

Sion's Vineyard



July 2018

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Calendar Items:

Pat Isaacson

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218-762-5300

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218-762-1691

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Sion Church	Andi Olsonawski
Sandy Alper	Rob Peterson
Ben Christopherson	Madison Peterson
Amie Dexter	Neil Sandahl
Kristin Erickson	Audella Stamness
Shawn Getz (Amy Nelson's husband)	Harvey Strege
Danny Goldstrand	Melvin Such
Audrey Hartje	Oren Swart
Turk Johnson	Janet Swenson
Jake Krueger	Owen Swenson
Char Langen	Matt Zander
Velva Larter	our Youth attending the National Youth Gathering and the Armed Forces.
JoyBeth Olson	

CHURCH SCHEDULE

July 1st	Tim (Communion)
July 8th	Cindy (Hymn Sing)
July 15th	Service at the Fair
July 22nd	Kathy (Communion)
July 29th	Peggy
August 5th	Tim (Communion)
August 12th	WELCA (Peggy will organize)
August 19th	Kathy (Communion) (Lake Bronson and Kennedy here)
August 26th	Kathy

NEWSLETTER ITEMS WANTED:

If you have any info for the newsletter, please send to mkipeterson@wiktel.com. Our newsletter is in need of more news!!!



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD NEXT GENERATION FUND

This endowment fund will be used to assist first-call pastors and deacons with their educational debt payments.

RECRUITING PASTORS

The supply of pastors is tight—tighter than we've seen in years. That's why we're redoubling our recruitment efforts, encouraging young persons to consider pastoral ministry as their life's work. The Next Generation Fund will be a tremendous tool to encourage ministers with educational debt to consider the Northwestern Minnesota Synod as they discern where they are needed most in the church.

REDUCING DEBT

Educational debt loads are making it difficult for seminary graduates to "get a leg up" financially. With many first-call pastors servicing \$40,000 or more in student debt from seminary alone, they often struggle to make minimum payments on their student loans which can amount up to \$600 or more a month.

WHAT IS THIS FUND?

Most designated funds of the synod are "annual funds," meaning that all dollars received by the fund are expended within the same year the contributions are given.

The Next Generation Fund is different; it's an "endowment fund." An endowment fund holds its principal in perpetuity and only pays out a small portion each year (about 4% to 5%) to provide grants or fund programs of an organization. Currently the Next Generation Fund committee has decided to focus on offering grants to help first-call ministers in the synod reduce their educational debt load. Making a gift to the Next Generation Fund allows the synod to grow the principal in the fund and thus increase the income generated annually by the fund.

In keeping with the synod's governing documents, the synod council appoints a 7-member committee to administer the Fund. The committee has chosen to work with the ELCA Foundation's "Fund A" in managing the dollars within the Next Generation Fund. Investment decisions for "Fund A" are made by professional investment managers on the staff of Portico Benefits (the ELCA Board of Pensions). Nearly \$700 million is invested in "Fund A," with the annual rate of return running an average of 5.38% per year since its inception.

Additional publicity materials for this fund may be ordered for free by contacting John Bell at jbellsynod@cord.edu.

All checks should be payable to the Northwestern Minnesota Synod with **NEXT GENERATION FUND** on the memo line.

Questions regarding this fund can be directed to Bishop Larry Wohlrabe at wohlrabe@cord.edu or (218) 299-3019.

Please mail your check to:

NWMN SYNOD - ELCA
 CONCORDIA COLLEGE
 MOORHEAD, MN 56562



Sion Lutheran Church Summer 2018 Lawn Care Sign-up for the Church

THE FCCLA NATIONAL ADVANCERS WILL MOW THE YARD ALL SUMMER LONG!
 \$25.00 PER WEEK

Cheyenne, Emily, Emma and Montana need money for their trip!
 WE WOULD LOVE FOR THEM TO MOW THE CHURCH YARD THIS SUMMER!



