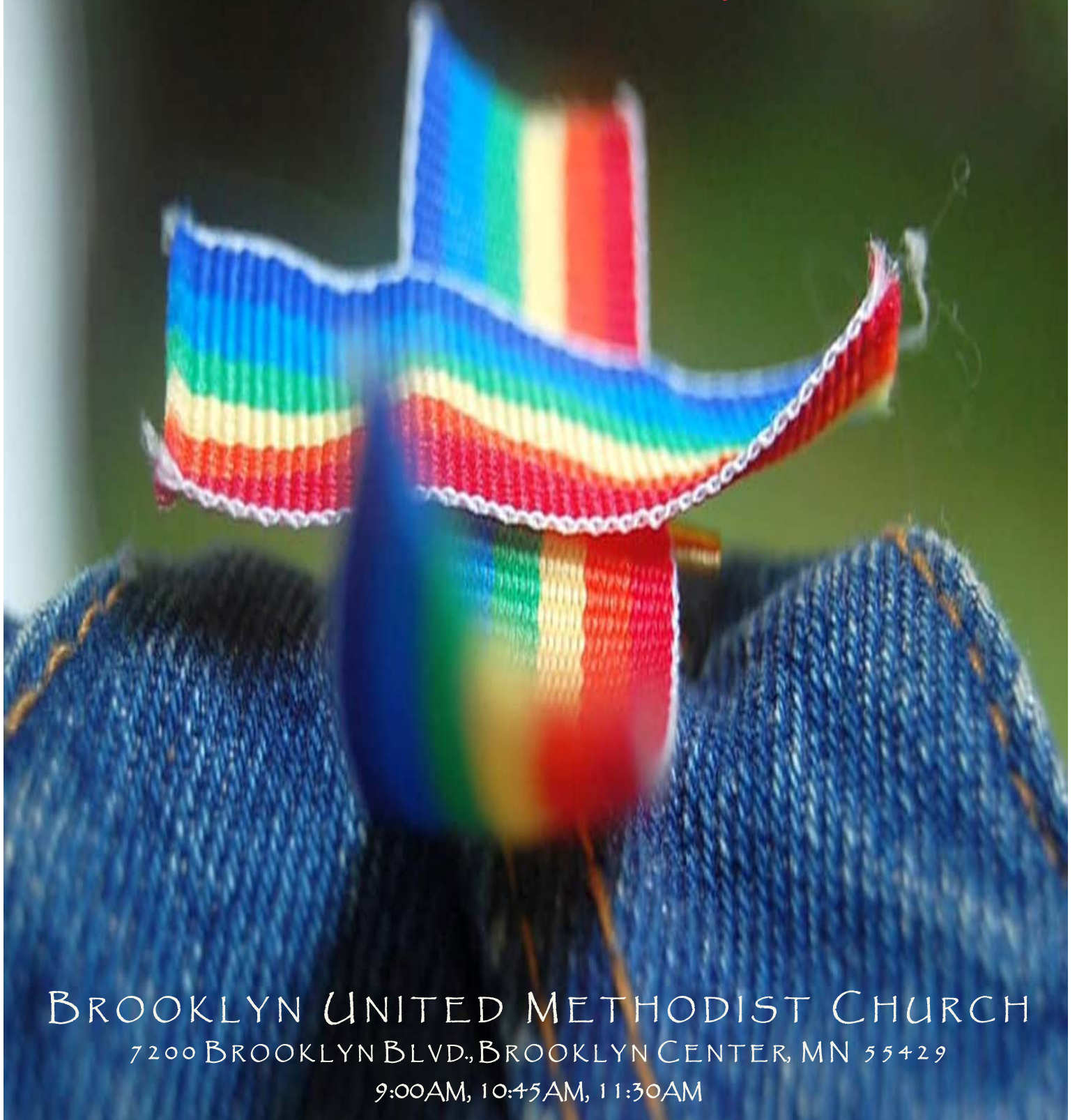


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August 2019
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*Videos of Sunday's sermons can be
found on our website under
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BECOMING THE HEART OF THE BROOKLYNS BY ...

