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## ***AUGUST NEWSLETTER***

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8:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
COME WORSHIP WITH US!  
9:45 AM EACH SUNDAY!

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Living in God's amazing grace*

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## THE GATHERING PLACE



The Gathering Place at the Rock Church is beginning to take shape. Thanks to all those who are making this possible. Go by and take a look!

## DOUBLE BLESSINGS

Please join us August 26th during worship for the baptism of Madilynn Kay Reiersen. Madilynn is the daughter of Julie and Daniel Reiersen. Be there to welcome her to the family of faith.

Please join us August 19th during worship for the baptism of Braxton Travis Reiersen. Braxton is the son of Brooks Reiersen. Be there to welcome him to the family of faith.

## THANK YOU



Thank you so much for sending me to camp! We had so much fun!! ~Lexi

## CONGRATS

Meet Owen Hayes Edwards! Born June 17 @ 6:53 pm. 7 pounds 9 ounces & 20 inches long. Congrats parents! Rudy and Jami Edwards.



Camp was awesome! We had tons of fun! ~Greyson

Thank you for sending us to camp! ~Eli



## WOW

Exceeding expectations

ELCA youth have made a difference by raising over \$400,000 through the [100 Wells Challenge](#) at the [2012 ELCA Youth Gathering](#).

Thank you to every one who attended and helped serve the baked potato luncheon. Over 90 people attended and proceeds exceeded 553 dollars.

Thank you to everybody who helped send me to Camp Chrysalis! It was super fun and a great learning experience! ~Avery Katzer



## PRAYER LIST

Marc Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Mary (Ray) Hastings, Dan Orbeck, Beverly Evans, Georgia Johnson, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Bob Holbrook, Clarence Plagens, Margie Payne, Agnes Rogstad, Evonne Simonds, Fred Thompson, Tom Gary, Steve Acree, Gene Lee, Tony Mares, Debbie Barree, Lexie Finstad, Donald Caughron, Ann Ruth Roberson, George Whitney, Jack Cameron, Larry Oliver, Lorin Meissner, Prudence Jones, Vernon Patrick, Ellen Shields, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Kenneth Weise, Gage Edwards, Suzanne Guinn **Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians Service men and women:** Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Hayley Barner, Barrett Prince, Jarrod Prince, Alex Saborsky, Kevin Moore, Lamar Hickman, Travis Elston, Bradley Rohne, Jason Williams

THANK YOU



for giving me the opportunity to go to church camp. I had an amazing time, and appreciate your support of the youth. I greatly enjoyed my week.

Thanks again,  
Lani Edwards

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Guided by Resurrection, and a dose of insurrection

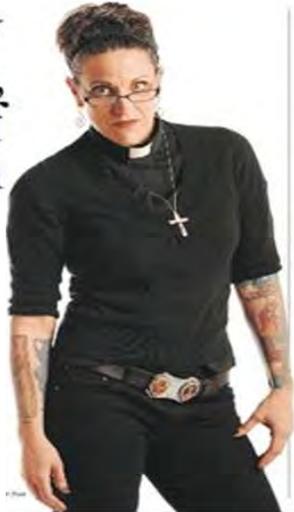
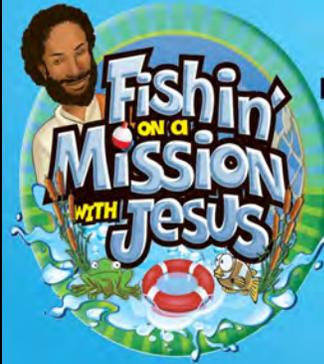


Table Talk With  
Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber  
Pastor of ELCA mission  
church House of All Sin-  
ners and Saints  
August 30th  
Briarwood Retreat Center  
9:30-3:00  
Cost \$10  
Please register by August  
28th  
With Pastor Jane Mar

### Vacation Bible School!!!



**Don't Miss  
Fishin' on a Mission with  
Jesus!**

**August 5-9  
Sunday -Thursday  
6:00-8:30**

### Trinity Lutheran Church

803 W. 3rd Street  
254-675-8815

Anyone know of new 6th grade students who are interested in confirmation? Please contact Pastor Joan.