Please sign up to pay \$25 per week for this!!!
 (YOU CAN COMPLETE THE GOOGLE DOC THAT WAS SHARED OR LET MENDY KNOW)

July 1-15:	Tracy Coffield
July 16-31:	Todd Nelson
August 1-15:	Pat Isaacson
August 16-31:	
Sept. 1-15:	
Sept. 16-30:	

Please collect and your church or drop off at Maria Lutheran in Kennedy. If you have questions call Lynn Mattson at 218-843-5059.
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Help us collect 100,000 books for the children of Houston.



BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Houston Literacy Campaign



The Gathering will be collecting books for students in Pre-K through 6th grade.

3 IN 5

HOUSTON CHILDREN LACK THE NECESSARY FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS WHEN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN.

1 IN 4

HOUSTON CHILDREN DO NOT MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS AT GRADE 3.

2 IN 5

HOUSTON YOUTH ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE STANDARDIZED TESTING AND WRITING EXAMS REQUIRED FOR EDUCATION ON FIRST ADMINISTRATION.

1 IN 5

HOUSTON ADULTS ARE FUNCTIONALLY ILLITERATE.

Info graphic from The Barbara Bush Houston Library, <https://www.bushhoustonlibrary.org/>

The Gathering has recognized the need to lift up literacy in Houston. Building a foundation of literacy starts before entering Kindergarten. Students who read at home become strong writers, critical thinkers, and more successful students than those who do not. Houston Independent School District estimates that 74% of the students in the district come from families who struggle to provide books for their children. This means the students begin each school year at a disadvantage.

In joining the Gathering's Blast Off for Books campaign, you will help ensure bright futures for Houston's students. The books you donate will be distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city as part of the Gathering's Service Learning experience. By putting books in the hands of Houston's economically disadvantaged students, you can help change lives.



Our partners at the Houston Independent School District identified the following books for Gathering participants to bring to Houston.

- *Bad Kitty* (Series) by Nick Bruel
- *Elephant and Piggie* (Series) by Mo Willems
- *Frog and Toad* (Series) by Arnold Lobel
- *It's Shoe Time* by Mo Willems and Brian Collier
- *Little Bear* (Series) by Elsa Holmelund Mironik
- *Mercy Watson* (Series) by Kate DiCamillo
- *Amulet* (Series) by Kazu Kibuishi
- *El Deafio* by Cece Bell
- *Ghost* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke
- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Secret Coders* (Series) by Gene Luen Yang
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (Series) by Jeff Kinney
- *Dog Man* (Series) by Dav Pilkey
- *Dragon Masters* (Series) by Tracey West
- *Eerie Elementary* (Series) by Jack Chabert
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Frank Einstein* (Series) by Jon Scieszka
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *I Survived* (Series) by Lauren Tarshis
- *Laura Jane* by Crystal Allen
- *Mardi* by Ronald Dahl
- *Nerds, Book 1: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society* by Michael Buckley
- *One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams Garcia
- *Orgami Yoda* (Series) by Tom Angleberger
- *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemenhart
- *The Cross Over* by Kwame Alexander
- *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes
- *Wonder* by Raguul Palacio
- *Creevy Pair of Underwear* by Aaron Reynolds
- *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena
- *Mango, Abuela and Me* by Meg Medina
- *Marina and the Beautiful Coochroach: A Cuban Folktale* by Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Pete the Cat* (Series) by James Dean
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Why Am I Me* by Paige Britt



Please only bring the books that are listed above. All books must be new or gently used.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30AM Worship (Tim-COMM) Reader: Barb Peterson Coffee: TUVWXYZ	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30AM Worship (Cindy Hymn Sing) Reader: Lorelei Peterson Coffee: ABCDE	9 7PM Baby Shower – Eleanor Peterson (Daughter of Tim & Jaime)	10	11 10AM Esther/Elizabeth Circle 6:30PM Youth Group	12	13	14
15 9:30AM Worship at Fairgrounds	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30AM Worship (Kathy COMM) Reader: Todd Nelson Coffee: FGHIJ	23	24 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	25	26	27	28
29 9:30AM Worship (Peggy) Reader: Women of the Church Coffee: KLMN	30	31				

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www.sionlutheran.com

Sion's Mission together: To GROW in faith by....
God's Rich Opportunities with Sion
Quilting Meals Youth
Serving the Community

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Word Sacraments Service
God Reaching Our Word!