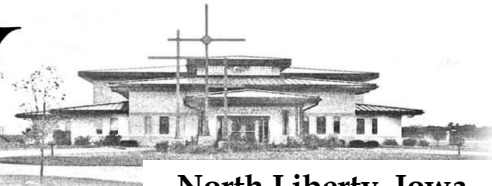


THE JOURNEY

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



North Liberty, Iowa

NEWS FROM PASTOR ALECIA'S STUDY...

GROUND BREAKING

The August 28 groundbreaking has been postponed. Watch for the next brown envelope, which will be in the mail this week.

LESSONS FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES

As we watch the Olympics in Rio, we will spend time in God's word looking at the discipleship lessons the Olympics teach us. As we continue to follow Jesus, there are many parallels with living the Christian life and training an elite athlete does as he or she prepares. Come join us as we live into the *thrill of victory and the agony of defeat*.

MARKERS

We celebrated the sacrament of holy baptism on July 17 for Amelia Kay Ciecior. Her parents are Mark and Katherine. Henry is her big brother.

On July 15, we held a service of Death and Resurrection for Dave Arthur. Retired Pastor Dave Nolte led the service.

NURSERY RETURNS

The nursery will return on August 14 for children under 3 years old. If you plan to have your child use the nursery during worship, please mark items clearly in your baby's bag. Also, there will be a one page form to fill out, which will help us serve your child better.

11:15 SERVICE ON HIATUS

The 11:15 service is switching to a neighborhood, house-church model until September 18. This allows the ministry to move into two key areas. Just as Jesus spent time in the neighborhoods, we have discovered this model has shown great potential for the ministry.

PICTORAL DIRECTORY

We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be part of our upcoming new directory. Lifetouch will be here from August 24—27 taking pictures. Be sure to sign up.

Peace,

Alecia



2016



SUNDAY AM SERVICES

8:00 Traditional
9:45 Contemporary



WORSHIP RETREAT

The worship team will be having their annual Advent Retreat on Saturday, August 6 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm at Cynthia Bunting home.

If you are interested in learning more about the worship team, contact Jen Richey at zipper78@hotmail.com.





VBS 2016—SURF SHACK

By Dani Gryp

VBS was an amazing ministry again this year! There were over 200 kids who got to experience God's love through songs, games, crafts, snacks and new friendships! We kicked off with a spaghetti supper on Sunday night that was delicious and well attended. We celebrated the culmination of the week on Sunday with a grill-out and potluck for all church members and VBS families. There was a huge turn out! The Blue Grass band played, the kids enjoyed face painting, games, the bouncy house, balloon creations and everyone enjoyed wonderful conversation among friends both old and new.

VBS is a success because of all the folks who lend a hand! From those who donated items, baked cookies, served the meal, cleaned up, helped with preparations and decorations, lead a station, shepherded children, prayed for us, etc.; THANK YOU! Our church is absolutely amazing and we are a team that unites to be the hands and feet of Christ!

The following is a list of volunteers—I hope that I didn't forget anyone, as you were all such a critical part of the VBS success! **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

Jim Jedlicka	Judy Bonnet	Diane Norden
Bonnie Winslow Garvin	Jill Pippert	Peggy Daugherty
Sherryl Ehren	Terri Davies	Teresa Ellickson
Bev Byram-Howe	Leigh McDonald	Caden Piercy
Kiley Piercy	Cole Piercy	Thomas Julius
Cindy Butcher	Cathy Clemons	Amy Clubb
Michelle Eide	Christen Nolte	Alivia Pettit
Amy Hervey	Jenn Thompson	Melissa Holway
Les Holway	Dyann Rath	Wyatt Rath
Jenna Cameron	Rhonda Sexton	Cheryl Sawyer
Bo Gryp	Breeyn Gryp	Kinsley Robertson
Susie Robertson	Amy Rieckens	Alyssa Rieckens
Danielle Frederick	Heidi Fay	Tia Dunn
Maddy Hansen	Grayson Tyler	Jack Kinzer
Laura Herendeen	Gordon Doak	Austin Doan
Alison Doak	Carly Wagner	Elizabeth Davis
Nathan Hooper	Lynn Jansen	Dave Jansen
Josh Jansen	Lisa Potter	Dale Ingle
Sharon Ingle	Katie Ingle	Jordan Bibby
Laura Bibby	Jacob Courtois	Brenda Schippers
Michelle Lampkin	Brent Criswell	Brydie Criswell
Christian Covarrubis	Todd Hilmer	Chad Lambi
Lisa Lambi	Zac Plank	Brennan Plank
Kensley Rhinehart	Alana Just	Jan Calvert
Nicky Rose	Nate Thompson	Gavin Hayes
Max Moellering	Maggie Ellickson	Tina Winch
Dick Bornkessel	Judy Bornkessel	Debbie Carter
Kevin McCreedy	Tom Davies	Mike Moellering
Mandy Moellering	Joey Ortgies	Karen Pool
Megan Rauenhurst	Jennie Sertterh	Ada Gallegos
Kianna Wilson	Peggy Jedlicka	Tina Dubois
Jenn Steburg		

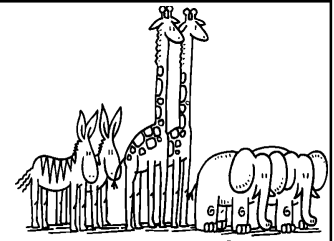




Creation Kids August News

By Amy Clubb

Wow! This summer has flown by! We can't believe it is about that time to start back to school again! We have had a great summer and a great month!



