

# Faith in Action

# AUGUST

## Upcoming Special Services

### August 5, 2012 ~ Baseball Sunday

Wear your favorite team shirt or jersey!

### August 12, 2012 ~ Back to School Sunday

Bring your backpack, laptop or briefcase for a blessing!

### August 19, 2012 ~ Vacation Sunday

God says, "Relax!" It's a commandment!

### August 26, 2012 ~ BBQ Sunday

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Community Meal at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

### September 2, 2012 ~ Labor Sunday

Wear your work clothes to church!

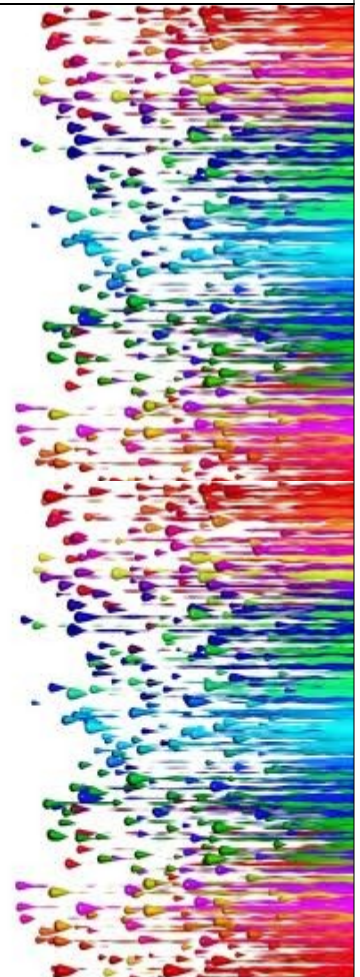
Our work, God's purposes.

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Receive your newsletter in **COLOR** via email!

Send your email address to [faithumc@kdsi.net](mailto:faithumc@kdsi.net).



Prayers for you are always spilling over into thanksgivings. Colossians 1:3

I'm saying "thanks" times two—Thanks to God and thanks to YOU!

I appreciate the prayers, thoughts and work put into the prayer blanket. When I came from the hospital the prayer blanket was in our mail. I have used it everyday since I have been home. What a special gift.

Thank your Parish.

Alan Feilmeier

*Thank You*



*Happy Anniversary*



3	3
Larry & Roberta Nansel	Dan & Richelle Schriner
4	5
Steve & Suzann Christensen	Roger & Vicki Wisch

6	6	14
Pat & Kathy Garrelts	Thomas & Megan Herman	Otto & Elma Lohrenz
28	31	
Jason & Linda Clark	Peter & Mary Rishel	

2- Eugene Polhemus  
Mike Duester  
3- Burton Moomey  
5- James Jennings  
Zane Holoubeck  
6- Stan Grube  
Jenny Hanson  
7- Isabella Lester  
8- Jordan Gilbertson  
10- Amanda Antillon  
13- Ray Lengkeek  
14- Henry Brisbin  
Rachel Woollen  
Calvin Mak

15- Leigh Spellman  
17- Jan Pollat  
Sharon Rouse

17- Deb Jesch  
Jennifer White  
Maicie Stubbs

18- Judy Holoubeck  
Roger Wisch  
19- Jacob Brown

22- Connor Henderson  
23- Eileen Anderson  
24- Hunter Webster  
27- Thelma Tillery  
Darlene Cerny  
28- Sue Lamkin  
Landon Johnson  
31- Sara Holoubeck  
Roma Grube  
Joshua Garrelts