REACH NEW PEOPLE

Through service, worship,
discipleship, reaching new people
with the grace of God

LOVE GOD & LOVE NEIGHBOR

Living out the 2 great
commandments of Jesus Christ
in everything we do as a
community of faith.

HEAL A BROKEN WORLD

Serving alongside our neighbors to
become the heart of the Brooklyns,
the north side and beyond.

*We are pumping in and
pumping out the love of God
to the community around us.*



It's August!?!?! For the last 15 years or so I have learned something about myself. I need to get away or I start to look and feel like this! I have been preaching at least 3 sermons a Sunday for 27 years of my ministry. And those 3 sermons were preached at three very different worship services, like ours at Brooklyn UMC. So I learned something - well my District Superintendent, Pastor Parish Relations Committee and my doctor helped me learn something—take some time off. Not just a here and there but some time off, time away from doing what I do. So August is my time to step away for an extended period.



Here is what I do in August:

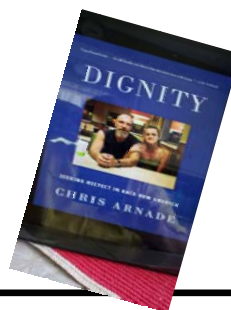
- ◆ Read - I pick a few history books I want to read and I get up in the morning and read.
- ◆ Family time - I take over all household duties and just take care of my family and do a lot of grilling!
- ◆ Take a vacation with my buddy - Foster and I will take at least one trip and a few short adventures, usually involving trains. We have not decided this year but we are either going to Duluth or back out to Western Nebraska this year to do some train watching.
- ◆ Home tasks - I have to re-roof my house! I want to get some new basement shelves in, and finish off my outdoor room (taking down an old tin shed and building a new one. Well that's the plan anyway.)

Also, go to worship. On Sundays while I'm on vacation, I try to go to as many worship services on a Sunday as I can. I love to listen to someone else preach. My record is back in Topeka, Kansas while visiting Bonnie's side of the family, I got in 5 worship services on one Sunday morning. If I can plan it out and it all works, I would like to break the record this summer.

You all will be in good hands. Pastor Henry and the staff have it all covered. Pastor Henry is going to preach about Loving God and how worship is vital to our faith lives. A friend of mine is coming in on the last Sunday of August to preach about grace. I'll make it back into the pulpit Sept. 1st and back in the office after that. I pray you all have a great August. Did I mention I think baseball watching will also be part of August. And get this Twin Fans, you might see me at Target Field a few times!!!!

See you all in September!
Pastor Rich

I will also be reading Dignity this August, but in a unique way. If you read it with me you will understand why, but I will be reading it at McDonalds (in BC) some August mornings. Join me if you would like.



In August I am giving up screens! I know I might be crazy, but I'm going to shut off all my screens and use that time reading (ok, I already lied, some of my books are on my Kindle so I will have to use its screen). Here is what I will be reading so join me if you want. I would love to gather with any one of you in September for a little book discussion.



7200 IS COMING

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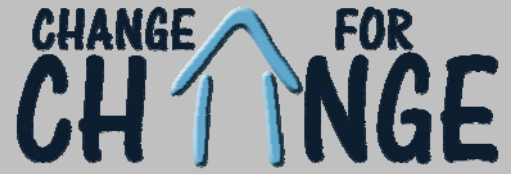
Help us bring hope this Christmas

This September we are asking all members, regular attenders, and guests to assemble a Shoe Box for Christmas at Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota and Red Lake Reservation here in Minnesota.

What is in a Shoebox?

