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From Your Pastor

Reflections from Lake Vermilion . . .

It is the weekend of the Minnesota fishing opener and for my family it has always meant being at the lake together. I grew up with fishing being a part of the cycle of life. My father loved to fish and my mother always loved “the opener” when we would all be together. I have many fond and funny memories...

I remember well the night we were all out fishing – two boats full and the fish started biting – it seemed non-stop. Mom fell into the minnow bucket. Walleye jumping in the boat, as each one was reeled up into the boat. Annie thought she and her grandpa were “the best fishermen in the whole world”!

So, here I am once again. Now we spend our fishing days and evenings on Lake Vermilion. Though the fishing is always good (the catching, well...) I think it is the conversations that happen while fishing or when we are back at the cabin sitting around together.

Friday evening we had “the Vermilion Sportsman” in hand and we got to talking about a number of the articles written in it this month. One such article was titled: “To Forecast the Weather, Go Back to Nature.” Matthew 16:2-3 was cited in the article:

Jesus answered them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather; for the sky is red.’ And in the morning, ‘It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.”

The mariners simplified it and coined the phrase:

*Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.
Red sky at night, sailors delight.*

or

*Evening red, morning gray,
send the traveler on his way.*

Though Jesus was being challenged at the time by the Pharisees and Sadducees to show them a sign from

heaven, our conversation centered more on the ability of people in ancient times to be so keenly aware of nature and what it told them about weather.

As I write, I sit listening to a gentle breeze that blows our windsocks against the cabin. The birds are singing. Buds are just beginning to emerge up here on the trees and plant life. I don’t hear the sound of the TV or radio. We don’t keep a computer at the lake (I did ask Steve to bring his laptop this time so that I could write this article and meet the deadline!). But generally, we don’t have deadlines when we are here. I look forward to the first evening campfire of the season and the quiet conversation that happens as we gather round.

Dear friends, I will miss you throughout the summer months. And I invite and encourage you to take some time with those who are dear to you. Turn off those sounds of “high tech” and return to listening.

Listen for what it is to be quiet.

Listen for the sounds of nature.

Watch the sky!

Read the Book of Faith – the Bible

Listen for how God calls you.

Go fishing!

I look forward to seeing you in September.

God guard and keep us all,
Pastor Reany Lindberg

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SUMMER AT THE DIAMOND

Worship 9:30 am May 24 - September 13
 Outdoor Worship Services June 21 & August 9
 VBS: SonRock Kids Camp June 15 - 19
 Picnic in the Park @ Pearl Park July 30
 Caring for Creation.....August 15
 Rally Day.....September 13



CARING FOR CREATION

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ~Genesis 1:1-2

Nearly every week, water finds its way into our services; in baptism, in the readings, in the sermon, or in the hymns. It's there!

What is it about the water of our blue planet that God called *good*? Nearly 97% of the water on earth is salt water. Of the remaining 3%, about two-thirds is held in glacial ice and polar ice caps, leaving less than 1% of earth's water available for the support of human needs. Most of that fresh water is in ground water, with only a small fraction in lakes and rivers.

Water supports us in many ways: by providing for nutritional needs, cleaning, industrial processes, recreational activities, and others. Our bodies need water to carry nutrition to cells, to carry waste products away from cells, to aid in temperature control, and to catalyze the actions of hormones and enzymes. All the water we use must be kept free from pollution to effectively support life.

Our water today is basically the same water that was here when Jesus walked on earth and when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. It continues to be recycled. Water runs off the land into rivers, evaporates from the oceans or from land and accumulates in clouds to be returned to the land in the form of rain or snow. This cycle is repeated over and over. Water in rivers is used by cities and towns and then returned to the river to be used again by other cities and towns in another version of recycling.

The theme for this year's *Caring for Creation* is WATER. Please consider working on or at the event. If you are unable to help, please try to attend. You may learn ways in which you can use our limited supply of water in ways that will assure that there will be enough pure water for all animals and plants in the world, including us humans.

FAITH AT HOME *with*

The Little Lutheran

Have you seen *The Little Lutheran* scattered about Diamond Lake Lutheran Church? *The Little Lutheran* is a little book for little people and their families, and it's full of great stuff. Each monthly issue, beautifully illustrated, has a Bible story written in language children can understand, other stories and prayers relating faith to life, a story about a child in another part of the world, a song with sign language to accompany it, a craft or service project, and a faith ritual that can be done in the home.

