

# Grapes from the Vine

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## From Pr. Liz

From a very early age, my parents taught me that loving God also means loving God's good creation. We went camping and hiking and took trips to a local science center where we learned the mysteries of rain, how to identify different trees, and what a barn owl sounds like. We would walk through the shadowy grounds at dusk to watch the magic of fireflies. Loving God means loving creation.

Then today as I was listening to the news on MN public radio, the lead local story was the dry conditions all across the state and beyond including most of the western US. Summer drought seems to be getting worse every year as are the fires that go with it.

How do we, as God faithful people, love a creation that is in so much turmoil? Whether or not you believe in the science of climate change, we as the dominant force of change on our planet, have a responsibility to care for what God has given us. There are so many ways to be a good steward of creation. Here are some of my favorite resources to get you and your family started:

<http://www.careofcreation.net/>

<https://www.creationjustice.org/>

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

## June Church Council

The church council met on June 13th to discuss:

- Coffee hour and worship assistants
- Landscaping on west side of building
- Water filters for drinking water
- Roster change: Incoming members Terri Heimerman and Tom Christensen; Outgoing Kevin Hewitt and Kay Wendleschafer
- Combing the office and youth positions
- Online sign ups for volunteering
- Post Pandemic Congregational Vitality

Access full meeting minutes here:

[Full Minutes](#)

## June Financial Report

- The general fund received gifts of \$9,074.20 in June, versus last year of \$7,643.95, for a difference of \$1,430.25.
- Year to Date: The general fund received gifts of \$57,730.63 versus last year of \$54,481.65, for a difference of \$3,248.

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# News and Updates

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit  
so all may know God's love.

## Now What!?!

One of the opportunities that we have post pandemic, is to rev up and revitalize the ministries of OSLC. To do this well, the church council has begun evaluating our congregation's vitality. This includes worship, faith formation, outreach, volunteering, finances, and more. Starting in August we will be asking for your help by filling out a survey. We will all gather in conversation on September 12th after worship. Make sure to be a part of this important work for the future of our congregation!

## OSLC T-Shirts

As part of our renewal project we are ordering new OSLC T-shirts. Cost is approximately \$10. Sign-up at church or by contacting the church office with size and number of shirts desired.

## Vacation Bible School

*"The Music of the Bible"* is this year's theme! We need 5-6 volunteers to help make this happen, high school and up. Please contact Vicky Sawyer, 507-514-1793, to lead a station, serve snack, or sing songs (if you play a guitar or other fun instrument, we need you!) or to register your child for the week.

Dates: August 9-12

Time: 6 pm to 7 pm

Ages: Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5

## Better Together

The church council has decided to combine the positions of Office Assistant and Youth Coordinator.

The new position is 20-25 hours per week.

Computer proficiency, word processing, and receptionist skills are required. Youth ministry/education experience desired. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, contact Pr. Liz.

## Praise and Pancakes

Starting on August 29th, and whenever there is a 5th Sunday of the month, OSLC will be having Brunch Church! We'll gather in the fellowship hall where worship and Holy Communion will take place as we share the meal: we will read and explore scripture together, offer prayers, sing.

## July Birthdays

2nd Joshua Baker, Glenys Hultgren  
3rd B. J. Biehn, Mandy Stocker  
5th Dennis Starner  
6th Jason Stocker  
8th Elizabeth Wargelin  
9th Bradley Riba  
13th Misty Ferguson, Tyler Hokenson, Jessica Iten  
15th Kimbra Broas, Rita Martin, Debbie Piotter  
16th Brody Dauk, Dayton Ely, Ava Hahn  
17th Richard Wendelschafer  
18th Will Koppelman, Shane Petrich  
19th Will McCabe  
20th Sue Griep  
22nd Julie Wagner, Valerie Weber  
23rd Terry Schmidt  
24th Betty Krenik  
25th Dan Griep, Jack Zimmerman  
26th Karli Meyer  
27th Randy Biehn  
28th Amber Wussow  
30th Emily Ponwith, Franklin Wachlarowicz  
31st Aurora Iten, Dean Koppelman, Mark Krenik

## July Anniversaries

10th Ryan & Kari Evenson  
12th Gary & Mary Haase  
20th Brian & Pam Zimmerman  
22nd Joe & Sandi Hollerich  
31st Robert & Tami Jacoby

## Prayer List

Members: Mel Goede, Sandy Bateman, Glen Zabel, Bradley Riba, Michaela Biehn.

Non-Members: Robyn Erbes, Jaci Kopet, Mary Lassonde, Natalie Boelter, Chantha Eckman, and Holly Kallestad.

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

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