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SUNDAY, JULY 6 – A VERY SPECIAL EVENT



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10am Joint Worship Service & Picnic

We will join our brothers and sisters at Onondaga Valley/South Presbyterian Church on Seneca Turnpike along with guests from University United Methodist and First Presbyterian United for worship in the park behind Valley/South (Academy Green, just off Seneca Turnpike). The service will begin at 10:00am (*Please note that there will be no 10:45am Service at Atonement*). A picnic will immediately follow the service. Please sign up by calling the church office at 492-9065, so we can plan to purchase enough of everything for everybody.

Special Guests

During the picnic, we will enjoy the music of very special young people. Joel and Aimee Pakan perform together as "Tangled Blue." This traveling duo of young musicians will be leading worship all week for Confirmation Camp at Vanderkamp and will be in town early enough to join us on Sunday.



Tangled Blue

Don't miss it! Remember to sign up!

THANK YOU!



Summer is here and for our youth that means CAMP! Two of our youth are going to Confirmation Camp and nine are participating in church camp at LCLC. That they can attend is largely due to the generosity of the congregation—through the pansy sale and special donations to the campership fund. Together, they topped \$600.00!

Thanks also to Merikay and John from Harper's greenhouse who planted the beautiful baskets and gave us a special price—to make the dollars go even further!



Watch This Space....

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL IS COMING!

Vacation Church School will be 6-8:30pm, July 28-August 1.
More details will be in the next Messenger (July 15)

NO MESSENGER NEXT WEEK!

As agreed at the Annual Meeting, the Messenger is on a limited publishing schedule during the summer—so this is a "double" issue.

The next Messenger will be published on July 15.



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JULY 6, 2008

8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
10:00 AM	Joint Service at Onondaga Valley South Presbyterian

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (7/6)	
8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
10:00am	Joint Service - Onondaga Valley Presbyterian (see front page)
2:00pm	Plaza Suite Strike (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY (7/7)	
6:00pm	Actors Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm	Charlie Callbacks (Chapel, Coffee Shop)
TUESDAY (7/8)	
6:00pm	Scene One (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY (7/9)	
10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
12:00pm	Jolly Dolls & Gents (Coffee Shop)
6:00pm	Actors Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY (7/10)	
6:00pm	Scene One (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm	Summer Dinner (Coffee Shop)
7:00pm	Summer Worship (Chapel)
FRIDAY (7/11)	
8:00pm	Don't Feed The Actors Show (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY (7/12)	
12:30pm	Ostrander/Abreu Wedding (Sanctuary)
8:00pm	Don't Feed The Actors Show (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT 8:30 WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	Vicar Aaron Richter
COMMUNION ASST	Ken Greig
USHERS	David Rodgers/Baxter Simmons
ACOLYTES/	Abigail Wood
ALTAR CARE	Pam Haumann
GIFT BEARERS	The Strumlaks
READERS	Jeanette Greig
GREETERS	Roberta Mettler
FLOWER DELIVERY	Deacon Karen Douglass

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Zechariah 9:9-12

I am struck by the language in the last verse of our passage: Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope. There is a story that goes behind it. For fifty years, the people of Israel were in exile, banished from their homeland and taken to Babylon. After Babylon was defeated by Persia, the Israelites were sent back to their homeland, and had to begin the difficult process of rebuilding all that had been destroyed before. And so here is God calling to them: return to the stronghold that God had established, Jerusalem. Begin to rebuild. One usually thinks of prisoners as despondent, troubled, and depressed. While you are still prisoners, still under the Persian Empire, have hope. God has come to for you, to establish peace despite all the war that you have seen.

I think many of us can feel imprisoned by something. Some feel imprisoned by a job, or by the debt that hangs over us. For others it may be our health, an illness that is ravaging our bodies. And for others it may be relationships that are unhealthy, maybe one where we feel abused or taken advantage of. Through the depressive fog of our prisons, God calls us to the stronghold of hope found in Jesus Christ, our hope and our freedom.

Let us pray, Dear Lord, I get paralyzed sometimes - just stuck and unable to move. Free me today, by reminding me of your love and mercy. In your name we pray, Amen.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Crouse Hospital

Richard Boynton

At home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Bette Rae Kennedy, Bobbie Mttler, Barbara Nelson, Dorothy Phillips, Sandy Walters

Those in the armed services

Mike Breedlove (Pensacola, FL), Scott Carpenter, Travis Carpenter (APG, MD), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Trevor Martineau (Paris Island, SC), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Chris Nillhouse (Korea), Justin Randall (Quantico, VA), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Malcolm Rainbow (Harriet Walters' cousin) who died June 26.

