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It Begins! Rally Day September 11

Worship Services at 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am
Education and Hospitality Hour at 9:55am

Adult Enrichment Hour

Sunday Mornings at 9:55am, room off Fellowship Hall

September 11 – Rally Day. Join us for Hospitality Hour.

September 18 – Dr. Charles Amjad Ali from Luther Seminary returns to United to talk about Christian/Islam relationships.

September 25 – Dr. Charles Amjad Ali will speak on what is going on in Pakistan.

Confirmation

Wednesday, September 7 – Adult Guide Training

Wednesday, September 14 – Confirmation Orientation

Friday and Saturday, September 16-17 – Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, September 21 – First Session

Pastor's Page

It Begins!

by Pastor Randall Johnson

It all begins on Sunday, September 11 with Rally Day! The excitement builds as we begin our fall ministry programs once again. Regular worship times return to 7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am. Education for all ages is at 9:55am. We are also looking forward to a new and improved coffee fellowship time called Hospitality Hour with homemade treats and goood coffee. Did you hear me say goood coffee? Please join us for that time of fellowship and conversation!

FALL THEME

Our theme this year is *Everyday Disciples: Loving God...Loving Others*. In Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus is asked by a lawyer which commandment is the greatest? Jesus answered by saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This is the foundation of everything Jesus teaches about spiritual formation. It is all about love – for God and for others. It really is quite practical, providing a center and focus for our daily lives. Jesus wants us to come to worship, to hear God's Word and to receive the gifts of grace in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Jesus wants us to read the Bible, to participate in Group Life, to pray each day. In this way, we learn to love God. Jesus also wants us to be of service to our neighbor, here at church, but more so in our community. As we find ways to be of service, we learn to love others. This is what we encourage you to be a part of this year, to grow as Everyday Disciples – Loving God and Loving Others.

WORSHIP RENEWAL

Starting this fall we will be offering communion every Sunday. As we eat and drink our Lord's body and blood, Jesus gives to us the gifts of grace, the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. We want to offer these gifts of grace every Sunday. The normal movement of the worship service has four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. Communion will be served on a rotating basis at the rail and by intinction. On the fifth Sunday of the month, which occurs four times a year, there will be no



communion served, but we will be offering the opportunity for anointing of oil and prayers for healing. This has become a very meaningful addition to our worship life.

Another aspect of our worship renewal this fall is to use a Narrative Lectionary for our preaching. Selected texts from the Bible will be used from one Sunday to the next that lead us through the salvation history, beginning with the creation story in the Old Testament and ending with Paul's letters to the early church in the New Testament.

Finally, we will be providing a worship resource for families when you are away from home. There will be a link on our web page where families can download a short devotion to be used when on vacation, or when you are away at a game or tournament or competition. Knowing how busy families are these days, we want to help you do worship when you are away from home.

GROUP LIFE AT UNITED

We started many new small groups last year at United. Check with Debbie on Sunday mornings in between services to see what opportunities there are for you this fall. It is a great way to get connected with others and grow in our faith discipleship.

I am very excited about the ministry at United. God is doing amazing things among us. Invite others to join us as together we love God and love others.

Parish Nurse Ministry

A Hearing Impairment is Complex

by Verna Fricke, Parish Nurse

We've all said it, "He hears when he wants to hear." Sometimes people seem to hear and understand without difficulty and other times they seem not to hear anything. We often assume that it is selective listening but it is usually more than just "not listening".

When hearing is lost, a great deal of energy and time goes into trying to understand what is being said. A person can be totally exhausted by the end of a day spent struggling to hear. Hearing aids help make conversation better—not perfect. Even with hearing aids some things will be missed. Most people with good hearing miss things but fill in the blanks. To ensure that one who doesn't hear well, will hear what you say:

- Face them so they can see your lips and your facial expression—be sure the light is not behind you as your face will be in the shadows.
- Try to eliminate as much extraneous noise as possible
- Don't shout—use a normal voice
- Try not to drop your voice at the end of a sentence
- Enunciate your words without exaggerating them
- Remember that speaking rapidly makes you difficult to understand so slow down
- When you are not being understood, try rephrasing what you are saying. It often gives more clues to meaning
- Don't say "Never mind; it wasn't important." The person might feel that they are not important enough for you to repeat the statement.