# Nurse's Notes



## *Driving the Safe Way*

*by Denise Hole R.N.*

This summer driving has been a topic often spoken of in our household. Not only is my oldest child obtaining his learners permit and getting behind the wheel, but our family just returned from a 3000 mile driving vacation. My husband and I have critiqued driving skills in towns from St. Louis, and Pittsburg to Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Who drives fastest, who lets people in during a merge due to construction or an accident, who doesn't use a signal; were all topics as we cruised the American highways and byways visiting battlefields, memorials, beaches and chocolate factories. The following information applies to ALL drivers, age 15 to 95. Aggressive drivers are known road hazards, causing one third of all traffic crashes, so use an even temper when driving. Don't try to teach other drivers lessons by honking, cutting them off or communicating with yells or body language. If they are driving poorly, your attention to them takes your attention from your job as a driver, give them a wide berth, take a deep breath and let them go, unless their driving is truly wreck less, then pull over and phone the police. Someone who recently took ground school and flying lessons reported to me that the number one thing instructors said to do in an emergency is 'fly the plane'. Don't let alarms, distractions, or computers distract you as the pilot from flying the plane. The same is true for driving, "Drive the Car." Multitasking with texting, running a GPS, talking on the phone or even knitting is dangerous. Drive the car, it's enough work to do just that job: road conditions, speed, traffic laws, signs and signals, following directions, being aware of the cars around you... Stay focused on driving. Stay alert. Medications, alcohol, fatigue, narcolepsy, and seizures affect a driver's reaction time and judgment. Driving while drowsy has the same effect as driving drunk and is one of the leading causes of crashes. Always keep an eye on the other drivers: behind, ahead, on the ramps. Knowing what everyone else is doing, helps making decisions to keep everyone safe. Keep an eye on posted signs. Not only will signage get you where you're going, but it advises about grade, speed, turns, and animal habits nearby. Have an escape route from any situation. Always be thinking ahead of potential maneuvers to avoid collisions. This is enhanced when the driver allows 3-4 seconds between them and the car ahead, giving enough time for stopping or avoiding the front car in case of sudden stop or swerve. Most of all: BUCKLE UP! Seat belts and air bags have proven to save life and limb over and over again. They are not failsafe, and cannot prevent all death or injury, but they do their job well, as long as the drivers and passengers use them. Following these defensive driving tips can help reduce your risk on the road, and modeling them for others helps keep us all safe. For more information about defensive driving and state laws regarding child safety seats contact your state department of transportation.





**U.M.Y.F.**

**Wed., August 8 @ 7-8:30pm**

Want to 'Ruin Your Life'?!?! Come explore with Pastor Michelle, Julie, and Ryan just how to do so with the help of God!

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**Wed., Aug. 22 @ 7-8:30pm**

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**U.M.Y.F. KICK-OFF!!!**

**Wed., Sept. 5 @ 6:30-8:30pm**

YOUTH – what you've ALL been waiting for... U.M.Y.F. back on weekly schedule! Our kick-off evening will include DINNER (served promptly at 6:30pm) followed by a Gaga-ball Tourney with other community youth organizations.

**The Nursery is Open!**

**8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services**

**Infant—5 yrs Welcome!**

Joleen Stowell is our new Nursery Attendant for Sunday morning services. She comes to us from UNK; help us give her a warm welcome!



**Backpack Blessing!**

**Sunday, August 12 @ BOTH services**

ALL students, young and old, bring your backpack for a special blessing to start-off the school year with God on your side. Whether it's big or small, glittery or simple, old or new – bring it for a blessing!



**Homecoming Sunday!**

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

Join us as we swing back into full-gear as a church family! Children and Youth Ministries will complete the grade-promotions for Sunday School along with starting ALL NEW, interactive curriculum for ALL AGES.



Chancel Choir  
Practice  
Summer  
Break

# CCF Helpers

We're on Summer  
Break!

September Kick-Off!  
Keep a look-out for  
more details!



# CCF

Summer  
Break

## Community Meal

August 26,  
2012



# USHERS

THIS MONTH

## 8:45 AM

5 - Rick & Jacque Triplett

Scripture - Penny Buettner

12 - Steve & Suzann Christensen and

Scripture - Lynda Henderson

19 - Kathy Larson

Scripture - Rich Froid

26 - Need Volunteers!

