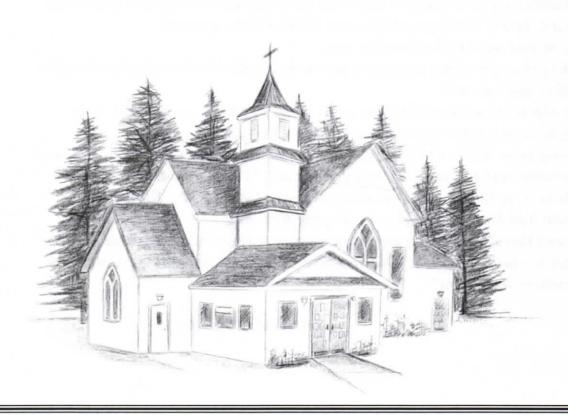
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Reflection

Car or Haircut

A young boy had just received his driver's permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son. 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B Average, study your Bible a little, get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car.

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm real disappointed you didn't get your hair cut. The young man paused a moment then said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair.' To this his father replied, 'Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?'

Submitted by LeaEtte Peters

People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

Submitted by LeaEtte Peters

Pastor's Notes



From Pastor Bob

A friend sent this story to me and thought it was worth sharing with you.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

No matter what your condition, no matter what difficulty you may be facing the Lord wants to encourage you. Psalm 119, verse 18 has some wisdom that may change your view of everything. Open my eyes that I may see

wonderful things in your law.

Council Meeting 11/14/2012

Council members present Brian Vacek, Brian Alsleben, Randy Rose, and Doug Block, Cory Garoutte, and Pastor Bob. Absent was Mandy Grack.

Pastors Report:

Visitation: Joyce Karl, Katherine Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Mary Garoutte, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick & Bernetta Swift, Maynard Rannow, Cory Rosales, Doug & Carol Block, Brenda & Glen Schaefer, Robin Field, and Pam Martin.

Brian Vacek called the meeting to order. Secretary's report was read by Randy Rose and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brian Alsleben and approved.

<u>Checking</u>:
Beginning balance \$25,640.62

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Benevolence:

Balance \$3,810.50

Youth Group: Balance \$7,200.22

General fund Balance \$18.848.50

Building Fund:

Van Guard \$17,510.15 Citizens Bank \$14,338.54

Old Business

- *Adjust Steeple Timer.
- *No bids for snow removal.
- *Plant 3 trees in memory of JimGaroutte. They will plant on east side of church.

New Business

- *The choir checking account will be moved to the general fund.
- *New land contact signed with Dave Sanken for \$300.00 per acre.
- *Check salt for walkway
- *Decorate church on Sat, Dec 1st at 9:00 am

- *Undecorate January 6th after church.
- *Reviewed membership list.
- *Council members terms that are up this year is Brian V, Cory & Mandy.
- *Pastor's contract was reviewed.
- *Working on Budget for 2013 will finalize at December meeting.
- *A motion was made to accept Hahn construction for the new roof and the motion was tabled until we receive a signed contract from Hahn. Hahn's bid was for \$18,500.00. We received an insurance check on the old roof for \$2,877.24.
- *No suggestions in suggestion box.

Motion made to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted Randy Rose Secretary

Council Meeting 12/12/2012

Council members present, Brian Alsleben, Randy Rose, and Doug Block, Cory Garoutte, and Mandy Grack. Absent were Brian Vacek and Pastor Bob.

Pastors Report: None given.

Mandy Grack called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was read by Randy Rose and approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Brian Alsleben and approved.

Checking:

Beginning balance \$26,117.26

Ending balance \$29,193.31

Benevolence:

Balance \$3,860.50

Youth Group:

Balance \$6,958.22

Memorial fund:

Balance \$1.257.97

General fund

Balance \$17,116.62

Building Fund:

Van Guard \$17,510.61 Citizens Bank \$14,262.72

Old Business

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New Business

- *Annual meeting January 20th
- *Post new schedules for ushers, altar and cleaning
- *Review Mary & Karen's wages for 2013
- *Finalize budget for 2013
- *Shovel for snow Doug will get
- *Light on power poll Randy will talk to McLeod Coop
- *Randy will do snow removal again for 2013
- *No suggestions in suggestion box.

Motion made to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Wednesday, January 2nd at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted Randy Rose Secretary

Council Meeting 1/2/2013

All Council members and Pastor Bob were present.

Pastors Report: Visitation – Joyce Karl, Maynard Rannow, Eileen Moehring, Mary Garoutte, Loretta Jungclaus, Dick &Bernetta Swift, Nick Rose, Nita Von Wald and Bernice Huebert.

