respect” video conference*
- June 13 – Monthly Building Offering
- June 13-19 – PHCA camp 11th & 12th Grade
- June 17 – Have July newsletter articles to Lisa
- June 18-19 – Cleveland Cherry Creek Days
- June 20 – Father’s Day
- June 20 – No Sunday Bible Classes, but regular
10:30am Worship Service as usual
- June 20 – Cherry Creek Community
Worship Service at 9:00am*
- June 20-26 – PHCA camp 9th & 10th Grade
- June 20-26 – John Kester at PHCA camp
- June 26 – Heart to Heart distribution
- June 27 – Prayer Meeting*
- June 27-July 2 – PHCA Family Week

COMING IN JULY

- July 2-4 – PHCA Ladies Retreat
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 6-9 – North American Christian Convention
at Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 14-17 – Sonshine Music Festival at Willmar
- July 16-18 – PHCA Adult Weekend
- July 25 – Prayer Meeting
- July 25-31 – PHCA camp 7th & 8th Grade
- July 31 – Heart to Heart distribution

CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE



June 20, 2010 at 9:00am
Cherry Creek Park in Cleveland, MN
Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs
Sponsored by Cleveland Ministerial Association
Worship led by Pastor Shelly Olson of
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Offering taken for Cleveland Food Shelf

LOVE AND RESPECT MARRIAGE RETREAT

Because this series was so well received on Wednesday evenings this winter, we are offering this outstanding material in a retreat format. This retreat will be offered on June 11-12. On Friday evening, we will begin at 6:30pm. Then on Saturday, we will come back for two more sessions. The morning session will begin at 9:00am. A lunch meal will be provided. Then the afternoon session will begin at 1:30pm. We encourage all couples who want to improve their marriages to take part in this retreat.



PRAYER MEETINGS

Don’t pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees.” Corrie ten Boom

We want to avail ourselves of the power that is available when we pray. For this reason, prayer meetings have been scheduled for the following Sundays: June 27, and July 25. We plan to gather from 12:00-12:45pm and approach God together in prayer.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Scripture tells us that God neither slumbers nor sleeps. We don’t want to do that either. This summer we will be offering Sunday School to keep us wide awake and heading in the right direction. Classes start each Sunday at 9:00am. Three classes will be offered. Our ladies class meets in the Library and they are currently studying from the book of Romans. Our other Adult class meets in the Fireside Room and they are studying from 2 Corinthians. A third class is being offered for kids of all ages (4 to 100 years) starting Sunday, June 6. This class will be taught by John Kester and will explore some of the heroes and villains of the Bible.

VBS is AUGUST 1-5



Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is CELEBRATION PARK. We will help kids discover Jesus at the center of our holiday celebrations. A trip to Celebration Park will have children visiting five holiday celebration sites. Each site will celebrate Jesus and the gifts available to us.

THANK YOU!

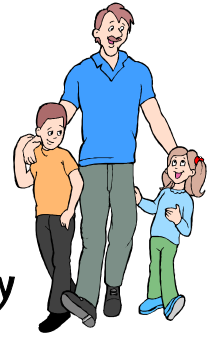
Many of you will remember that a couple of years ago I started quilting for orphans, who are supported by Orphan's Lifeline of Hope International. At that time, I asked for your help in the form of donations of leftover fabric, yarn, embroidery floss, batting, and good used top sheets and cash for shipping the quilts. Several of you came through with the goods! Thank you! There were a couple of times I came to a standstill because I ran out of batting. The following Sunday there would be someone who brought batting for me. It happened more than once without me saying a word about being out of batting! Then there were some nice pieces of fabric that I didn't have the right color of backing for. Sure enough, the next Sunday someone would bring a box or bag of fabric and there was just the perfect matching or coordinating color! Every quilt has had the perfect color of embroidery floss or yarn tying them together. That's how God has been speaking to me. I know that I'm doing what he has called me to do. I've had help from a couple of longtime, elderly friends. One, who has recently passed away, crocheted several baby Afghans. Another gifted friend does the patchwork quilts. She uses all the pieces of fabric that are too small for me.

