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Worship Series:

Mountaintops

May 5 & 6

“Graduation” - Matthew 5:1-11

Jesus heads to the mountain to preach and it is the most widely received lesson in the history of humankind. As we celebrate the mountain top experiences of graduations this month, we realize that learning is the commencement of true living.

May 12 & 13

“Mother’s Day” - Matthew 15:21-31

We are reminded from the plea of the Syrophenician Woman; how the love between a mother and child is truly the height of what it means to love as God does.

May 19 & 20

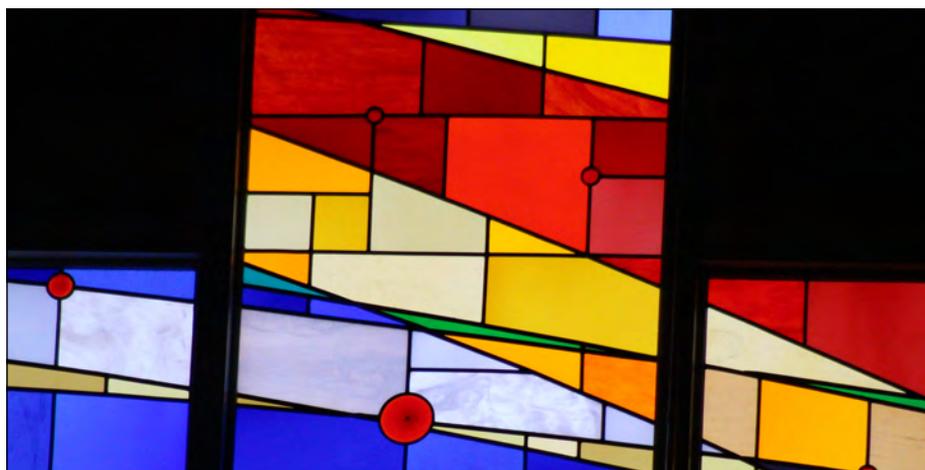
“Shavout” - Exodus 19:16-19 & 20:1-21

Our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate God’s law being given on Shavuot. We join with them, celebrating how Moses received guidance for our lives on the mountain.

May 26 & 27

“Memorial Day” - Revelation 21:5b-7 & 9-14

We trust God’s presence is with us as we remember the faithful who have been made new.



A section of Sheridan’s stained glass on the east side of the Worship Center, installed in fall of 2017

Stained Glass Update

DURING THE NEXT MONTH the stained glass on the north side of the Worship Center should be complete, nearing the end of one of the largest, most complicated and spiritually significant changes in our current facility. These are exciting times!

The north side installation, contrary to appearances, is much different than the installation on the east side. First, there is significantly more glass surface on the north side, which means more and larger windows to make, and longer production time.

Installation on both sides feature placing the glass against the exterior window, by installing metal stops. On the east side the installers benefited from the hallway. The scaffolding could be built on the roof, which was a strong and stable surface.

On the north side, the floor slopes downward as the roof line gets taller, so both the distance and incline serve as problems. The most difficult challenge is where the windows are at their highest point, because of the oak wall of the end of the worship chancel. This creates a narrowing of the aisle. Experts have found a good and safe resolution to this challenge. Safety, and not speed, is the highest priority.

Please know that even when the north windows are installed, the project will not be complete. We are working towards creating a scheme for internal lighting, so that the windows might be seen on the street at night, as well as a way in which we can celebrate the stained glass as a project which has brought our community together.

Thank you for your generosity with the Readiness Fund, through which this work has been done. We are truly blessed!

Church family support and news

FIRST STEPS BAPTISM CLASS

The next First Steps Baptism Class is Sunday, May 27 at 11am in the church office Conference Room. This class is for those wanting to have their children baptized at Sheridan. You may schedule your child's baptism with the office prior to attending the class.

WEDDINGS

Interested in holding your wedding at Sheridan?
Visit sheridanlutheran.org/weddings. Contact s.powell@sheridanlutheran.org for scheduling or other questions.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Members of the visitation team make daily visits to Lincoln area hospitals to offer support, encouragement and prayer. Call the church at 402-423-4769 to schedule a visit. Please do not rely on the hospital to notify the church.