Childrens Christian Daycare

The Preschoolers have been busy learning about ice cream, picnics, the ocean and the zoo. They have been spending lots of time outside enjoying their bike and swim days! They recently took a field trip to Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines! We had a great day and beautiful weather!

Camp Creation Nation has been busy and enjoying their summer as well! The month of July they were busy with a water works week which was all about bodies of water and activities with water. We also enjoyed the week learning about Dr. Seuss and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books. The final week was our STEAM week learning about science, engineering, art and technology. We enjoyed a trip to the Putnam Museum where they have a part of the museum dedicated to STEM learning!



Summer Activities

Our first week in July and most rewarding week was our "Making a Difference" week. We dedicated this week to teaching the children about ways to make a difference and random acts of kindness and what an impact that can make on the community and people in this world. During this week the kids went to the coffee shop and handed out gift cards to customers that were going in, they went to the Laundromat and handed out quarters, they also went to the post office, library and Fareway and handed flowers out to random people as well. The people in the community were grateful and appreciative of what the children were giving them. This was such a rewarding lesson for the children and the staff. We received some hand written thank you's from people in the community telling us how impressed they were with the lesson we were teaching the kids.



As we move into August we will finish up the summer preparing for the school year. Camp Creation Nation will be enjoying a Survivor week, full of survivor challenges, an Olympics week learning all about the Olympics! The last week before they head back to school will be a Back to School Brush Up to get their brains moving.



The Preschoolers will be having some fun weeks as well and take a trip to a Splash Pad to play and have a picnic. We will then start to prepare for the new school year to begin. Our new classes will start on August 22 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where we will continue the school year there until the build is complete and we are able to come back in. We are looking forward to having some new faces join us this year but we sure will miss all of the ones that will be moving on to Kindergarten. It has been a great year and a great summer.

Creation Kids will be closed on Monday, August 15 and 16 for a Teacher In-service Days to prepare for the new school year and make the move to Holy Trinity. We will also be having our "Back to School Night" on Thursday, August 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm and at our Coralville location on Wednesday, August 17 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a time for our parents and children to come in and visit with their teachers, new friends and see their classrooms. It is always a nice time to meet everyone!

Creation Kids has had a great summer and we look forward to another great school year!





College/Military Addresses

Do you have a new or returning college student this fall or is a member of your family leaving for military service?

We would like to stay in touch with members of our church family who will no longer be physically present with us every week. We would also like them to know that they remain in our prayers as they begin this new stage of their lives. You can email college/military addresses to the church office at nlmadmin@southslope.net or call Bev at 626-2762.



Tools Needed By Richard Grugin

We have a couple of people needing tools for apprenticeships and training. If you happen to have any of the following,

please bring them to the office: wire cutters (2), tool belt with bags, Linesman pliers "Kleins", tape measure, screw driver (straight and Phillips), torpedo level, utility knife and channel locks (small pair).

Again, these folks are needing these for the training they are doing, please help if you are able.



Dear Friends,

I am sending you this note as an invitation to pray for both bishop Trimble as he is going to Indiana and bishop Haller as she is coming to Iowa. Remember to pray for inner peace for both bishops and conferences during this time of transition. Our Lord Jesus Christ has always invited us to pray for our leaders. Both bishops are going to start working on September 01. This invitation to pray for our bishops is for 30 days. Thus invite your congregation to be in prayer for 30 days starting today.

~ Pray that God would give them the spirit of discernment to know what to pack and what to throw away as they are packing.

~ Pray for bishop Trimble and the first lady as they are saying good bye to Iowa. Please feel free to go to Des Moines this coming Saturday, August 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 to say good bye.

~ Pray for bishop Laurie as she is saying good bye to her congregation.

~ Pray for her as she is meeting with many people.

Who is bishop Laurie Haller? She is a child of God. She is married to Gary. They are both elders in the UMC. They have three adult children and two grandchildren. She would prefer to be addressed as bishop Laurie.

Gary is going to stay in West Michigan through May 2017. Bishop Laurie has been pastoring in Michigan since 1982. Prior to going to Birmingham First, she served six years as a superintendent of the Grand Rapids District and was co-pastor with her husband of Grand Rapids First UMC for 13 years.

I will close with the Lord's prayer.