I would recommend that Juanita (Nita) von Wald be received into membership by letter of transfer from First Baptist Church, 295 Broadway Ave N, Cokato Mn 55321.

Juanita von Wald – 1096 Sherwood St SE Hutchinson Mn 55350 -320-587-7148.

Motion made and seconded to be a member.

Brian Vacek called the meeting to order.
Secretary's report was read by Randy Rose and approved.
Treasurer's report was read by Brian Alsleben and approved.

Checking:
Beginning balance \$29,193.31
Ending balance \$20,237.60

Benevolence: Balance \$1,460.50

Youth Group: Balance \$7,149.22

Memorial fund: Balance \$2,055.00

General fund Balance \$9,572.94

Building Fund: Van Guard \$17,511.03 Citizens Bank \$19,242.72

Old Business:

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New Business

- *Give CCCC \$750.00 next year.
- *Budget approved.
- *Memorials reviewed no memorials to be done.
- *Confirmation will be May 5th, 2013
- *At annual meeting pass around signup sheets for altar, usher & cleaning.
- *No suggestions in suggestion box.

Motion made to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted Randy Rose Secretary

Annual Meeting Minutes 1/20/2013

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Vacek. Pastor Bob opened with a prayer. Members of the council present; Brian Alsleben, Doug Block, Cory Garoutte and Brian Vacek, members not present; Mandy Grack and Randy Rose.

President Brian Vacek read the minutes of the annual meeting from January 15, 2012.

The minutes were approved as read. Brian Asleben gave the reports of the General Fund, Memorial Fund, Congregational Direct Giving, and the Youth Group. Doug Block gave the report on Building Fund. Julie Karl gave the report of the Benevolence Giving.

Mavis Mielke gave the report on the Women's Guild. Brenda Garoutte gave the report on the Sunday School. All reports were approved as read.

St. John's Church Membership and Attendance and Changes was read by Dave Swift for Celine . Report of the Financial Review Committee was given by Dave Swift, they found all work in good order.

Service Times: Winter Hours will be Sunday School 9:15, Worship 10:30.

Summer Hours will be at 9:30(from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend), with the 2nd Sunday each month being an outdoor service. The 2nd Sunday in August Worship Service will be held at Heatwole..

Lenten Service Time will be 7 p.m. with lunch following.

Holiday Services; Good Friday 7:00 p.m., Easter 9:30 a.m., Thanksgiving 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program was changed to the 3rd Sunday in December being held

during the morning worship time. This was voted on with Mary Huebert making a motion to change it with Gene Konerza 2nd the motion. It was voted on and approved. Confirmation will be held on May 5th.

Old Business:

Furnaces are in and working very well.

Funeral Services have gone well, with 2 council member present or filling the spots by members of the church for the service. This will remain in 2013.

Photo Directories have been completed and went well. A Thank you to Andrea Wigern and Julie Karl for the work they did with this.

New Business:

Budget for 2013 was gone over and approved.

Wages: Secretary and Organist to remain the same.

Pastor Salary; Pastor requested no increase in his wages, but the congregation felt he deserves an increase, it was voted on and accepted. He will get a 3% increase.

Council to check on changing Vanguard account, if there is some other way to earn better interest on it. (Jerry Block questioned it and it was voted to have the council check on it).

By the request of Dave Sanken, (who rents the church land) rent will go up from \$200.00 to \$300.00

Volunteers/Staff and Elections:

Need three members for the Council; Dave Huebert nominated David Swift, Mary Garoutte nominated Joe Blackbird, and Jerome Karl nominated Cory Garoutte to serve a second term; Cory said he'd serve a second term. All were voted on and approved. Brian Vacek had served his two terms, and Mandy Grack did not wish to fill another term.

Financial Review Committee will be Jerry Block, Roger Trimbo, Celine Swift.

Benevolence Committee will be; Elaine Carrigan, Julie Karl, and Dave Sanken, Record Keeper will be Celine Swift.

Nursery Committee will be Michelle Alsleben, Mary Taylor and Kathy Trimbo.

Ice Cream Social Committee for 2013 will be; Warren & Bonnie Kaufmann, Jerry and Charlie Block, and Julie Karl. Ice Cream Social will be on Chursday, June 13th.

Roof Project; Contractor will be Tim Hahn, we will be putting 25 years asphalt shingles on the church. They will be shadow shingles the color will be determined by the congregation when we get the samples from Tim. The complete job will be \$18,500.00, with some extra for taking the chimney down to the roof line. He had overlooked it at the time of the bid, but it was felt it would not cost that much more that the council would not go over the \$20,000 limit that set for this project. It will be completed in May if the weather is good and no unforeseen things happen.