FOR THOSE GRIEVING OR PLANNING FUNERALS

Please contact Susie in the church office at 402-423-4769.

PASTORAL CARE

Contact the church office at 402-423-4769 during business hours: 8am - 5pm; Monday-Friday. In case of emergencies (death of a loved one or if immediate assistance is needed) after hours call 402-423-4769 and press option 4.

If you have a baptism, birth, wedding, sympathy or other milestone to share, please call the church office at 402-423-4769. We are happy to share your news with our church family in the monthly Scroll. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Births

Nora Brielle Gilb daughter of Stephanie & Nick;
Cash William Loberg son of Jamie & Zach;
Damon Lennox Plageman son of Brendan & Emily.

Baptisms

Reagan Elizabeth Kaiser daughter of Sam & Angela;
Landon Paul & Gage Alan Topolski sons of Troy & Kelly.

With Sympathy

Linda (Tom) Gapp family on the death of sister-in-law Roberta Antholz;
Dave Goddard on the death of partner Mike Havens;
Bonnie (Bill) Barfield, Tamara (James) Schuldt, Susan (Scott) Crawford families on the death of mother/grandmother Ruby Huls;
Jacki (Paul) Synhorst, Katelynn (Curtis) Danek & Taylor Synhorst on the death of father/grandfather Vernon D. Kuhn;
Wayne Kaldahl family on the death of wife Karole Kaldahl;
Glenn & Vera Lyman, Larry (Lorraine) Lyman, Greg (Jen) Lyman families on the death of son/brother David Lyman;
Bill (Bonnie) Barfield on the death of sister Mary Ann Roberts;
Rod (Jessica) Madsen family on the death of grandmother Berniece Sheets;

Georgie Oorlog on the death of sister Gail M. Slama;
Burt (Mona) Anderson and Roger (Linda) Anderson families on the death of sister Janice Templin.

Wedding

Melanie Gries & Brandon Effle.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the new members received on April 7 & 8. They are: Patricia Barton; Brad & Tammi Hicken & Carrington; Alan & Jessica Holt & Macon; Rod & Jessica Madsen, Austin & Roselynn; Kim Pickering; Tim & Mychelle Thompson, Kayley & Kolby; Robb & Karrie Wright; and Dustin Zabokrtsky.

Mother's and Father's Day Slideshows

You may submit a favorite photo of mothers/grandmothers (one per family, please) for a Mother's Day photo montage to Jared Rechsteiner (j.rechsteiner@sheridanlutheran.org) or drop off a photo at the church office. Submission deadline is Tues., May 1. Father's Day montage submission deadline is Tues., June 5.

Lincoln Marathon Runner Blessing

Encourage those running the races in Lincoln with a special blessing and prayer at our 5:30pm worship, Sat., May 5. Runners, come, receive the gift of blessing and prayer and stay for a group picture at the conclusion of worship. Please consider coming to this worship if the Lincoln Marathon route makes it difficult for you to drive to worship on Sunday.

Worship with us!

Join us for Worship

SATURDAY 5:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am; 9:45am; 11am	WEDNESDAY 6pm
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HOLY COMMUNION is served on Saturday evening and 8:30am each Sunday as well as at 9:45am and 11am on May 13 & 27. Learn more about worship online: sheridanlutheran.org/worship-schedule

NURSERY is available on Sundays from 9:30am – noon

MISS WORSHIP? SERMON & SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEOS can be watched on Sheridan's Vimeo channel at vimeo.com/sheridanluthink. You may also watch a condensed version of our weekend worship on local cable TV channel 1302 on Thursdays at 7:30pm; Fridays at 12:30pm and Sundays at 11:30am.

First Communion Stepping Stone Participants

During Holy Week, the following 4th and 5th graders recently completed the Holy Communion Stepping Stone class.