The Bible stories follow the church calendar, so in December for example, they will be based on Advent or Christmas texts. Diamond Lake has a subscription for 10 copies of *The Little Lutheran* that we scatter around the church, but the publication is intended for individual family subscriptions. I have never seen a publication quite like this in the church, and *The Little Lutheran* ranks up among the highest quality.

Since the ministry of the church is most effective where people live their everyday lives (the home), we encourage parents and grandparents of little ones to consider a subscription to *The Little Lutheran*. It would make a great bedtime storybook or bedtime prayer or song resource. You are welcome to take *The Little Lutheran* home with you from church to try it out, and you need not return it. However, we do hope you'll consider a subscription of your own. You can find subscription info in the books themselves, or on the website: www.thelittlelutheran.org. ~Pastor Amy



MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer Recognition Party

A gathering to thank volunteers for driving for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels (SMOW) will be held on Thursday, June 11th, at St. Helena Catholic Church, 3204 E. 43rd Street, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Any Diamond Lake member who has ever driven – now or in the past – for Meals on Wheels is welcome to attend. There will be coffee and treats and a drawing for gift certificates. Come and meet volunteers from the 22 other churches in our area that participate in SMOW.

COUNCIL CORNER

Greetings everyone! It is time for my update on the April Diamond Lake Church Council Meeting.

A large portion of the meeting was spent discussing the church building. As everyone knows, a car punched a big hole in the wall by the front entrance. The Council received good news from the engineering firm that no structural damage was done. We have not received an estimate of the repair costs, but expect one shortly. The Church's insurance company will be handling the details with the driver's insurance company.

The other building item was not so positive. As I noted last month, the Church Properties Committee reported that the flat roof over the library and activities building will not survive another winter and needs to be replaced this year. Estimates have been received ranging from \$45,000 to \$75,000. The Council expects to take out a loan initially, but ultimately we will need to raise the additional money to pay for the repairs. You will be hearing more about this shortly.

The Council finalized plans for the Angel Fund to help members that are suffering financially. Free will offerings are to be collected after every Sunday service in May. I am happy to report that Diamond Lake members contributed over \$8,000 through the first three Sundays. Diamond Lake is truly a caring congregation.

The Council heard the financial report from TR Mahler. We are close to plan so far this year. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, TR reports on the results for the first quarter.

At the May Council meeting, the Council will hear from Val Oulman and Cyndi Kresse on the status of planning for the year's Caring for Creation (CFC2.0). Make sure CFC2.0 is on your calendar: August 15th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

I welcome your comments and questions.

In Christ,

Chuck Swanson, Council President



The Christian Education Ministry would like to thank its members for their hard work and dedication:

Candace Anderson, Lisa Bass, Katherine Burns-Christenson, Jane Dahlgren, Lisa D'Cunha, Lisa Eckroth, Laura Hawkins, Loree Hinderaker, Carol Mahler, Rita Marr-Gehrke, Candace Lindow-Davies, Karoline Lewis, Kris Miner, Pastor Amy Thoren, and Joan Voeller.

Christian Education Ministry members:

Carol Mahler, Chair

Joan Voeller, Council Representative

Lisa D'Cunha, Lisa Eckroth, Rita Marr Gehrke

Candace Lindow-Davies, Pastor Amy Thoren



☺ **John & Loree Hinderaker** for hosting the Annual Sunday School Appreciation Dinner. It was fabulous!

☺ **Laurie Jacobi and Sue Nelson.** Your efforts with adult education were amazing. We're lucky and grateful to have you!

☺ **Everyone who supported Sunday School** this year through teaching, organizing, subbing, leading, shepherding . . . the list is endless. Your talents and time make such a difference in the lives of the children at Diamond Lake. We couldn't do it without you!



CHRISTMAS IN JUNE?

A reminder that the Christian Education Ministry is looking for a coordinator for the Annual Christmas Program. We'd love to start working on it at the beginning of the 2009/10 Sunday School year. Interested? Intrigued? Contact Carol Mahler, Christian Education Ministry Chair, for more information at tncmahler@msn.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Next newsletter deadline: Friday, July 10th. Please include items for the August newsletter. There will not be a newsletter published in July.

VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Get ready for the VBS kickoff and pizza party!

Sunday, June 14th, 5:30pm

VBS volunteers are invited to attend the kickoff and pizza party to learn what's new for this year's vacation bible school: **SonRock Kids Camp!** Please come for any or all of the festivities. We'll be decorating from 3:00 – 5:00, enjoying pizza at 5:30, and meeting at 5:45'ish. **GO VBS!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 15-19, 9:00 am - noon

All children ages 3 to grade 4 are invited to this adventure camp where you'll learn how your lives can be transformed by God's great love for you. Older kids are welcome to volunteer!