Love Shoebox Christmas gifts are built from love for children that might not otherwise get a Christmas gift. On the reservation, up to 70 percent of the children would not get a Christmas gift if not for the Shoebox Christmas Gift program and the generosity of the people that donate to this wonderful program. To start, wrap the bottom and top of the box separately (this will allow us to insert the story of the birth of Jesus. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, ask them what they would like for Christmas. Add that, a few more small gifts, some candy, a winter hat, mittens or gloves, place a rubber band around the box and the top, then put the age group and gender of the child on top of the box. You have just built a box of love. We are looking for the following age groups. Infant, Toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, 13 and up. Please only add new toys and please don't put any clothing except the hats/gloves or mittens in the boxes. Then bring them to BUMC by Sunday Sept. 29th. After worship on the 29th as one of our service projects that day, we are going to add the Christmas Story to them and get them ready for delivery as one of our projects that day.

What would happen if every household of BUMC was able to put at least one shoe box together? We would call that a miracle! It's possible, as all things are possible with God!



Saving our change, making special gifts, to heal a broken world.

Change for Change Offerings

Using our change and special gifts, God calls us to give to change the world. Each Sunday we ask all of BUMC to save their change, bring it to worship along with any special gift you feel God is calling you to give, and place it in our Change for Change Offering. Together we shall change the world.

This month we are supporting CEAP by collecting school supplies, Native American Sunday and LaGonave Alive.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CEAP - 8/4 & 8/11

Schools, parents, and communities share a common goal of supporting their children's learning and development. In order to be fully prepared for another school year, our children need school supplies and healthy meals. There is a strong link between eating healthy, physical activity, and improved academic achievement of children. Help BUMC support our children's schools.

NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY - 8/18

In addition to supporting Native American Sunday by empowering local and spiritual development and education to Native American seminary students to serve God, we will financially support our friends at Spirit Lake Ministry who help the Spirit Lake Nation.

LAGONAVE ALIVE - 8/25

LaGonave Alive is a nonprofit in Haiti organized to serve God and to bring hope, health, and happiness to the people on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. They convey the message of Christ through the areas of education, healthcare, and ministering to those in need, especially women, children, and the elderly. The founder of LaGonave, Bruce Blumer, will be our guest preacher on this Sunday.



Join us as we take our prayers on a walk
SUNDAY, August 18th

(And every 3rd Sunday of the Month following each worship service)

10am or 11:30am or 1pm

(And at North UMC at 11:30am)

SPECIAL PRAYER WALK SESSIONS

August 25th **5pm**

(meet at Brooklyn Park City Hall parking lot)

September 1st **5pm**

(meet at Brooklyn Center City Hall parking lot)

September 8th **5pm**

(meet at North UMC Parking lot)

September 15th **9pm**

(meet at North UMC Parking lot)

September 22nd **9pm**

(meet at Walmart Parking Lot, Brooklyn Center)



October is our 165th Anniversary Celebration month

During the month of October we will be celebrating our 165th Anniversary of Brooklyn UMC being the Heart of the Brooklyns. Each Wednesday in October, we will be hosting a fellowship celebration about a different aspect of our past. Food, fellowship and some great history. Mark you calendars now to attend.

In October we will also be producing a special newsletter of remembrances of BUMC by our members and friends. If you have a favorite memory or story of our past, please submit a short article as soon as you can to be included in that newsletter.

RECKLESS LOVE

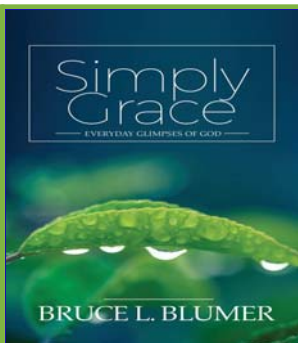
Reckless Love: Jesus Call to Love our Neighbor A Book and Bible Study Starting in September

Pastor Rich will be leading a Bible/Book Study using the book *Reckless Love* by *Tom Berlin* on Wednesdays at noon and 6:30pm (starting Sept. 4th) as well as Sundays at 10am (starting Sunday, Sept. 1st)

Download the book with your e-reader, order one from your favorite book seller or pick one up from the church office if you would like to be part of the Book/Bible Study. Cost of book is \$13. A weekly study we call *Grab Gather Grow* will be available for anyone who does not want to be part of the book study but would like to study the Reckless Love theme. We shall also provide our weekly Take5 resource for every household to

Take5 with Reckless Love.