Please pray for these young people as they celebrate this milestone in their faith journey: Carson Agnew, Owen Allison, Scarlett Anderson, Zach Anderson, Ellie Bailey, Lillie Benes, Piper Beran, Olivia Blehm, Madysen Costello, Drake Deger, Logan DeGroot, Aubrey Duensing, Ana Fitzgerald, Ashley Gruber, Lucas Haake, Carrie Hicken, Connor Hillman, Christa Hunt, Lexi Isaacs, Will Johnson, Ali & Ava Kempke, Alex Kile, Aiden Kimmerling, Aiden Knox, Jada Krivolavek, Jennifer Larson, Lindsey Luetchens, Ashton Meyer, Sammi Neil, Cooper Phillips, Nick Reiling, Jaxson Rennerfeldt, Gavin Root, Annie Sander, Halley Seyler, Blake Schlegelmilch, Gavin Schmidt, Cody & Conner Sperling, Zach Stevens, Tyler Stover, Logan Sutter, Landon Thewke, Emma Thober, Bianca Vannier, Averie VanMeter, Garret Walsh, Logan White, Avari Wischhof and Elliana Witt.

In addition to the Stepping Stones class, six younger children completed the Introductory First Communion Class. They are: Logan Benes, Jacob Lubben, Ashton McNally, Gretchen Mittan, Savannah Runyan and Presley Thewke.

Nebraska Synod Assembly

May 31-June 2; Younes Conference Center; Kearney

At the Nebraska Synod Assembly rostered leaders, congregational delegates and mission partners from ELCA churches gather to learn, uplift and celebrate ministries. This year the theme is Building on the Foundation for the Future of the Nebraska Synod as we gather to elect a Bishop.

Sheridan will be represented by Pastor Greg Bouvier, Pastor Michelle Oetken and Deacon Kathy Paisley and delegates John and Bonnie Kennedy, Ken and Ruth Majors, Verlen and Becky Ritterbush and Joy Huber.

March 2018 Financials:

BUDGET	
General Fund	\$125,000
INCOME	
General Fund	\$129,752
Mission	\$1,897
Readiness Fund YTD	\$108,839
Sunday School YTD	\$893

March 2018 Attendance:

	WEEK	WKND	WKLY
March 3/4	449	991	1,440
March 10/11	519	947	1,466
March 17/18	351	1,032	1,383
March 24/25	448	1,624*	2,072
2018 average	1,149	1,590	
2017 average	1,072	1,391	

*includes Palm Sunday

In-Kind Donations

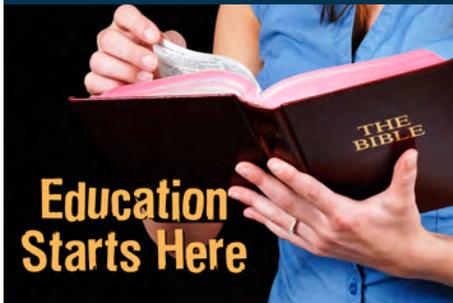
BARNABAS COMMUNITY

Place donated clothes or household items in the vestibule by the church offices and food items on the table in the office hallway. Needed food items: boxed macaroni & cheese, canned fruit/vegetables, hamburger meal kits, pasta, rice, canned chicken or ham or boxed instant potatoes.

DONATION BINS IN GREAT HALL

Store bought & individually wrapped items for Sheridan group heading to ELCA Youth Gathering: individual cereal boxes, fruit cups, Cliff Bars, granola bars, Nutri-Grain/cereal bars, trail mix, Cheez-its, bags of potato chips, rice krispie treats, bags of cookies. Also needing Sam's/Walmart gift cards for fresh fruit, milk, juice, yogurt, bread, cheese and lunch meat to be purchased in Houston.

think about it.



SLC offers educational programs for children and adults. For a full listing of programs, visit us online at sheridanlutheran.org or call the church office.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Sun., May 6 & 13; 9:45am; Conference Room
All are welcome. Julie Johnson facilitates the study. Class will conclude Sun., May 20.

Men's Cancer Support Group

Mon., May 14; 6:30pm; Conference Room
All men in a cancer journey are welcome. Paul Ahrendt is the faithful leader of this group. All men, regardless of Sheridan membership, are welcome. This will be a time for wisdom, inspiration, encouragement and prayer in the company of other men.