Hearing impairment is complex. Get a person's

attention first and you have better chance of being understood. Be patient and keep trying. Missing out on conversation is a very isolating experience. Hearing aids can make a huge difference, but a period of adjustment is required.



If your loved ones say you have trouble hearing, ask yourself these questions.

1. *Do I have trouble hearing on the phone?*
2. *Do I have trouble following conversations with more than two people?*
3. *Do others complain about the volume of the TV when I'm watching?*
4. *Am I complaining that others often mumble?*
5. *At times, is it hard to hear women, children, or anything when there is background noise?*

If you have answered YES to any of these, it is time to visit your doctor. He/she will either treat you or refer you to an audiologist for testing, diagnosis, and treatment. Don't miss out on any more conversations!

"Commit yourself to instruction; listen carefully to words of knowledge." Proverbs 23:12

Group Life at United

by Debbie Dommer, Small Group Coordinator

September is always a fun month. Kids go back to school and programs start up again around the community. Here at United there's lots of excitement as numerous activities, including Small Groups, start again after summer vacation.

Thank you to everyone who filled out Small Group Surveys last spring. The responses have been very helpful in gathering ideas for new groups and suggestions for current ones. After a break over the summer, I'm back working on plans for the 2011-2012 year. I hope you'll take a look at the groups offered this year and try out something new!

Below is a list of groups that are already scheduled for the fall or will be starting soon. Other ideas are still in the planning stages and will be announced in future bulletins and the Uniter.

Daytime Women's Book Club September 7

The Daytime Women's Book Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, September 7th, at 9:30 a.m. in the ULC Library. (Note change of meeting place.) More women are welcome to join this group for some interesting discussions!

Exercise Group September 12

United's Exercise Group, led by Melanie Velasco, is starting up again for the fall. The class will meet 8 Monday nights, beginning September 12th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Cost is \$40 for all 8 classes or \$7 for a single class. **Participants are asked to sign up for the class to make sure there is enough interest to hold the full session.** E-mails have been sent to those who participated last year. Please respond to the e-mail or sign up at the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

Evening Women's Book Club September 15

A variety of "summer reads" will be discussed by the Evening Women's Book Club at their September meeting. Join the group on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the ULC Library to talk about some interesting books.

Cup of Friendship Group September 16

United's Cup of Friendship Group will meet on Friday, September 16th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the *Smokey Row Café*. More women are welcome to join this group for a cup of coffee or a delicious lunch, **and** great conversation.

Moms' Group September 18

The Moms' Group will have its first meeting of the fall on Sunday morning, September 18th, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in classroom 127. Join Angie Lawrence and Calli Sparby to talk about fun ideas for this year. Babysitting will be available in the nursery.

What Amos Has to Say to Us September 19 & 26, October 3

Jack Nordgaard's Bible study on the book of Amos, postponed last spring, will be offered three Monday nights this fall: September 19th, 26th, and October 3rd. The group will meet downstairs in room 123B at the church, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. each night. Pick up an outline at the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and join this interesting study.

Encore Careers Group September 20

A new group is starting for those interested in learning about "Encore Careers". An Encore Career is a job in the second half of life that combines continued income, greater meaning and social impact. These positions are often in public interest fields, social services or other non-profit areas. Join Ken Dicke on Tuesday, September 20th, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to explore a "substitute for retirement".

World Religions Discussion Group October 4

The next meeting of the World Religions Discussion Group will be Tuesday, October 4th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More members are welcome to join the group for this wonderful opportunity to learn about other faiths.

Men's Study Group

A new Men's Study Group for this year is in the planning stages. Please look for further information in upcoming bulletins or the Small Group Table on Sunday mornings.

Discipleship Bible Study Groups

More Discipleship Bible Study Groups will be forming soon! We have some exceptional leaders, but more are needed so that groups will be available to everyone interested. **Please let me know if you'd be willing to lead and/or host a group.** More information will be coming soon.

Watch the bulletin and future Uniter for more information on these and other new groups. If you have questions or would like to sign up for a group, please check the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or contact Debbie Dommer at ddommer@unitedlutheranchurch.com or 651-388-8494.

LIVING STEWARDS

"Everyone has a calling. Discovering it is what life is about and that calling does not come from God's voice thundering from above; but it more often comes from whispers deep within you, from the very essence of your being. God expects nothing more from you than to live that life for which you were created!" — (*Living Your Strengths*)

Share In Prayer

For the month of August ...