Let's Get Reckless with our Love! Let's get ready to Be Love!



On Sunday, August 25th, Bruce Blumer will be our guest preacher at all three of our services. Bruce is the former Executive Director of The United Methodist Church Development Center in Nashville, TN, and co-founder of LaGonave Alive! - a non-profit organized to serve and bring God's hope, health and happiness to the people on the island of LaGonave, Haiti. He is also a friend of Pastor Rich's and an avid Twins fan!

Bruce will be with us at all three services on the 25th and preach about Simply Grace: Everyday Glimpses of God. Copies of his book will be available that Sunday, and profits from the book will be used to support scholarships and building an addition to the school in LaGonave, Haiti. For more information about LaGonave Alive, see www.LaGonaveAlive.com.

His message will be to simply share grace. A message he has lived out throughout his life. His book and message are based on Wesley's principles of grace. Our Change4Change offering that day will support LaGonave Alive! You will want to invite others to join us on the 25th.



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free..." Luke 4:18

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come..." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Greetings from the Brooklyn Recovery Ministry, a new ministry of Brooklyn United Methodist Church! For those of you who I have yet to meet, my name is Pastor Howie Baird, and I am a person in recovery. What that means is that I haven't felt the need to use alcohol, drugs, or other substances to alter my mental state since March 3, 2018. Actually, recovery is so much more than just not using. I always say anyone can stop using, but recovery is harder. Recovery means learning to live a self-directed life where one's health and wellness is greatly improved all while striving to reach one's full potential in life. In other words, recovery is not just quitting something, it's starting something new.

The first step in almost any program of recovery is admitting that we have a problem and that we need help. In Alcoholics Anonymous step one states, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable." I believe that if when you wake up in the morning and you aren't excited about what's ahead, or you lay your head down at night and you can't think of anything you are grateful for that day, then your life is unmanageable. After all, whether we believe it comes through work, or family, or church, or finances, what we are all trying to manage in our lives is joy.

One of the first things I had to do to find recovery was to let go of trying so hard to manage my joy. Instead, I had to refocus all of the time and energy I spent on that pursuit towards God. It was then that I finally found joy in my life. When Christ came into this world, he said that he came to set us free. I believe his desire is that we would have joy in our lives, and along with that joy - love, peace, and hope. He taught what many folks in recovery have learned: that the journey towards a better life begins by giving our lives up to God. When we do that, as it says in 2 Corinthians, we become a new creation.

My hope and prayer for the Brooklyn Recovery Ministry is that many in our community who are struggling with addiction would come and see that recovery is possible in their lives, that God loves them deeply and desires to set them free from their addictions. And that by letting go and letting God, they can find the joy they have been yearning for in their lives. That being said, this ministry is not just about those in recovery, it is about all of us. When we allow God to be in charge of our every day, God can do incredible things in and through us. I pray that each one of us this coming month would spend time daily connecting deeper to our amazing God. I also ask that we would all pray for the Brooklyn Recovery Ministry. God is going to use this ministry not only to make a new thing happen in the lives of those who come into our community, but in our lives as well. This is what I believe it means to be the heart of the Brooklyns; that we are pumping in and pumping out the love of God to the community around us.

Recovery Ministry starts August 18.

Peace,
Pastor Howie Baird



Dan Ziegler, Director of Camp Koronis, was given the Denman Evangelism Award at Annual Conference. This man lives his faith and leads his staff & our children faithfully.