### FAIR TRADE

Help a small scale farmer in a developing country with the purchase of their product. There are various blends of coffee, different teas and a new GEO-bar (snack bar) offered. Take a few minutes to browse the shelf in the front of the basement. Thanks for your outreach into our world.

### 8 St. Olaf T-shirts left!!!

They are \$12. Car decals are also available for \$3. They can be purchased at the office or see one of the confirmation kids.

### Inquirers' Class

Would you like to know more about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian? Maybe you have never been Lutheran and want to know more, or maybe you have always been Lutheran and would like a review--either way you are welcome to come! We will have a class for everyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith on **August 29** at 7:00 in the **Sunday School Building** at St. Olaf. You can call the church for more information or email Pastor Joan at [grparent54@yahoo.com](mailto:grparent54@yahoo.com).

### **Baked Potato Luncheon Benefitting North Bosque Helping Hands**

Tuesday, August 14  
FUMC Family Life Center  
11:00-1:00 \$6.00 Donation Appreciated  
Take out available~ support your local food bank!

### ***Dwelling in the Word***

Saturday, August 25, 9:00-3:30

Mansfield Church of Christ

*I want to commend to you a very important Bible Study day that has been made available to us and to invite your participation...Dwelling in the Word (is) a bible study format for conversation and growing more deeply in understanding scripture. ~Bishop Kevin Kanouse*

**Register by sending word to [Bishop Kevin Kanouse](#)  
Registration Deadline: August 15**

### Community Breakfast

Remember every third Saturday is Community Breakfast from 8-9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some good food, fellowship and fun. Free will donations are accepted.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through Jun 30	\$49,210.00	\$ 48,803.00	\$ 407.00
Actual through Jun 30	49,461.35	41,733.82	7,727.53

*Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer*

"The word "sunshine" is always the way I thought of Niki. She brightened the day of everyone she was around. She was a true blessing to everyone."

# NIKI COVERS THE COLD

[www.nikicoversthecold.com](http://www.nikicoversthecold.com)  
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**Go HOG WILD at Bacon Bash Texas 2012 benefiting Niki Covers the Cold! Mark your calendars for November 10th, 2012 for the first Bacon Cook-off at the Horny Toad Bar & Grill sponsored by Pederson's Natural**

Go HOG WILD at Bacon Bash Texas 2012! Bacon. It's the main reason you're not a vegetarian. I mean, who doesn't love bacon? If you're anything like us, and you can guzzle down your fair share of the sizzlin' meat candy, join us at Horny Toad Bar & Grill in Cranfills Gap, Texas, on November 10, 2012 at Pederson's Natural Farms first annual Bacon Bash Texas.

And, if we didn't have you at bacon, let's try this... bacon, beer, bands. That's right. You're finding this increasingly hard to resist, and that's natural. (Hey! Just like our bacon!) How could it get any better than that? We'll kick off this shindig at 12:00 pm with local bands, insane amounts of ice cold beer, and bacon as far as the eye can see. With other outlandish entertainment on the agenda, this event really is the whole hog! So, don't go bacon our hearts... with only 150 tickets available, you better grab yours before this thing sells out! Get more info on the website:

[http://baconbashtexas.com/?page\\_id=26](http://baconbashtexas.com/?page_id=26)