Replacing the old chairs from the shed was discussed, the chairs are in very poor condition and should not be used any longer. The council will check on memorial money and decide how many will be purchased at a time or if all will be replaced. They will put the new ones downstairs and take the best ones from the downstairs chairs now for using outdoors.

Miscellaneous items:

Brian Vacek apologized for not getting the furnace turned up for the Christmas Eve service, because he lost his key and couldn't get in the church.

Jerry Block questioned if we should clean the shed out or do some project to get more room.

Being no other business, Jerry Block made a motion to adjourn, motion was 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Cemetery Association Meeting was called to order by Jon Block, President.

Minutes were read and approved. The Cemetery Funds reports were read; there was a question about the \$2,600.00 that went in the savings account from offering envelopes, Dave Sanken was not present so they are going to check with him and if anyone needs an answer they can call Jon Block.

The lawn mowing will be given to Mike Schmalz, he is known by the board members and will do a good job. Green Earth Lawn Care raised their prices.

Curt Paulsen term was up, but is willing to serve again. Motion was made by Jon and seconded by Jerry to reelect Curt Paulsen for another term. Motion carried.

If ever you have a question about the cemetery you are asked to call one of the board members. Their names and phone numbers will be listed on the back of the weekly bulletins.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Karen Konerza, Acting Secretary

Sunday School Happenings

Great job kids, parents, and teachers as we presented another successful Christmas program. Job well done.

The list below will be the dates you will want to put on your calendar.

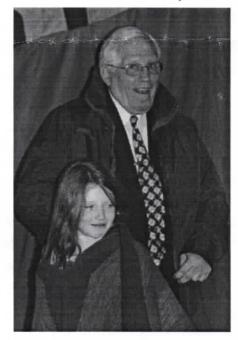
- @ Feb 17th -Children sing during church service
- March 17th Children sing during church service.
- @ March 24th-no Sunday school
- @ March 31st` no Sunday school
- @ April 21th Children sing during church service.

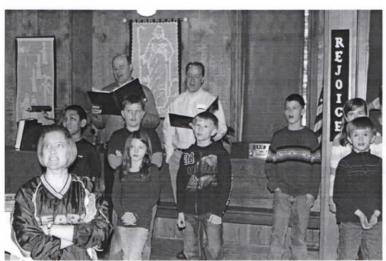
Christmas program practice

Bridget playing guitar



Pastor Bob and Makayla

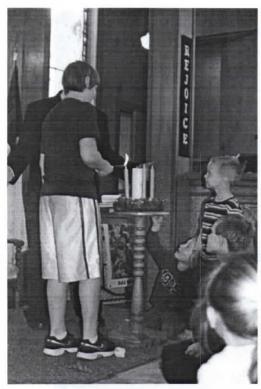




Robyn, Eli, Jaden, Makayla, Shelby, Isaac, Jessica, Holden Brian and Dave



Holden, Darrin, Braden, Zachery, Marley, Orie Jessica, Robin, Kaitlyn, Chase, Adam Susie, Celine, Jodi, Pam

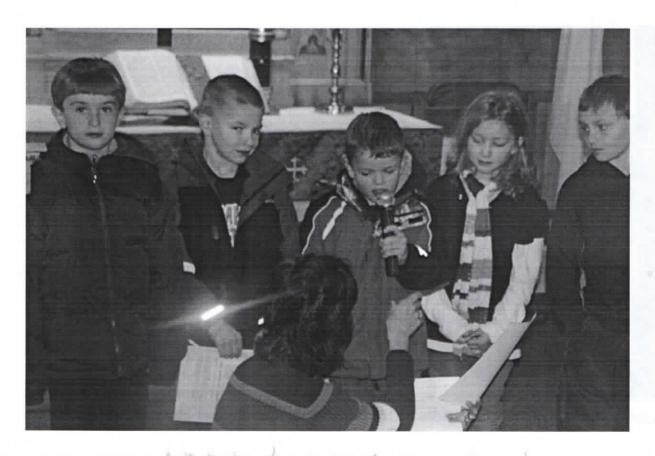


Lighting of the first advent candle of the Christmas

season. Oakley lighting the candle and Ethan and Sunday School children watching.