The 2019 Camp season continues! What a year of firsts—largest number of campers ever sent by BUMC (43), most first time campers, most Teddy Bear campers, first camper from North UMC, first camp staff from BUMC and a youth in LYFE LIT!!! Our LYFE, Pathway, and Teddy Bear campers are home. Also, don't forget to ask Dave and Marlys how many Canadian fish they caught in their annual fish camping experience! Thank you BUMC (Change4Change, UMW, Men's Group) & Camp Minnesota for camperships. Continued donations welcome!

BROOKLYN'S KIDS

Late Summer 2019

BUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

August for Kids

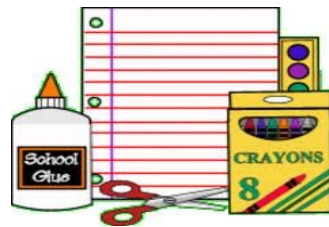


Changes to Sunday School All Services

On August 4th, as families enter the church they will check in kids 3 yrs old to those entering 5th grade & the kids will go directly downstairs to Sunday School. They will come up to Children's Moments at the end of the service.



Do you know kids
who will need help
with back packs and
school supplies?



Children's Ministry Help Urgently Needed

Volunteer assistance is
needed to keep our
Children's Ministry growing!

There are many ways to be
involved:

- ✓ Sunday School check-in
- ✓ Sunday School leaders
- ✓ Wednesday night leaders
- ✓ Music support
- ✓ Ministry Team members

Please contact Linda Browning
at children@bumc.org,
763-234-2019 or catch me
on Sunday!

Summer Sunday School & Beyond

Summer SS continues
through August with a new
study of what it means to
love God in Spirit and in
Truth. Fall SS curriculum
begins September 8th and

we'll be following the messages
presented in Worship so that
adults, youth & children are all
learning the same things. The
focus is on Jesus' call to love our
neighbor.



Important Dates

Sunday, August 4th	Changes to Sunday School
Sunday, September 1st	Fall Schedule begins 9 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am Sunday School Pre-K Nursery

Special points of interest

- Sunday School volunteers are ALWAYS needed
- Please register children for Sunday School because we want to celebrate birthdays, place kids in the appropriate small group by age and grade, have email and mailing addresses to send out Sunday School or Wednesday information, and avoid health risks like food or other allergies.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda at
children@bumc.org, or 763-234-2019 cell/text



Youth Ministry

By Mim Campbell, Director

We're going to jump-start a new program this year! It's called Peer Ministry!

Face-to-face, heart-to-heart, person-to-person, practicing real life people skills ... it's the most effective way to move a living, caring faith from theory to reality.

Come and learn awesome skills for relating effectively to your peers and caring them through tough times!

SAT. OCT 12th

9 AM - 4:30 PM

First Lutheran

Columbia Heights, MN

\$45.00/person BUT participation in a September fundraiser (TBA) will provide a \$25.00 credit.

Reserve your place now for a day that could change the way you see the rest of your life!

Check-in with Mim now to reserve your place.



Walkin' the Talk
**Showing God's Love
in Action!**

Grades 6-12 (Fall 2019) are invited to "walk" their talk about God's love and care for the world - by putting it into action:

Below are photos of our July event which took place at Changing Gaits Therapy Ranch. We went on a trail ride and served the ranch by cleaning stalls (believe it or not!) and digging holes for fence posts! Here's what's happening this month...

Thursday, August 15

Morning: Feed My Starving Children in Eagan
Afternoon: Apple Valley Water Park Fee: \$13.00

Youth will enjoy packing meals for hungry children around the world and cruise down water slides in the afternoon! **DRIVERS NEEDED!**

Text Mim to reserve your place by Tuesday, August 13.

NOTE: If you need service hours for a school organization or athletic group, this is legit!

FAITH TREK
strength for the journey

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL NEW 6th GRADERS

As you move into your Middle School years, BUMC is excited to provide "strength for your journey!"