## SUMMER CAMP

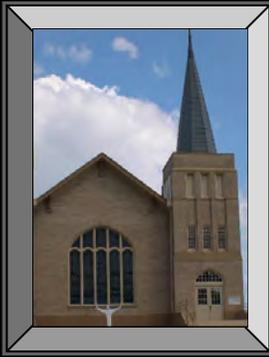


# AUGUST ~ ST. OLAF LUTHERAN

Please note that Pastor Joan will be on vacation Aug 6th-16th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Assisting Ministers: B. Tindall 5, 12 C. Tergerson 19, 26 H. Usher: Gwyn Christensen Ushers: Anna Fortier & Anna Marie Simmons Altar Guild: Anna Fortier & Anna Parkin Fellowship Cookies: Adult Sunday School Class						
5 Adult SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 TJ Foy Ryan Hastings	6 Worship & Music 2:30	7 Faylene Patrick Glen & Rita Hanson	8	9 Lexi Montes Guy & Geneva Finstad	10 Larry Kinney	11
12 Adult SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Pastor Cal Goerdel	13 Supplying	14 North Bosque Helping Hands Baked Potato Lunch 11-1	15 Joan Iker	16 Kenneth Reiersen Scott Reiersen	17 Annelle Sorley	18 Community Breakfast 8-9:30 Biker Service 3:30
19 Adult SS 8:30 Worship 9:45	20 Teryn Senn	21 Conference Deanery at Crawford 1:00	22 Teach & Staff Luncheon 12:00 Council 7:00pm	23	24	25
26 Adult SS 8:30 Worship 9:45 Blessing of Students & Teachers	27	28 Gerald & Loene Nelson	29 Inquirers' Class 7:00 Kameron Wiese	30 Table Talk at Briarwood 9-3:30	31 Larissa Montes	

Pastor Joan's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5:30pm Pastor's Cell 580-230-8304  
 Mindy Webb's Secretary Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am-3pm Office 254-597-2738



# ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship, teach, nurture and share Christ's love.



## Taking a Holy Rest

Throughout most the month of July we heard from Mark chapter six in our gospel reading on Sundays. I like Mark's writing—he's always to the point and has some good stories as well. One thing that I have noticed in this chapter is that Jesus gives us a pattern for living the Christian life. It is a pattern that I, and maybe you, can benefit from.

Mark 6 begins with work—Jesus teaches in his hometown of Nazareth and is rejected. He notes that “prophets are not without honor except in their hometown, and among their own kin and own house.” Work can have its challenges, can't it? Then he sends his disciples (ones taught), and they become also apostles (ones sent) going out two by two to the surrounding villages sharing the message of repentance (change or turning around). They are told to travel light—only a staff and sandals for extras as they are working for the kingdom of God.

They have a successful mission trip, and they begin to reflect with the Lord about it. Suddenly in the middle of their reflection, Mark interrupts with the account of John the Baptist's death—a gruesome reminder of what can happen to those working for the kingdom. But the disciples/apostles continue to gather faithfully around Jesus and share stories in spite of that report. (I find this to be incredibly good news! And Christians continue to gather and share around the body and blood of Christ to this very day.)

After that time of reflection, Jesus says to his closest followers, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” Jesus commands a time of rest—leaving the crowds behind and the demands of preaching, teaching, and healing. The crowds will always be there, but you have to make time for rest. I call it a holy rest.

In fact in a portion of the chapter that we do not read on Sundays, Mark tells of the feeding of 5000 people—talk about work preempting a break! People will not leave Jesus and the disciples/ apostles alone. Finally we hear that Jesus “made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side... while *he* dismissed the crowd.” Jesus is demanding that rest time for his disciples. He personally will take over while they leave.

So there is the pattern for the Christian life—work, reflection, rest. Work for the kingdom of God, take time to reflect with other Christians and then have a holy rest. On that note, Steve and I are going to take some time to go to the mountains the middle of this month for a little break. I hope that you also are finding time to get “away to a deserted place and rest for a while.” Work, even the Lord's work, will be there when you come back. And if you visit a church building while away don't forget to take a photo to share with us. We are still the church of Jesus Christ even when we travel. (Inspired by Pr. Kerry Nelson's daily devotions online <http://revkerry.com/2012/04/>)

Blessings in all,

Pastor Joan

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ~John 6:35