Men's Quarterly Breakfast

Sat., May 19; 7:30am; Family Life Center
Info: g.bouvier@sheridanlutheran.org
Men of all ages are invited to come for food, fellowship and our guest speaker, Christie Hinrichs, President and CEO of Tabitha. Christie will share how the landscape of elder care is changing and will continue to change. Come and experience Christie's passion and mission to serve the various needs of elders in our community. There will be a free will offering to offset the cost of the breakfast. You are encouraged to invite someone to come with you. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Pastor Greg will shepherd this event, please contact him with questions.

Companions in Christ Update



Companions in Christ: A 28-WEEK JOURNEY IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Sixteen folks recently completed Companions in Christ, a spiritual formation group that provided ways and paths to grow closer to God. Participants completing this journey include Fran Baatz, Janette Drohman, Phil Euler, Kristi Hoffmeyer, Julie Johnson, Suzan Lund, Janece Nelson, Deb Payne, Arlis Plummer, Diane Rapp, Carol Rustad, Christie Schroff, Jim & Jody Simeck, Cheryl Stubbendieck and Bryan Tepe. Retreat participants reflected on the five components of the Companions journey at their retreat on April 6 & 7.

THE EMBRACING THE JOURNEY component provided a meaningful opportunity and one participant said, "We made ourselves vulnerable to each other and demonstrated trust." Christie Schroff said this about the FEEDING ON THE WORD component, "Reading the Bible is like opening a conversation with God. There are many levels of absorption. You can re-read the same passage many different times in your life, with different understandings. The object of meditating on the Word is to move from intellectual processing to letting your inner self be transformed."

Janece Nelson said, "Prayer is not a private matter. We can pray with others and over others. There is no one proper way to pray. God wants us to communicate with Him from our heart and in doing so abandon ourselves and give it all to Him," when reflecting on DEEPENING OUR PRAYER LIFE. IN RESPONDING TO THE CALL, Julie Johnson said, "Radical availability was a new concept and I grew with this knowledge and questioned how I could be radically available." Finally while EXPLORING SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, Deb Payne said, "I came to understand the differences in helping relationships in holy listening, hidden directors and spiritual guidance."

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COMPANIONS IN CHRIST, CONTACT KATHY PAISLEY AT k.paisley@sheridanlutheran.org OR PASTOR ERIC BOSTROM AT e.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org.

A Witness: Book Presentation & Signing

Mon., April 30; 7-8:30pm; Our Saviour's Lutheran Church; 1200 S. 40th Street
This event is free and open to the public. Rev. Renee Splichal Larson will present on the tragedy and hope that has come forth from the Haiti earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010. From her

experiences during the earthquake, came the book, *A WITNESS: THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE, A SONG, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION*. Renee will give her first-hand account of the earthquake and witness to life that comes even in the midst of death. Copies of Renee's book will be available after the event.

Congratulations Class of 2018

High School Graduate Recognition and Blessing

Sat., June 2; 5:30pm worship followed by dinner reception at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center (*Please note the date change*)

RSVP & submit photos by Sun., May 20: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Sheridan Lutheran Church is excited to celebrate our graduating seniors as they prepare for the next step in their journey. All 2018 graduating seniors and their families are invited to join us during the Saturday 5:30pm worship service for a special blessing, followed by a reception, meal and video tribute in the Family Life Center. All graduating seniors who wish to be included in the Great Hall slides and senior video should submit a baby & senior picture by Sun., May 20.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018! MAY GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSING BE UPON YOU NOW AND THE JOURNEY THAT LIES AHEAD.