BUMC has a variety of fun and meaningful ways for you to join other 6th - 12th graders as you're assured that God runs with you all the way!

Contact Mim to "sign-on" to Faith Trek before school starts.





And our Greeters: Betty Andersen, Gail Branham, Keith & Bernie Crook, Lois Kelly, Candy Mattson, Nona Rasmussen, Ben & Vera Roberts, Barb Strahan



CARE MINISTRIES

**Mim Campbell,
Pastoral Care**



"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul for the living God" Psalm 42:1-2

Water accounts for 60% of our bodies. During these warm and humid summer months we are at risk of dehydration which can affect our body temperature, cardiovascular and skin health, joint lubrication and muscle movement. Research has shown that staying well hydrated can keep your brain sharp, your mood stable and your motivation intact. Following the “8 x 8 rule” (8 glasses of 8 ounces of water) can help keep you hydrated all summer.

In a similar way, our hearts and minds will be refreshed and renewed as we ...

- Pause to acknowledge God's presence in our lives through ongoing prayer.
- Breathe in Biblical words of God's love, God's promises and provisions for us.
- Live our lives with an attitude of gratitude for each and every day .

"Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38



**Take a moment to
share expressions of
care and prayer for
the following people...**

For the families of Lettie Paray and Chuck Gustafson as they now live beyond us in their heavenly home. Pray also for definite signs of God's presence and activity in the lives of Jim Hoffner, Sherry Lindner, Marion Williams, Vida Dorn, Lloyd Linden, Joe Hill, Marjory Johnson and Bernice Nelson.



Troop 299 Scouts returned from a 4 day canoe trip in the BWCA on July 18. A great trip with great weather, good food and long canoe portages.

Please help us stay in touch with members of our church and community who are in need of support and prayer. Please contact Mim at (612) 791-3969 or the Church Office. "Prayer & Requests for Care" cards are available in the pew racks.

Mark your calendar for Fare for All
Thursday, August 8 at 4 pm

Items may be purchased at CEAP across from the church.
Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 are upcoming dates.

Grill Box \$30

WOW! Nine
fabulous
items!

WILD-CAUGHT SALMON FILLETS- 1 LB
**BONELESS SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST-
2.4 LBS**

SHEBOYGAN BEER BRATS- 1 LB

JJ PUB BURGERS- 2 LBS

SMITHFIELD PORK TENDERLOIN- 22 OZ

CHICKEN WINGS- 2.5 LBS

BEEF KIELBASA- 12 OZ

CAPTAIN KEN'S FIREHOUSE BEANS- 14 OZ

FROZEN MANÇO- 16 OZ



fare for all
a program of the food group



Loaves & Fishes serves
meals every Monday,
Wednesday & Friday from
noon-1pm. All are invited
to join lunch and volunteers
are always needed. Please
call 612-377-9810.



The BUMC Farmer's Market
is open each Thursday from
2pm-7pm. YongCha and
Khemee Yang welcome you
to stop by for their just
picked produce. Shoppers
are enjoying the summer
greens and they sell
out early!!



FARM FRESH FEST



Farm Fresh Fest is a celebration of
our community and an opportunity
for our neighbors to receive fresh,
in-season produce in a warm,
inviting festival atmosphere.

The event will include produce
stands, food samples, health and
wellness education, games, and
connections to community
resources and businesses. We're
looking for volunteers and sponsors
that bring the 'Fest' to our
wonderful community celebration!

To volunteer or sponsor this event
call 763-450-3679 or visit
CEAP.org/volunteer to sign up!

Join us on Farm Fresh Fest Fridays
from 4-6pm at 7051 Brooklyn Blvd.

August 9th

August 23rd

September 6th

September 20th

October 4th

October 18th

November 1st



Join us for CAPI's
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August 9th & 23rd
September 13th & 27th
October 11th
1:00 - 3:00pm



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9:00 am Traditional
10:45 am encounter
11:30 am Contemporary with an African Flair