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one- I in them and you in me- so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.+(John 17:20-23)

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This came from Ann Zeal in the District Office



Pantry Happenings

By Janet Rudolph



Turkey Trot Run and Walk

The weather was great and 100 runners participated. Over 30 volunteers helped make this a huge success. Thanks to everyone who ran, walked and volunteered.

North Liberty Blues & BBQ

The Pantry hosted an activity for kids under the Everyday Arts tent, and children drew their favorite food or meal on a paper plate. Over 175 kids came through and learned about healthy eating.

Servolution

What is it? Servolution is a back-to-school event that provides essential for kids to be ready for the school year. This year it will be held Friday, August 19, from 3:00-6:00 PM at Penn Meadows Park. The Pantry will be providing socks, underwear and toiletries and could use donations of NEW socks and underwear in children's sizes for the event.

Growing Together Garden Events

Two classes for community members and Pantry families are on the calendar for August. Thursday, August 11, the Garden is hosting a salsa-making class from 5:00—6:00 pm; a canning class will be offered Thursday, August 18, from 5:00—6:00 pm. Pre-registration is required for both events, so call or stop in the Pantry to get registered and join in the fun!

Volunteers Needed

There is a continuing need for volunteers, especially during the daytime shifts. Summer is a good time to explore new ways to put your faith into action and show Jesus' love to those in need in our community. Open Volunteer times are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 3:30-6:00 pm, and participating at these times is a good way to find out some of the things our volunteers do. Volunteers are led by staff to stock shelves, sort clothing, help clean, and work in the Growing Together Garden. All ages are welcome! Join a great group of men and women who have a variety of gifts, talents and time commitments. For more information, email: volunteer@northlibertycommunitypantry.org or call (319)626-2711.

Music

By Lynn Jansen



Acabella will resume rehearsals on Monday, August 29
Grace Notes will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7
Children's Choir will begin on Sunday, September 11
Youth Bells and Chime Bar Choir will begin on Sunday, September 25

Be sure to mark your calendar.





- 2 Kyren Pettit
- 4 Chloe Sexton
- 8 Tricia Green
- 8 Tyler Pettit
- 8 Natasha Houselog
- 9 Mary Freese
- 9 Jolene Smidt
- 9 Jordan Snyder
- 11 Steve Butcher
- 11 Addison Stokes
- 12 Nicholas Mohling
- 13 Michelle Eide
- 13 Dyann Rath
- 13 Tobias Schoon
- 16 David Solis
- 19 Don Triggs
- 19 Jayden Khamphilanouvong
- 19 Jackson Khamphilanouvong
- 19 Debbie Carter
- 21 Michael Gaffey
- 21 Aiden Langridge
- 21 Mary Solis
- 21 Marilyn Wright
- 23 Tia Dunn
- 24 Scott Steburg
- 25 Gavin Benton
- 25 Hudson Davies
- 26 Dixie Gardiner
- 27 Mandy Moellering
- 27 Sherryl Ehren
- 27 Cale Schoon
- 28 Cole Piercy
- 30 Doug Schrage
- 30 Connor Schneider
- 30 Alyson Gaffey
- 31 Max Beckman
- 31 Kennedy Daugherty
- 31 Everett Eschen
- 31 Munro Criswell



- 1 Dave & Lynn Jansen
- 5 Mark & Lisa Benton
- 8 Doug & Robin Wichhart
- 14 Leslie & Suzette Betts
- 14 Steve & Christine Langridge
- 16 Leslie & Melissa Holway
- 17 Rob & Constance Wagner
- 19 Paul & Arlene Kaczinski
- 20 Dave & Jeanne Patten
- 21 Gary & Donna Hostetler
- 26 John & Laura Herendeen
- 27 John & Alison Demory
- 27 Gene & Kay Mohling
- 28 Marshall & Lindsay Davis

Final Wishes

What are your final wishes? Who have you told? Will they do as you ask?

Stop by the office and pick up one of our forms for you to fill out. Tell us your favorite Bible verses, your favorite hymns or music and any special requests you have for your service. Return the form to the church office and we will put it on file for use when the time comes.



Important dates in August

- August 3—Set church calendar for 2016/2017
- August 6—Worship Retreat
- August 14—Pantry Volunteer Picnic
- August 15—**Church Office Closed for cleaning**
- August 15 & 16—**Creation Kids Closed for cleaning and a Teacher In-Service Day**
- August 17—Staff Meeting
- August 20— Noon meal at NL Senior Living Center
- August 23—First day of school—Clear Creek/Amana
- August 24—First day of school—Iowa City
- August 24—Pantry Board
- August 24—27—Lifetouch here taking pictures for new directory

Upcoming Dates To Mark Now

- September 5—Labor Day Church Office & Creation Kids Closed
- September 11—Sunday school Kick Off
- September 16—Peacemakers
- September 17—Fiesta
- September 30—Free Meal at 1105 Gilbert Ct.

