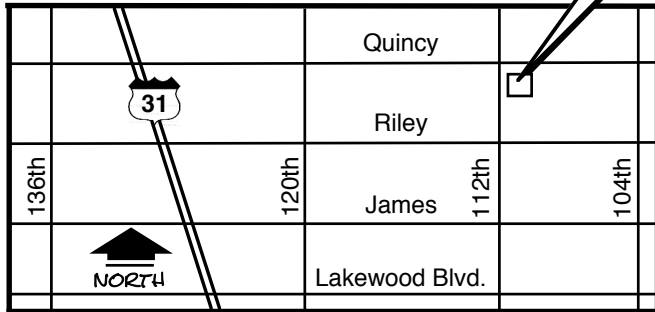


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GRADUATE BLESSING

Graduation from high school or college is an important milestone in the lives of our children and their families. By celebrating these milestones in worship we share the assurance that God walks beside us where ever life calls us. Please invite any graduates among you to join us in worship Sunday, June 6, and for a reception afterwards. **Be sure to give their names to Pastor Jim or Nancy in the church office as well!**

TRAINING TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP

The Worship Leader training June 6 will now also include training for Communion Assistants, to accommodate those unable to attend in May. Our goal is to broaden the use of Communion Assistants to serve both bread and wine and to insure all of us are on the same page, able to work together. Please contact Pastor if you can't attend this 45 minute session

ALANON MEETINGS

Al Anon meets in the Conference Room from 6:00-7:00 pm every Wednesday. Like Alcoholics Anonymous and all other twelve step programs, a primary tenant of Al Anon is the anonymous participation of its members and the confidentiality of their discussions. Interrupting those meetings for any reason violates our commitment to honor the confidentiality and anonymity necessary for recovery, and the trust participants place in us.

YOGA

Tapestry women's ministry is seeking interested persons for a beginners yoga class to start in August, preferably a couple of nights per week for an hour or so at a time. The instructor will be Tammy VanderPloeg who has taught aerobics and Yoga at Request Foods. She is willing to take \$5.00 per person per class. To help determine the best times for the majority, **please** sign up or voice your opinion by contacting Donna Preisler at preislerg@yahoo.com, or 269-686-249 (phoning after 6:00 pm but before 9:00 p.m, please).

CAMP AND CANOE THE KAZOO

Last month's save-the date announcement was off by a month! Plan ahead now to beat the heat this summer at Foster's riverhouse in Otsego. On Friday, July 30, all ages are invited to bring their tent or camper and spend the night on the grounds. We'll gather Saturday, July 31, at 10:00 am, to canoe or kayak down the Kalamazoo River. We'll spot cars, and be on the river by 11:00 am, returning around 1:00 pm for a potluck dinner. Come for any part of the weekend - camping, floating, eating, and socializing.

2010 Synod Assembly

The theme for this year's North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly was "For the LORD loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones," Psalm 37:28. Justice was defined as a public expression of God's Love. As this theme wove throughout many prayers, sermons, new music compositions, and other scriptures lessons, we focused on the needs of our world and what God's desire for justice requires of us. Special breakout sessions explored the way justice can be provided for refugees and the homeless, for all of those who suffer discrimination and prejudice in our communities, for recognizing the rights of the Palestinian people and helping the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land as they struggle to live under occupation by Israel, working on what we can do to transform Michigan's economy, and developing programs to help those affected by crime--both victims and the perpetrators.

There was another Bible passage brought up at the Assembly we want to share with you. It is from the book of Micah and we think it sums up what God expects of us. "What shall I bring to the LORD, the God of heaven, when I come to worship him? Shall I bring the best calves to burn as offerings to him? Will The LORD be pleased if I bring him thousands of sheep or endless streams of olive oil? Shall I offer him my first-born

child to pay for my sins? No, the LORD has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God," Micah 6:6-8. One of the hymns we sang had a refrain that went like this: "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God."

In addition, Pastor Jim and Sandy were among those chosen to attend the Churchwide Assembly next year in Minneapolis, and Good Shepherd received the Matthew 25 award for its contributions to world hunger.

We were moved by this whole experience. And we saw that the ELCA is supporting congregations, growing evangelical outreach, stepping forward as a public church, deepening and extending our global, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and bringing forth and supporting faithful, wise and courageous leaders. We would love to share more with you personally. Just contact us and we will make arrangements.

God's Blessings,
 Dennis & Carolyn Willaman