We pray for a spiritual and safe trip for Pastor Rodgers, Missy Wilber, Susan Scharoun, and Karen Douglass who are attending the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering July 7-13 in Salt Lake City.

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 1:1-6 Romans 7:1-6	Sun continued... Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
F	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 2:6-13 Romans 7:7-20	M Psalm 131 Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 Romans 1:18-25
Sa	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 4:1-7 Luke 10:21-24	Tu Psalm 131 Jeremiah 8:4-13 Romans 3:1-8
Su	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	W Psalm 131 Joshua 23:1-16 John 13:1-17



9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JULY 13, 2008

8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Aaron Richter, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Holy Communion Service, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (7/13)	
8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
10:45am	Festival Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
1:00pm	Mendez Graduation Party and Set Up (Gym)
MONDAY (7/14)	
7:00pm	Church Council (Coffee Shop)
TUESDAY (7/15)	
8:00am	Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
7:00pm	Appleseed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)
WEDNESDAY (7/16)	
10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
6:00pm	Scene One (Fellowship Hall)
THURSDAY (7/17)	
12:00PM	Men in AtonEMENT (Coffee Shop)
5:00pm	ACC Family Fun Night
6:00pm	Scene One (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm	Summer Dinner (Coffee Shop)
7:00pm	Summer Worship (Chapel)
8:00pm	Worship & Music Committee (Coffee Shop)
FRIDAY (7/18)	
6:00pm	Scene One (Fellowship Hall)

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ISAIAH 55:10-13

I've always enjoyed water imagery in Scripture, especially when I think a little more about the culture that we're thinking about. Life was mainly agrarian, with some pockets of what we would consider urban market centers. So, most people farmed, or their lives were tied very closely to the land, and they knew it. They had probably worked in a field, or talked to the farmer, or the rancher (maybe even seen the meat they wanted when it was still a living animal!). And so, when they talk about water, especially rain, they're talking about life. So Isaiah speaks about the life-giving Word, the word that nourishes the people, that moves among the people, and returns back to God. And this Word will come and bring the people out of exile, give them new life.

There are places in our lives where we need something that gives us life, those dusty places where we are parched and need water. Where we need water to grow: to bring forth and sprout. And this is where God's Word enters us, falls to the earth, and waters us. So this week, let us say this prayer, and look for the places in our lives where God is watering us with the Word.

Let us pray, O God, you send rain to water the earth, and through it all things grow. Show us the places where we need that water, the Word that enters into creation and transforms all things. Shower us with your love and grace. In your name we pray, Amen.

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30am Gary Stensland
	10:45am Janet Holmgren
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am Merikay Harper
	10:45am Gary Stensland
USHERS	8:30am Joanne Claeys/Kevin Smith*
Elevator Op*	10:45am Louise Brown/Beth Arthur*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am TBD
	10:45am Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30am Pam Haumann
	10:45am Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am Ross & Chuck Kennedy
	10:45am Keren Veverka & Gary Stensland
READERS	8:30am Carole Barr
	10:45am Janet Holmgren
GREETERS	8:30am Gayle Wentworth
FLOWER DELIVERY	Yvonne Tucker

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 48:1-5 Romans 2:12-16
F	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 48:6-11 Romans 15:14-21
Sa	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 52:1-6 John 12:44-50
Su	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
M	Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Tu	Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17—5:2
W	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17

SUNDAY BUS/VAN SCHEDULE

9:00am	Lodi
9:15am	Presidential Plaza
9:20am	Toomey Abbott
9:30am	Arrive Church
9:45am	Leave Church
9:50am	Hoeffler
9:55am	Lincoln
10:10am	Thurber
10:15am	Loretto
10:30am	Arrive Church

SUMMER THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

Can't make it to church on Sunday? Join us on Thursday evenings, with Worship at 7:00pm, in the Chapel, preceded by a picnic supper in the Coffee Shop at 6pm. If your summer weekends are busy, please join us for this mid-week service.

FRESH FROM THE FARM!



"Farm Fresh" a partnership with PEACE will bring a Farmer's Market to our Parking Lot each week this summer.

Starting June 5, the Mobile Farmers Market will be in the Atonement parking lot Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5pm.