Hugh Anderson	Tessa Crew	Katie Knecht
Brittany Athan	Kiersten Dickey	Grace Malone
Davis Bartling	Morgan Donald	Kalob Malone
Brandon Bassford	Isabel Dragoo	Christian McClure
Colton Beebe	Dani Drbal	Abigail McIntosh
Annika Bjorkman	Griffin Elliott	Max McKeown
Danielle Blackledge	Bailey Forrest	Logan McPhail
Ellie Bliemeister	Emme Forsberg	Emily Nelson
Cole Bohrer	Olivia Foster	Alexa Neukirch
Tristan Bonneau	Morgan Grueber	Hailey Nilsen
Tyler Braaten	Kyle Gulley	Grahm Peschel
Mabry Brank	Harrison Hall	Abbie Radenslaben
Eli Brase	Taylor Henke	Brayden Schlisner
Radd Bronder	Caleb Hicks	Benjamin Schuessler
Eve Buettner	Ben Hohensee	J. T. Stein
Anna Carlson	Mason Ingwersen	Xander Sutter
Maddie Carpenter	Will Jennings	Jetta Tegeler
Amanda Christiansen	Connor Jewell	Michael Woodcock
Ty Crandon	Chloe Jones	Max Wudel

Shipwrecked VBS

June 11-15; 9am-noon

Sign up: sheridanlutheran.org/vbs

We'd love to have you join us for the best week of the summer! Register your child and sign up to volunteer online at the website above. This special, high energy week in the summer is specifically designed for children, age 4 – grade 6!

- Volunteer at VBS

Training Dates: Wed., May 30; 7pm OR Sun., June 3; 9:45am

Adults and children entering grade 6 or older who love the Lord, children and having fun, this is a week you

won't want to miss! *All volunteers are required to attend a training session and additional screening may be required for adult volunteers.* Participants will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms as they explore Bible stories through crafts, storytelling, games, snacks and more.

Safeguarding Training

Mon., June 4; 6:30-8:30pm; Room 316

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/safeguarding

All adults wishing to help with VBS, children's or youth ministry are required to complete this training every three years.

VBS Supply Needs

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

Consider bringing one or more of these items to the church office for VBS this summer; pool noodles, plastic wading pools, beach balls and plastic laundry baskets.

Children & Youth Sunday Education ends May 20

The last day for Sunday education for the 2017-2018 school year is May 20. Please join us for our great events this summer. Thank you to all the volunteers who share God's love and all of the ways you give of yourself to grow the Kingdom of God.

Worlds & Oceans of Fun

Tues., July 17; 7am-10pm; Cost: \$60

Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration | Deadline: Sun., July 8

All high school youth (current 8th graders - 2018 graduates) are invited to join us as we travel to Worlds and Oceans of Fun and celebrate summer! We have a limited amount of space; so sign up soon! Friends are invited! Registrations are required by July 8 to ensure we have adequate transportation and adult leaders. Cost includes travel and entry into the park. Participants will be responsible for snacks, lunch and dinner and any extras at the park. Please submit payment via cash or check.

Worship By the Fire

Sun., May 20, June 10, July 15, and August 19

Outdoor Prayer & Reflection Center

Info: i.hartfield@sheridanlutheran.org

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for worship around the fire again this summer. We will begin with fellowship time and snacks and then share in the gift of sacred worship with scripture readings, reflections and special music. Friends are welcome! Don't miss it!

Local Ministry Partner: Habitat for Humanity



2018 Lincoln Habitat Faith Build Family

Abdelkarim, Sailwa and their four sons, Mohamed, 11; Ibrahim, 9; Salih, 7; and Ahmed, 2, have been renting their home since 2010. Abdelkarim and Sailwa applied for the Habitat Homebuyer Program so they could build a future for their children.

They need a safe, decent home to raise their growing sons. Currently, the family of six shares one bathroom with no exhaust fan. The A/C does not work; there is one window

air conditioning unit that works in one of the three bedrooms. The family sleeps together in the room when they need to cool off in summer months. The windows are hard to open to let in any fresh air and the home has a slight moldy smell. The home was one of the worst in terms of condition that the selection committee visited.

Abdelkarim works as a taxi-driver in New York City for six months of the year and attends Southeast Community College in Lincoln the other six. He makes enough money in NYC that while he is back in Lincoln, he can attend school full time. He is studying Business Administration with the goal to become a CPA. Sailwa works part-time at Goodwill, manages the home and takes care of the kids. They look forward to being good neighbors by taking care of each other, helping each other out and becoming part of the family.