Scripture - Gordon Morrow

## 11:00 AM

5 - Lee & Patty McQueen

Scripture - Lee McQueen

12 - The Graham Family

Scripture - Madisyn Miller

19 - Sue Anderson & Barb Saum

Scripture - Barb Saum

26 - The Rishel Family

Scripture - Brooke Rishel



## July Bus Driver Schedule

5 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens

12 - Mike Fox & Jake Greder

19 - Jim Brewer & Pat Slack

26 - Pat Garrelts & Dan Odens

*From the Administrative Council*

Dear Friends in Christ,

A wonderful opportunity presents itself to our congregation at Faith United Methodist. An opportunity to dream and put into action God's plan for our church. The event sparking this opportunity is the generous estate gift from Betty and Warren Miller. To provide a brief recap, Faith UMC is the beneficiary of \$436,000 from their estate. Mr. and Mrs. Miller stipulated that \$10,000 go to Faith's Boy Scout Troop, Troop 158, with an additional \$50,000 set aside for scholarships administered by Faith UMC members. The Administrative Council has been undertaking a careful and thoughtful process to determine how to determine what to do with this wonderful gift. Advice was sought from the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation and our District Superintendent, Alan Davis. We asked them about other congregations which had similar blessings of large gifts and how each went about the process of deciding the disposition of the large gift they received. We received valuable advice from all parties, and all parties advised the congregation and the Administrative Council not to be in a rush to make a decision. Many forms of decision making were considered by the Administrative Council: from taking a general vote amongst the membership, to electing representatives from the membership to make the decision, to flipping a coin - - all valid forms of decision making. At the May meeting the Council voted to utilize Consensus Building as the church's process to shape what our church will be in the future and how we can use these resources to get there. A brief description of the consensus process accompanies this letter to assist in describing consensus and the consensus process. A consensus building facilitator has been engaged to assist the membership in the consensus process. Larry Jess, originally from eastern Nebraska, is a retired public school educator and a life-long member of the United Methodist Church. He will lead the consensus building session or sessions at no cost to Faith. The date for the consensus session is Sunday, August 26, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Realizing that all church-affiliated folks may not be available that Sunday for this session, the Administrative Council established a course of action for folks who may wish to include their ideas in the consensus process but are unable to attend. Should you be unable to attend, please put your ideas in writing, sign and date the document, and get it to the Church Office. Selia will then place your document in the Administrative Council mail box. The Ad Council asks that your ideas be concise and in a concise format: one sentence statements or bullets which can easily be interpreted and transferred to the list which will be generated at the session. Should you submit a paragraph or essay, we may not accurately interpret your primary point. Not many churches get to experience this type of situation. We are travelling through uncharted waters and, collectively, we will work toward decisions to further the mission of the United Methodist Church, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Please feel free to speak with any Administrative Council member if you have any questions or call me at 233-5539.

On behalf of the Administrative Council,

Karen McBride, Chairman

Members of Faith UMC Administrative Council

Penny Buettner  
Sue Divan  
Annette Froid  
Pat Garrelts  
Otto Lohrenz  
Pastor Michelle Reed  
Mary Helen Samp

Suzann Christensen  
Carolyn Forney  
Kathy Garrelts  
Doug Jesch  
Lee McQueen  
Dayla Rhodus  
Roger & Sandy Townsend

Marie Danburg  
Roene Fox  
Kyle Garrelts  
Kathy Larson  
Jon Obermiller  
Chuck Sadler  
Thelma Wise



# Consensus Building

## What Exactly is Consensus?

Consensus is a decision making process which equalizes power over a group of people. Instead of simply voting for an item, and having the majority of the group get their way, the groups has to sit down and get a solution to a problem that EVERYONE is ok with. People take different ideas and we see how we feel about them. The solution that the group thinks is the most positive gets chosen, unless a member of the group finds the solution totally unacceptable. Consensus is base on compromise, and the ability to find common ground.