Registration deadline is Sunday, June 7th. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on our website at www.dlhc.org or picked up at church.

The cost is \$15 per child or \$30 maximum per family. Scholarships are available! A cued language translator will be provided.

FALL CLASSES

Yes, we know summer is just beginning but we also know how quickly calendars fill! Please mark your calendars if you are considering membership to this congregation either through baptism or a membership class.

Baptism

Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 am

If you are an adult who would like to be baptized or a parent or parent-to-be planning a baptism, we invite you attend this class. One hour of instruction on the Sacrament of Baptism is required of every family **prior** to scheduling a baptism at Diamond Lake Lutheran. Sponsors and grandparents are also welcome and encouraged to attend. We also invite anyone al-

ready baptized and interested in the Lutheran perspective of Baptism or a refresher course.

New Member

Sundays, October 4, 11, 18 at 11:00 am

Are you ready to make Diamond Lake your church home? We invite you to this three-session membership class. Installation of new members and a welcome reception will be held Sunday, October 25th.

Please contact the church office to register for either of these classes.



Habitat for Humanity planning is underway! Since 2006, our congregation has worked with other neighborhood churches to create the "Nokomis Builds" coalition. In this, our 4th year, we will once again join with five other congregations to recruit volunteers and donations to support **2 weeks of construction weekdays:**

Monday, July 27th to Friday, August 7th

This year, we will be working at an 8-unit development located on **Case Avenue in St. Paul**. Thrivent groups are supporting 3 of the units onsite. This site will be HFHTC's (Twin Cities affiliate) first multi-unit *green construction* project. At the project's completion, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ certification will be sought. There will be many new and interesting things to learn about sustainable and energy-efficient construction. So please consider joining us. Look for signups at church May 31st and June 7th, or contact the church office to volunteer.

Our group has worked with Thrivent Financial through their "Thrivent Builds" initiative which will provide \$400 million over 5 years to build additional Habitat for Humanity homes nationwide as well as raise awareness of HFH's work both within and outside of the Lutheran community.

In 2008 Thrivent Builds achieved some amazing results:

- **Nokomis Builds** met its volunteer and donation goals. Donations came from each congregation, monies allocated from Thrivent activities (Minnesota Zoo day, Twins night, etc.), and from the Habitat 500 bike ride.
- 10 homes in the metro area, and 34 homes throughout Minnesota were built.

- 34 homes required 68,000 volunteer hours from 18 affiliates, raising \$504,000.
- Nationally in 2008, 314 homes were built using 628,000 volunteer hours from 226 affiliates and \$3.7 million in fundraising.

Minnesota contributes over 10% of the national volume!



CONGRATULATIONS!

to all of our graduates! Best wishes to all of you wherever your path may lead!

College Grads

Emily Gable, Hamline University, Communication Studies Major, Psychology Minor

Anders Ringdahl-Mayland, Gustavus Adolphus College, History Major

Debbie Ringdahl, Doctorate of Clinical Practice in Nursing, continuing to teach in the School of Nursing and Center for Spirituality and Healing.

Kiel Hawkins, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, BFA in Advertising

Erin Wessling, Iowa State, Animal Ecology (a/k/a Natural Resource Ecology & Management, Traveling to Senegal to research primates

Eric Hinderaker, St. Olaf College, Economics.

Erin Stromgren, University of Minnesota, College of Design

High School Grads

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Anderson, Minneapolis South, will attend College of Liberal Arts University of Minnesota, Mpls.

Sam Anderson, Minnehaha Academy, will attend Denver University or University of Colorado, Boulder

Jessica Bass, Minneapolis South, will attend the UW, River Falls

Katie Batz, Bloomington Jefferson will attend Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

Ross Delebo, Minnehaha Academy will attend St. John's University, Collegetown

Samantha Glick, Southwest High School, will attend Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

Alison Hinderaker, Eastview High School,

will attend Carlson School of Business, University of Minnesota, Mpls.

Griffin Kilber, Chaska High School

will attend Concordia University, St. Paul

Camille McAloney, Rosemount High School,

will attend Augsburg College, Mpls.

Jamie Noonan, Richfield High School,

will attend St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud

Tianna Pilipovic, Minneapolis South

will attend University of Minnesota, Mpls.