Let's do it! Eli, Jaden, Makalya, Susie, Carly, Grace





Holden, Cameron, Darrin, Hailey, Dylan and Jodi



Mary, Laylah, Zachary, Taylor, Ethan, Mason

Youth Page

What we've been doing:

- In November the youth group packaged 36 shoeboxes. Thanks for all the donations. This was the most shoeboxes we have ever done and they were all full of great stuff!
- December the youth made book marks for the shut-ins. We also filled Christmas bags for the Sunday School Christmas Program.
- January meeting was spent trying to coordinate calendars for the upcoming activities. We also enjoyed playing games.

January 13th after church we went for pizza and Thunder Alley Bowling.



Looking Ahead:

- February 6th will be our next monthly meeting from 7-8PM at church. We will begin preparations for Palm Sunday Breakfast. We will also start our Flower/plant sale at this time.
- March 6th there will be no youth group meeting due to Lent.
- March 22-23rd will be our hotel trip to St. Cloud Holiday Inn. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we have enough room space and appropriate chaperones.
- March 24 we will serve Palm Sunday breakfast.
- April 3rd meeting details coming soon.
- May 7th flowers will arrive. Some youth will meet at Swifts to sort orders. Time will be announced. Wed. May 8th flowers can be picked up and delivery will begin.

Note: Please watch the church bulletins for more info on youth group activities and be sure I have your phone number for last minute information by text. Send me a note 320.455.7218. Thanks.

*For questions about the youth group contact Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 or Julie Karl 587-7702

Church Happenings

Guild's Family Fun Day Event that took place on Sunday, Dec. 2nd.



Congley Sisters



Grace & Adam



Mary & Chandler



Mark Your Calendars

Attention all you laundry soap makers - Sunday, February 3rd we will be making laundry soap and would welcome anyone who would care to join us! We will gather at Dave and Mary Hubert's home after worship. Just bring a 5 gallon bucket with lid and \$2.50 for each bucket you'd like to make. It's fun and economical... (If the temps are too cold we'll have to reschedule as the soap doesn't set up right but we're hoping for warmer temps!)

Lenten Fair coming up!!

Sunday, February 10th is the date to plan on attending the Lenten Fair at St. John's. It's a fun event for all ages. There will be a potluck after worship followed by the Fair. The fair consists of a wide variety of activities for all ages, things to make and take home.... all helping to prepare us to celebrate the Lenten season and Easter. Some of the activities include: Easter Banners, Survival Bracelets, Stained Glass Crosses, Easter Stepping Stones, Prayer Pots, Crucifixion Cookies, Easter Gems, Surprise Pots and Bingo! You can participate in all activities or as many as you'd like. Plan to attend and invite your friends.

Valentine Plates will be put together for our shut-ins on Sunday, Feb. 10th immediately after church. A donation of 1 dozen cookies would be appreciated. Anyone interested in helping deliver a plate contact Charlie Block.

Reminder: Sign-up sheets for Lenten Luncheon Servers, Ushers, Church Cleaning and Altar Guild are posted on the back bulletin board. Volunteers are Needed!!

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST put on by the Youth Group is Sunday March 24th.

Reminder: The Women's Guild continues to save receipts from Econo Foods as a money making project. Please save your receipts and place in the Econo Food box in the back of the church.

ATHC is in partnership with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to recycle Holiday lights. Working and non working lights are accepted. Recycling your old lights provides employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities at ATHC. The light bulbs will be removed from the wire strands and then the wire will be sold to a local recycler. Thank you for helping ATHC promote this new recycling effort. There is a box in the entrance that you can put the lights in. Any questions talk to Elaine Carrigan.

Looking for some great entertainment?????

There are some recent additions to the church library. Some wonderfully entertaining and inspirational DVD's have been donated to the library. These are appropriate for a variety of ages (young to senior citizens). If you are tired of the programs on TV, check these out.

Anyone wishing to send a card or note to our shut ins;.

Loretta Jungclaus %Cedar Crest Estates birthday; 9/06 225 Shady Ridge Rd. N.W. Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Joyce Karl Phone # 320-552-2171 Emmanuel Home Room 207 600 S. Davis Ave. birthday 11/15 Litchfield, MN. 55355

Eileen Moehring birthday 2/23 Elim Home of Watertown 409 Jefferson Ave. S.W. Watertown, MN. 55388

Irene Nemitz Phone # 320-587-8748 1361 Westwood Rd. N.W. birthday 3/25 Hutchinson, MN. 55350 Katherine Rannow Phone # 320-327-2343 127 Park Ave. S.W. birthday 6/19 Silver Lake, MN. 55381