## Why Would We Want to Use Consensus?

Consensus is a system that promotes participation because each person has the power to make changes in the system, and to prevent changes that they find unacceptable. People are often inactive because they feel that they have no power in the system and their voice won't be listened to. (Isn't that why so few people vote in most industrial democracies?). Imagine if corporations has to have consensus from a community to build a plastic factory near them, or an incinerator. Shouldn't this be what happens regularly? Since consensus would give everyone power to have their voice be heard, it would force people to listen to each other, and answer the concerns instead of moving past them.

## But What's Wrong with a Majority Rule System?

The majority rule system is et up to have a winner and a loser. This promotes conflict and lends itself to steamrolling an idea over a minority that dissents with the majority opinion. People in a majority rule system don't need to listen to the dissenting minority or take their opinion seriously because they can simply outvote them. Majority rule systems say that the majority is infallible and they have nothing to learn from the minority. There is no moral system at work with a majority rule system and there is nothing to say that the majority of people will come up with a morally acceptable system.

## But We Wouldn't Be Able to Accomplish Anything!

Well, this isn't exactly true. Using consensus based decisions the Iroquois nation managed their land and people very effectively. More recently, the Zapatista network in southern Mexico has been using consensus decision-making with everyone 16 and over participating. Any proposal by the Mexican Gov't has been endlessly discussed by each small village in the Zapatista network until everyone agrees. The decision to wage war, and then continue after the Mexican Gov't made some initial concessions was done consensually with a 98.2% approval. Consensus has also been used at 300 person anti-nuclear protests and during all sorts of activities. It is an all-inclusive form of decision-making that everyone can walk away from comfortable and satisfied with the outcome.

## Be Honest, What Are the Bad Things About Consensus?

Since it is a lengthier process to hash out ideas until all objections are resolved, your group meetings might be a bit longer and some proposals might regularly take more than a week to decide. Also, since some proposals may be just shot down without hope of compromise, consensus sometimes favors the status quo.

**CAPITAL FUND: QUARTERLY CHECK**

I am pleased to report the Board of Trustees has received it first quarterly check from our Fund, it totaled \$3347.95. as previously indicated, the money has been deposited in a Money Market Account with Edward Jones and Company in Kearney. Our church treasurer has a check book for the account and will be able to pay invoices that come to her from the Board of Trustees.

I am greatly pleased and relieved that the vision I had almost two decades ago has been completed. Again I want to thank, as profusely as possible, the many individuals who supported the project; it was certainly a collective, congregational effort. Patience, persistence and fortitude often pay off.

Similar checks will arrive at the end of every quarter for the next forty years or more. This should be of considerable assistance to the Board of Trustees in maintaining and improving our physical property.~ Otto Lohrenz, Chairman

**Did you know?**

The average time someone goes unattended after an incident, such as a fall or medical emergency, is 10 hours? Lifeline provides the ability to summon help immediately, reducing the complications that can result from long lay times.

To help those you serve stay safe this summer, Good Samaritan Lifeline is offering free activation and free first month service for standard Lifeline now through August 31st. If an added layer of protection is needed, the AutoAlert Fall Detection Button is available for an additional \$10.

For more information or to arrange for Lifeline service, call 308-865-2770. And remember... we now have funding assistance to help those who income-qualify pay for Lifeline service.

*Dorann Bartels, Senior Services Coordinator, Good Samaritan Health Systems*

**I Challenge You!****Love the Overlooked**

“Jesus sits in your classroom, wearing the thick glasses, outdated clothing, and a sad face. You’ve seen him. He’s Jesus.

Jesus works in your office. Pregnant again, she shows up to work late and tired. No one knows the father. According to water-cooler rumors, even she doesn’t know the father. You’ve seen her. She’s Jesus.

When you talk to the lonely student, befriend the weary mom, you love Jesus. He dresses in the garb of the overlooked and ignored. “Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40 MSG).

You can do that. Even if your sweet spot has nothing to do with encouraging others, the cure for the common life involves loving the overlooked.

*Steve Hall, KPNM August 2012*