Get Involved

VOLUNTEER: lincolnhabitat.org/construction-homeownership/construction/faith-build-2018.html

The build will begin in June and work will continue through September. Volunteers are needed for construction, painting, making lunch for the work crew, attending the dedications, signing wood frames as a blessing, praying for the recipient family and volunteers and much more!

Spring Outdoor Work Day

Sat., April 28; 9am-noon

Info: m.vollmer@sheridanlutheran.org

All hands are needed to help spring clean our great property. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities. All jobs are outside, so dress appropriately for the weather. Don't forget your work gloves and we would appreciate any tools: rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows or other outdoor equipment. Contact Mark Vollmer with questions.

May Special Offerings

• Noisy Offering

ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge is a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. As partner of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in June, many churches will send their offerings with their young people to the Gathering. Sheridan joins in this endeavor through the noisy offering.

- **Children's Ministry Offering**
Supports the soon to be created Sheridan Children's Garden. This garden will be located between doors #3 & #4 right outside the windows of the elementary classrooms.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

May 12 & 13; Great Hall; \$3/rose

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend and purchase a rose or two for your mother from the Habitat for Humanity Global Village mission teams. Recent rose sales have benefited builds in El Salvador and Hawaii! This fundraiser is sponsored by a Thrivent Box Action Team.

Give to Lincoln Day

May 31

Info: givetolincoln.com

Help support Barnabas Community through Lincoln Community Foundation's Give to Lincoln. Give online through May. Your gifts are eligible for matching funds provided by the Lincoln Community Foundation. Thanks for supporting the amazing ministry of Barnabas Community and Sheridan Lutheran Church!

VBS Mission Partnership with Barnabas Community

Shipwrecked VBS is partnering with Barnabas Community. Financial offerings will benefit the purchase of some much needed items to improve the meal ministry, like a commercial refrigerator and food serving tables with sneeze guards. We also need donated items such as: diapers (all sizes for babies & toddlers), feminine hygiene products, all sizes of new underwear and summer clothing (esp. children and men's). Children can bring donations each day to VBS. Children can give their financial donations during VBS worship and donated items can be brought to the bins in the Great Hall or by door #4.

Young Adult Ministry: Second Quarter



Upcoming Events for Second Quarter

VBS SERVICE PROJECT: MON., MAY 7; 6:30-9PM; FAMILY LIFE CENTER

LUNCH AT GINGER SUSHI: SUN., MAY 20; 12:15-2PM; 6055 APPLES WAY.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: SUN., JUNE 3; NOON; LIBRARY

Join other adults in their 20^s & 30^s for an evening spent helping to prepare for VBS, an afternoon of meal fellowship and coffee & conversation. This fellowship ministry is for people in the second quarter of life and is devoted to building a deeper connection with others in this similar point in life. Second Quarter offers a space to create community and friendships, to dig deeper into what it means to be a Christian today and to draw closer to God through monthly events along with fellowship opportunities in between.

Find more information and RSVP to events via the [Second Quarter at Sheridan Facebook group](#) at facebook.com/groups/secondquarter.

Questions? Contact Cathryn Breutzmann at cabreutzmann@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Coffee Hospitality Needed

Info: b.carpenter@sheridanlutheran.org
Brighten people's Sunday morning by serving on the Coffee Hospitality team. We need more people to help prepare and serve the Sunday morning coffee, juice and donut holes. Each team serves six times a year. Contact Brenda Carpenter or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Cards & Games

Sun., May 6; 3-6pm; Connections Café
Join us for cards from 3-5pm, followed by a potluck supper. All are welcome.

Tai Chi Class

Mondays & Wednesdays; beginning May 7;
6:30-7:30pm; limited to 15 students
Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Join this twice-weekly Tai Chi class with certified instructor, Kim Heitmann. Twice-weekly attendance for 12 weeks is highly desired for improved practice. Wear comfortable clothes to move easily, bring water and make sure your physician approves your attendance. Tai Chi is often referred to as moving meditation. The forms or moves are slow, soft and can be modified.

Garden Lovers

Sheridan needs garden lovers to help maintain our beautiful flower beds. This can be done anytime and involves coming to the church about once each week to tend a small flower bed. Contact Jean Poppert, j.poppert@sheridanlutheran.org.