Beck Ringdahl-Mayland, Southwest High School,

will attend Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

Addie Royce, Minneapolis South

will attend University of Wisconsin, Stout

Marcus Voss, St. Louis Park High School,

will attend University of St. Thomas

Anne Wheatcroft, Washburn High School,

will attend University of Wisconsin, Stout

Anna Yockers, Southwest High School,

will attend College of St. Benedict, Collegetown

Katie Williams, Richfield High School,

will attend MCTC in the fall

Trifecta

Did you notice among the grads' names that there are THREE *Ringdahl-Mayland's* graduating this spring? Proud father & hubby Roger Mayland had this to say:

I am very proud of my three graduates and how hard they have worked.

Costs For New Orleans

July 19 - July 27, 2009

Gathering cost	\$295.00
Hotel rooms on the road (\$18 & \$24)	\$42.00
Hotel New Orleans (6 nights @ \$40 / night)	\$240.00
Food / spending (\$20 / day x 9 days)	\$180.00
Total cost of trip per person	\$757.00
Down payment (paid last Sep.)	(\$125.00)
Current Total	\$632.00
Payment due May 17 (hotels)	(\$282.00)
Sub-Total	\$350.00
Gathering payment due July 12	(\$170.00)
Sub-Total	\$180.00
Money in your pocket (from above)	(\$180.00)
FINAL TOTAL DUE	\$0.00

THRIVENT FOR LUTHERANS

16th Annual Lutheran Night

Wed., Aug. 26, 2009 @ 7:10 pm, Twins v. Orioles
Join us for a night of big league fund and excitement!
Since 1994, over 84,000 Lutherans of all ages have
enjoyed this evening of fun & fellowship at the
ballpark. Ticket order forms at the Welcome Center.



NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Lutheran youth, their families, and members of their congregations and synods have historically been very generous! They come to the Youth Gathering arms full of gifts to contribute to the in-kind offering; items like cans of food, children's books, or gift cards. The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering's focus on service and recovery in New Orleans makes it necessary to gather gifts earlier so that they can be in New Orleans *before* youth arrive.

This online giving opportunity allows us to purchase the items youth will use during their service experiences in New Orleans. The best part is that the items will remain in New Orleans when ELCA youth leave.

The group-buying power of the Gathering community is amazing! Instead of each congregation buying a shovel at their local hardware store and hauling it to New Orleans, we can pool your generous contributions and purchase 1,000 shovels in advance at a greatly reduced price. We may need 1,000 shovels and rakes and paint brushes, and items for school kits!

And if that's not enough, our large-scale purchases in New Orleans will support local businesses, assure that community organizations are getting what they need, and will assure that most tools and supplies are onsite when groups arrive at their assigned project.

This might be one of the most meaningful "shopping trips" you will take this year. People's lives can be changed by your choices. Together we can help New Orleans rebuild in ways that will also enrich the experiences of the youth during the ELCA Youth Gathering.

To start shopping, visit www.elca.org/youthgiving.

MAY MILESTONES

Baptisms

May 10, 2009

Tucker James Prin, born April 3, 2009, to proud parents Toby and Nicole Prin, & big brother Leighton

May 10, 2009

Grace Aubrey Marinac, born February 3, 2009, adopted by proud parents Tad and Lisa Marinac

Confirmation

Rachael Marie Eidsmoe, Drake John Kilber
Jared Tyler Noonan, Sarah Jane Yockers



STAMP-A-STACK

of Greeting Cards

Barb Swanson & Jan Johnson are again hosting a gathering for women and teens to create greeting cards for personal use. Stamp-A-Stack is a great way to replenish your supply of cards to give to your friends and family. A handmade card touches the heart! All supplies and tools are provided to make 10 greeting cards (6 different design choices) adapted to your personal needs with a variety of greetings. Experience not necessary; directions and guidance are available. Light snacks and beverages provided.

When: Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 6:30 pm

Where: Diamond Lake Church Fellowship Hall

Fee: \$15.00 payable to Barbara Swanson

RSVP: by June 21st to either

Barb Swanson 952-925-9087

cswanson15@comcast.net or

Jan Johnson 952-884-7861

janj1014@earthlink.net

We'd love to have you join us. This activity has been very popular in the past, so get your reservation in early. All profits from this event will be placed in the Card Ministry Fund to support this church-wide outreach.

MEANT TO BE A MENTOR

men•tor

~noun: a trusted counselor or guide

This past year, I was fortunate to have been a mentor to one of our 9th grade Confirmands. The experience was fulfilling for a number of reasons:

- **Gain Perspective:** I reconnected with someone half my age and learned about how life has changed (and stayed the same) since my high school days. I

learned about my student's drive, her focus, and her dedication to her sports, academics, and her church. I discovered that her life is complex, challenging, and fulfilling all at the same time.

