

June Newsletter

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(Briefly) On the Work of the Holy Spirit by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Happy Pentecost! And what a better time for the season of Pentecost to fall than the beginning of summer. As you well know, the day of Pentecost is celebrated as the day that the Holy Spirit came down and was given to the disciples, and by extension, us.

So we have the Holy Spirit among us. So what? What does this mean ("Was ist das" as Luther famously says in his Small Catechism). Well it means a number of things for us. But one of the things it means is that we can now have confidence that not only do we have Christ's promise with us, but we can freely share it! We need not be worried about whether or not someone is worthy to hear the Word, or if we are worthy to give it! Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians,

"3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit."

This means that as we are confessing Jesus to be Lord, it is not of our own words. It is not us trying to be a holier people, rather we know that it is the

Holy Spirit that is driving us toward Christ! And this is good news! What better news do we have than the freedom to know that the Holy Spirit is constantly turning us towards the salvation given to us by the death and resurrection of God's only Son!

While summer is usually filled with lots of activities, there is a certain freeing feeling. This is what we have with the Holy Spirit. We are not let off the hook to sit around and do nothing because we have been set totally free. Our neighbors still need us in every sense of the word. People still need our help, kindness, and love. What changes when we have the Holy Spirit dwelling among us is the confidence and peace that we do not need to worry about being good enough for God's mercy and grace. We can sit down at the end of the day and know that no matter what you did or did not accomplish during the day, God has called you His own. You have been given the Holy Spirit to call you, gather you, enlighten you, and make you holy.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead



June Calendar

Friday, June 2

7:00 PM Movie on the Hill, bonfire & FUN.

Sunday, June 4

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

11:30 AM Council Mtg

7:00 PM VCIS

Monday, June 5

9:00 AM OSLC VBS

Tuesday, June 6

9:00 AM OSLC VBS

Wednesday, June 7

9:00 AM OSLC VBS

2:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, June 8

9:00AM OSLC VBS

7:00PM OSLC VBS Program

Sunday, June 11

10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)

7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, June 14

2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, June 18

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)

7:00 PM No VCIS - Mission Trip June 17 -24



Wednesday, June 21

2:00 PM Bible Study

6:00PM Progressive Dinner

Friday, June 23

4:00 - 8:00PM OSLC Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 24

8:00AM - 2:00PM OSLC Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 25

Newsletter Deadline

10:30AM Worship Service in the Park • Potluck Picnic to follow

7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, June 28

2:00 PM Bible Study

June Worship Helpers

Sunday, June 4

ReaderJanet Munkvold
 Acolytes Summer Hiatus
 Communion HelperSummer Hiatus
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Brenda Whitehead

Sunday, June 18

Reader TBD
 AcolytesSummer Hiatus
 Communion HelperSummer Hiatus
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, June 11

Reader Tonya Rudd
 AcolytesSummer Hiatus
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, June 25

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes Summer Hiatus
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Music Praise Band

June Ushers & Cleaners

June Ushers

- Brett and Julie Hartmann
- John and Kara Edelman
- Sheila Wek
- Janet and Anna Munkvold

Cleaners May 21- June 3

- Sandra Swensen
- Gail Anderson,
- Dawn Kludt,
- Audrey Kost

Cleaners June 4- June 17

- Michelle Sorensen,
- Susan Petersen,
- Tammy Sorensen,
- Haylee Sherard

Cleaners June 18- July 1

- Julie Hartman,
- Sheila Wek,
- Kara Edelman



June Scripture Readings

June 4 - Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 - Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7), Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 25 - Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

Progressive Supper

Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00PM

**Singles Night or Date Night...
Come one, come all!**

- » Appetizers at Mitch Larsen's
- » Salad at Annet Kroupenske's
- » Main course at Sandra Swensen's
- » Dessert at Tonya Rudd's

RSVP to Linda Larsen, so we can give some sort of head count to those hosting.

SHOWTIME

**Outdoor Movie on the Hill • June 2
7:00pm at Spring Valley Church**

There will be yard games, a bonfire and food to eat. Admission is Free Will Donation with all the proceeds going towards the Youth Mission Trip.

Looking Ahead To July

Sunday, July 2
10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 11:30 AM Council Mtg
 7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, July 5
 2:00 PM Bible Study

Sunday, July 9
10:30 AM Worship Service
 7:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, July 12
 2:00 PM Bible Study



VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus

Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified



Summer VCIS is upon us! We have shifted to Sunday evenings at 7 and now spend our evenings around a fire instead of in the Parish Hall basement. We love summer VCIS.

But of course the one thing that is on everyone's mind is the trip! We leave on June 17 and will be doing work in the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina until June 23. We are all very excited! This time we are making our trip just a little bit longer and breaking our travel into 2 days rather than driving overnight like last year. I have been in communication with a church in St. Louis, MO, and am glad to say that we plan on staying on their gym floor on the way down and on the way back! We have also added a few students from last year too. We are headed to NC with 16 students and 6 adult leaders. Which means we will be taking 1 15-passenger van, 1 12-passenger van, and 1 minivan.

We still aren't certain exactly what work we will be doing there, but based on our experience last year, we expect to do a lot of yard work, pulling weeds, doing random tasks that community members might need, and do some children's ministry. No matter what the task will be, we are guaranteed to have a good time serving God's people!

Last month we flamingoed a yard and had a Bunco night at Spring Valley. Bunco was a lot of fun! It was so much fun for the kids to interact with church members that they don't always spend much time with. We also have another fundraiser activity on the horizon! Friday, June 2, we will be playing an outdoor movie at Spring Valley. We will be playing Cars in the parking lot!

That will be our last fundraising event before the trip! Fundraising has been going really well, but as of this moment, each kid owes an average of \$201. If you would like to donate anything to help them reach their fundraising goals, checks can be made out to VCIS and sent to PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070. Aside from monetary support, we greatly appreciate prayerful support too!

Thank you for your continued support! This group is very special to a lot of kids and their families, and we give thanks for the opportunity to grow together in Christ.

Pastor Max



It's Back!!

You can help support the VCIS Mission Trip by Flamingo-ing a Friend!

Cost:

- \$30 to send the flock,
- \$15 to have them removed,
- \$5 to find out who sent them.

Contact Pr. Max to schedule!

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STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



SVLC VBS 2023
JULY 24TH - 27TH, 2023
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Are you ready for a STELLAR time at VBS?
Join us for 4 days of singing, learning and FUN!

Register today!

Deadline to register is July 23!
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/3eedc1>