Two staff on sabbatical May-July

Sheridan's pastoral staff policy provides a three month sabbatical after a pastor or rostered leader has served at Sheridan for six years. A sabbatical is an important time for rostered staff to rest, renew spiritually and dedicate oneself to new learning and growth. This summer, two of our rostered leaders will be on sabbatical.

Pastor Eric Bostrom will rest and enjoy time with his children when they are out of school. He will renew himself spiritually by attending the Festival of Homiletics in Washington, D.C., an annual preaching conference. He will also dedicate himself to learning and growing in the area of men's ministry through books, discovering resources, and networking with other men's ministry leaders.

Deacon Kathy Paisley will also be on Sabbatical during this time. She plans to participate in Boundless Compassion training as well as reviewing new resources for small groups and reading a variety of books during her time of rest and renewal.

They will both return in August with new energy and new ideas.

Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

Tues., June 5; 7:05pm; Werner Park
Info: coryl@omahastormchasers.com
Celebrate your faith and love of baseball; bring your family and friends and enjoy a night of baseball. Discount deadline is May 31.

Contact us:

Phone: 402-423-4769

Email: info@sheridanlutheran.org

Website: sheridanlutheran.org

Church Leadership:

For a complete staff and council listing, please visit our website at sheridanlutheran.org.

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Publication Submissions

Bulletin submissions are due each Tuesday at 5pm.

Please email submissions to Genny Straube at g.straube@sheridanlutheran.org.

June/July Scroll deadline is May 15 at 5pm. Please email submissions to Amy Wagner at a.wagner@sheridanlutheran.org.

God Sightings

If you have a story of a God-sighting to suggest, please email info@sheridanlutheran.org.

Giving Praise for a Strong Partnership

by *Korey Breutzmann, NLOM Director/Programs and Sheridan member*



Paul & Kathy Ahrendt with NLOM Executive Director Dave Coker at the 2018 Heart of Camp Gala.

The crackle of a campfire, the morning song of a blue bird, the laughter of a child jumping into the pool on a hot afternoon. These, along with many other sights, sounds and smells are what make up the unique environment of Carol Joy Holling Camp (CJH). Located between Ashland and Mahoney State Park, Carol Joy Holling Camp is a branching arm of the Nebraska Synod and the home camp for many congregations in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa.

Sheridan sends around 30 kids to CJH, making them one of the top 10 congregations in campers sent consistently. One of the greatest things about going to a Lutheran camp in the summer is experiencing the grace of God in a new setting and new light. Kids at camp live in an intentional Christian community. They learn and feel acceptance, sometimes for the first time in their life. They see the message of Christ's love lived out through each other and through the 65 college-aged staff that help lead, support and take care of the kids through the week. It's that community and new view of the same message that makes camp one of the mountaintop experiences in young people's faith life.

The confirmation retreat, men's retreat and high school retreat are just a few ways Sheridan and CJH share a partnership year round. Recently, at the Heart of Camp Gala, Sheridan members Paul and Kathy Ahrendt were honored with Carol Joy Holling's Hospitality Award. Paul and Kathy have been instrumental in helping camp educate and lead other ministries in the message of inclusion. Thanks to the Ahrendts, CJH is a leader in the outdoor ministry world in making sure that every child is seen as the special gift from God that they are and that when they are at camp, they feel loved and included, making sure no child feels excluded or marginalized. We can't thank Paul and Kathy enough for their support in spreading this message.

As a member of Sheridan, I am thankful for all the support this congregation gives to camp and the youth that attend. I believe, based on the youth that I work with at camp and at Sheridan, that the future of our church is in great hands and God is ever present. And as Jesus once said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Join with the Nebraska Synod Camp Support

Help make summer camp at Carol Joy Holling a gift of faith for children and youth in 2018! Up to \$1,000 in matching funds will help grow your gift. Make checks payable to Sheridan Lutheran, memo: Carol Joy Holling Appeal. Our gifts from Sheridan join with others from across the Nebraska Synod. Each summer camp needs \$250,000 to make camp operational. Your financial gift helps share the good news of Jesus!