- **Build a Relationship:** I unexpectedly built a new friendship over the course of several months with my "mentee." We spent our time together having lunch after the late service, baking cookies in advance of volunteering at Our Saviors, and laughing as we attempted to get our nails done at a local salon (quite an interesting story!). Time is so precious to us all – we never seem to have enough of it – but that's exactly what is needed to build a meaningful relationship.
- **Grow in Faith:** One of my favorite memories from my mentoring experience was hearing all four of our Confirmands read their *Faith Statements* the week before they were confirmed. Each statement was unique and meaningful in its own regard and a reflection of how each of us has come to understand our own faith from our unique experiences and relationships.



I encourage you to prayerfully consider being a mentor to others, whether it's with our youth for next year's confirmation program (I hear next year's class is quite large!) or with other adults for spiritual, professional, or other personal reasons. It's a great way to gain perspective, build relationships, and grow in your own faith.

God's peace,
~Sarah McGarvey

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES \$20

A new Lutheran Study Bible has been published as part of the Book of Faith Initiative. This exciting new Bible features the NRSV (*New Revised Standard Version*) translation as well as introductions, notes, and articles written by over sixty Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians.



This resource is designed to invite readers to experience the Bible and its message through solid background material, unique Lutheran insights, and opportunities for faith reflection. Reader-friendly, inviting, and engaging, this is the perfect study Bible for both youth and adults who want to encounter Scripture in a fresh and new way! You may purchase a pa-

perback copy of this new Bible. Cost \$20.00. Contact Kathi in the church office.

*Happy
Birthday*

- 1 William Haffield, Hans Swemle
- 2 Jacob Nelson, Anders Ringdahl-Mayland
- 4 Lois Settergren
- 5 Avery Heeringa, Zachary Johnson, McKenna Laird, Dolores Olson, Jane Swenson
- 6 Robert Gustafson, Lisa Wombacher
- 7 Barbara Anderson, Cassandra Miles-Hanson, Jack Pfeifer
- 8 Mary Teurman, Devan Voeller, Mary Jane Yockers
- 10 Leroy Applequist, Sara Groskreutz
- 11 David Brauer, Deborah Ringdahl
- 12 Claudia Byron, Hannah D'Cunha, Dale Erickson, June Johnson, Amy Magnusson, Mark Miner, Alexandra Peterson, Cullen Peterson, Frank Zastrow
- 13 Paul Ambrosier
- 14 Christopher Bergman, David Dahlgren, Audrey Wessling
- 15 Jessica Bass, Jacob Brunsberg, Nicole Haffield, Lena Kleven, John Nelson, Teresa Peterson
- 16 June Hanson, Roger Mayland, Nicole Prin, Sara Swenson
- 17 Stephanie Simons
- 19 Joshua Gonzalez
- 20 Rachel Eslinger, Tyler Munson, Roy Willey
- 21 Nancy Oslund
- 22 Jon Brunsberg, Karen Hegna, Jennifer Rasmussen, Anna Yockers
- 23 Annika Eckroth, Jack Mahler, Janis Mayer
- 24 Matthew Klage, Carin Viertel
- 26 Jeffrey Kallestad
- 27 Sarah Bergman, Judith Peacock, Nicholas Wombacher
- 28 Bette Finson
- 29 KaylaAnne Glick, Kathryn Gustafson, Ruth Ann Larson, Luke Mahler
- 29 Jennifer Marcus
- 30 Scott Benson, Gabrielle Hanson, Anders Lowry



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Worship Services

*Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
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June 7

Worship Service: 9:30 am

June 14

Worship Service: 9:30 am

June 21



Worship Service: 9:30 am

June 28

Worship Service: 9:30 am

*Please join us for coffee fellowship
following each 9:30 am service.*

Diamond Lake Ministers

Every member of the congregation

Assisted by:

Senior Pastor Mark N. Orvick
Interim Associate Pastor Reany K. Lindberg
Associate Pastor Amy C. Thoren
Director of Equipping Ministries Kathi Gallup
Director of Communications Casey Quinn
Property Manager Keith Koenig
Custodians Clarence Rogers, Nate Koenig
Organist Richard Neighbor
Senior Choir Director Bruce Gleason
Youth Choir Director Paul Batz
Spirit & K-3 Choirs Director
Director of Bell Choirs Chuck Linderkamp
Youth & Spirit Choirs Accompanist Andrew Pritchard
Wedding Coordinator Julie Sarff
Nursery Coordinator Mary Teurman
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