Maynard Rannow Phone # 864-4050 1900 Ford Ave. N Glencoe, MN. 55336

Kay Hahn-Sellers birthday 5/27 2322 Dundee Pl. Carrolton, TX. 75007-127

LENTEN LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS

Feb. 13th Bonnie Kaufmann Julie Karl Alice Kaufmann

Feb. 20th Mary Garoutte Elaine Carrigan Susie Blackbird Robyn Field

Feb. 27th Kathy Trimbo Brenda Schaefer Michelle Alsleben

March 6th Mary Huebert Brenda Garoutte Karen Konerza

March 13th
Doug & Carol
Jerry & Charlie
Jon & Bridget
Dale & LeaEtte

March 20th Open

CHURCH LEADERS

PASTOR Pay Poly Taylor 762 420 6800	SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTES
Rev. Bob Taylor763-420-6800	2012-2013
COUNCIL 2013-2014 Brian Alsleben 864-6745 Joe Blackbird 320-583-1025 Doug Block 328-5356 Cory Garoutte 864-4646 Randy Rose 864-6862 David Swift 864-6188	Preschool Bridget Block, Mary Taylor, Sarah Forbes K-2 nd grade Jodi Sanken-Andrea Wigern 3 rd -5 th Grade Susie Blackbird, Robyn Field 6 th -8 th Grade Brenda Garoutte
WOMEN'S GUILD- 2013 President: Charlie Block	Young Adults Michelle Alsleben-Kathy Trimbo Substitute List Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 Celine Swift 320-864-6188
Sunshine Chair: Elaine Carrigan	YOUTH GROUP LEADERS Roxanne Sladek 320-455-7218 Julie Karl 587-7702 CHURCH SECRETARIES Records Upkeep: Celine Swift 864-6188
BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE Julie Karl 587-7702 David Sanken 328-4164 Elaine Carrigan 864-3330	Clerical: Karen Konerza864-4554 CCCC Area Rep.: Rev. Daniel Peterson 651-436-6021 Conf. Minister: Stephen Gammon651-739-1

Job Sign Up for 2013

Custodians	Altar Guild	Ushers
January Sladek	January Sladek	January Sladek
FebruarySwift	February Swift	FebruarySwift
MarchRose/Trimbo	March Trimbo	March Rose/Trimbo
AprilBlocks	AprilBlocks	April Blocks
May Alslebens	MayBlackbirds	May Blackbirds
JuneMavis /Elaine	JuneMavis/Elaine	JuneKonerza
July Dale & LeaEtte	July Dale & LeaEtte	July Dale & LeaEtte
August	AugustAlice Kaufmann	August
SeptemberKaufmann	September	September Karls/Kaufmanns
October Garoutte	OctoberGaroutte	OctoberGaroutte
Nov	Nov	NovemberVacek/Huebert
Dec	DecemberRose	December
January 2014Sladek	January 2014 Sladek	1st Sunday Dale & LeaEtte
		2 nd Sunday
		3 rd Sunday
		4 th Sunday
		5 th Sunday
		January 2014 Sladek

February 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Dave Streeter	2
3Communion Isaac S. Soap Making at Hueberts	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Lenten Fair	11	12	13 Lenten Service 7 p.m.	14	15 Evelyn P.	16
17 Sunday School Children sing	18 Desiree S.	19	20Lenten Service 7 p.m.	21	22 Roxanne S.	23 Eileen M.
24	25 Gloria W. Mark W.	26	27 Lenten Service 7 p.m.	28		

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Charlotte H. Mary G.	2 Hannah W.
3 Communion	4 Sharon M.	5 Robin S.	6 Lenten Service 7 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Lenten Service 7 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Sunday School children sing	18	19 Angela K.	20 Lenten Service 7 p.m.	21	22	23 Kelsey F.
24 No Sunday School Palm Sunday Breakfast	25 Irene N.	26 Randy R.	27	28 Morgan S.	29 Good Friday Serv. 7 p.m. Jerry B.	30
31 Easter-No Sunday School						

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Brenda S.	5 LeaEtte P.	6 Celine S.
7 Communion	8	9	10 Marley S.	11 Kari E. Tyler M.	12 Jenna T.	13 Allan B.
14 Margie B. Jeremy M.	15	16 Glen S.	17	18	19	20 Jodi S.
21	22 McKenna S.	23	24 Mike M.	25	26	27 Laura S.
28 Mason M.	29	30 Kathy T.				

"Anger is one letter away from danger"

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Information for the next newsletter will be due April 25th . You can bring your input to me at the church, or mail it to me (821 Baxter Ave, Glencoe) or email me at chubbers67@gmail.com.

Karen Konerza