Thank you also to the gals who have helped with the tying and a big thank you to the ones who have helped with shipping costs.

Most of the quilts that I have done have five or six different people involved. The top layer, the middle, the bottom layer and the ties that hold it all together are usually donated by four individuals. Then the one who sews the layers all together and sometimes another will finish the quilt by tying it.So, guess what?!... I'm not the only one that God is using! AND...I'm praying that He continues to use YOU!

Right now, we have forty-seven quilts and Afghans ready to ship. We had our sights set on fifty, but we are out of batting. One king size batting (120 x 120) is enough for nine baby quilts. We also need help with the shipping costs. We plan to continue this project and ask for your continued support in finding just the right supplies, in just the right colors, and just the right sizes.... and of course getting them to us just in the nick of time!

Thank you...all of you. And may God bless!
Monie Lloyd



Happy Father's Day

DID YOU KNOW...?

- Sherm Rupe of our church family has been in 2 stage productions of the Merely Players, the Mankato area community theatre company. Most recently, he was Inspector Thomas in Agatha Christie's "Unexpected Guest."
- Kathy Compton, daughter of Janice Fahning and 2001 CHS alumni, graduated from MCTC (Minneapolis Community & Technical College) in May with an Air Traffic Control degree. She hopes to find a job in an Air Traffic Control Center either in Minnesota or Colorado. Congratulations, Kathy!
- Our pastor John Kester was featured in an interview article of the Pine Haven Christian Assembly's Spring/Summer 2010 newsletter. A copy of that newsletter is posted on our bulletin board at church and also viewable at www.pinehavencamp.org.
- If you missed a chance to attend Pine Haven's Work Weekend in May, there will be another opportunity in September to help. There will be Fall Work Weekend on September 23-25. That's a Thursday-Saturday; come for whatever time of that you are able.
- If you don't "do" computer but want something you have heard is on our website, contact Betty Lloyd and she will make you a paper copy.

Some of the quilts...





PHCA 2010 CAMP SCHEDULE

Based on grades going into Fall 2010
Cleveland is in Zone A

May 13-15	Work Weekend
May 29-31	Fishing Weekend
June 13-19	11th & 12th Grade
June 20-26	9th & 10th Grade (Zone A)
June 27-Jul 2	Family Week
July 2- 4	Ladies Retreat
July 16-18	Adult Weekend
July 25-31	7th & 8th Grade (Zone A)
Aug 8-11	4th Grade
Aug 12-15	Family Weekend
Aug 15-20	5th & 6th Grade (Zone A)
Aug 20-22	Motorcycle Weekend
Sept 3- 6	Last Chance Camp
Sept 9-12	Scrapbook Weekend 1
Sept 16-19	Scrapbook Weekend 2
Sept 23-25	Fall Work Weekend



BIRTHDAYS: June 3– Mary Nelson, Sean Schmidt; 6– Scott Schmidt; 8– Gretchen Janovsky; 9– Millie Loffredo, Dorothy Richter, Elsie Ely; 10– Erika Wobbrock; 13– Russ Lloyd, Connie Phillips, Sandy Simon; 14– Susan Ely, Nancy Kunz; 7– David Phillips; 22– Rose Oles, Brooke Phillips; 25– Janice Fahning, Monie Lloyd, Ken Schmidt, Shayne Pribyl, Austin Clough; 26– Sandy Mulvehill; 28– Pam Aanas; 30– Vanessa Jaster

ANNIVERSARIES: June 2– Wally & Iris Krenik; 6– Troy & Kim Miller; 8– Harold & Donna Polenske; Sherm & Jo Rupe; 17– Wayne & Marilyn Fahning; 22– Sandor & Vadis Rozsa; 26– Gary & Deb Guentzel; 27– Herb & Nancy Weber; 29– Brian & Connie Phillips; 30– Marvin & Lois Tolzmann

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. – Bible Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service