Sympathies

Family of Amy Johnson

Alberta Evans (death of her husband Noel)

Family of Mildred Huddleston

Carol Gustafson (death of her mother-in-law)

Hospitalized

Karen Carlon

Charles Duffing

Dick Johnson

Kris Richards

Don Martinson

Esther Skorude

Special Concerns

William Mezger

Colleen Robbins

Meetings & Events

Choir Rehearsal Begins

September 7

4:00 pm Children's Choir (K-4th grades)

6:15 pm Senior Choir (Adults)

7:15 pm Bell Choir

September 14

4:00 pm Sunshine Choir (5th-7th grades)

Prayer Shawl

September 8

The Prayer Shawl ministry meets once-a-month, generally on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are at the home of Lynne Rigg, 1845 Bohmbach Dr, Red Wing.

Altar Guild Meeting

September 8—7:30 pm

First of all, Pastor Randy wants to express his thanks for your ministry and the great job you do for the worship life of United Lutheran Church. For this past year we have been discussing the possibility of providing Holy Communion on every Sunday as a part of worship renewal at United. We are ready to make this addition to our worship life in September. With your suggestions, this will be the schedule for setting up and serving Holy It is very important that all members, including alternates and new members, attend this informative meeting.

We will have an orientation program so everyone can see what has to be done and ask any questions you may have. We will also be signing up for the month you want to serve. Since we don't have meetings every month we don't see everyone involved in this very important work for our church. Let us get together in fellowship on **Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 pm**. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Loaves & Fishes Supper

September 11 & 25

The Loaves & Fishes suppers are held at United Methodist Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, at 5:30 pm. There is no charge and this evening of food and fellowship is open to all.

TAG

September 14

Bernadette Galvin and Steve Johnson traveled to Southern Sudan in July. They will bring us a close-up picture of the situation there at our TAG meeting on the 14th of September. They entitle their program: "Helping Celebrate a New Nation". This is our first meeting of the new academic year. There is little doubt that we will start up again with mighty presence; be sure that you're a part of it. Sign up in the narthex, and your place is reserved. Bernadette and Steve want no honorarium but do ask everyone to bring school supplies which will help the children of the Sudan in their education. Here's the list: crayons, pencils and colored pencils, sharpeners and paper.

Introducing... "Earthkeepers" and "Lutherans Restoring Creation"

September 18

Join us on September 18th during coffee fellowship hour to learn about Earthkeepers. We believe Earth is in trouble – from pollution of air, land and water, the loss of species habitat and diversity, diminishing resources, population expansion at an exponential level, and much more. As a community of faith we approach these problems motivated by our love of God the Creator and our love for God's creation. The very reason the church exists is for the sake of the world.

At United Lutheran we want to start a dialog about our efforts to care for all of creation. Please join us during the coffee hour on Sept 18 to hear about ULC's Earthkeepers... step by step.

www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org

"Go in peace, remember the poor, care for creation, serve the Lord."

Chapel Communion

September 21

Chapel Communion is intended for those who have some mobility problems or who prefer a smaller, more intimate setting for communion services. There is reserved parking in front of the church for this service, as well. If you need a ride for this service, please call the church office, preferably the day before. Coffee will be served after the service.

"Walking the Talk of Welcome"

September 24

We sing, "All are welcome." We ask God to make us a more welcoming people. But how are we doing? How welcoming are we in our church? In our neighborhood? In our community? Join other community members to examine this issue, particularly as it relates to Red Wing's GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) persons, by attending Red Wing's first "Walking the Talk of Welcome" workshop. It will be held at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 24th from 9:15AM – 2:00PM and will include a keynote address by noted theologian and author David Weiss, GLBT youth and adult panel discussions, and a showing of the powerful video, Bullied. For more information, pick up a brochure from the table outside the office. You may also contact Marilyn Nelson (smnelson66@charter.net or 651-388-7037). Help Red Wing move from being merely tolerant or even accepting to becoming truly welcoming.

Ron Hendrickson Memorial Golf Outing

September 25

We will play a Best Ball/Scramble in groups of four and have other games and prizes throughout the afternoon. Cart, golf, and lunch is \$25. Golf members pay only for lunch. Just Come for lunch and enjoy the fun too. Red Wing Golf Club at 1:00 pm. All ages and abilities are welcome. Sign up today !

Marriage Encounter Weekends

October 14-16

Whether your marriage is rocky or rock solid, you will be glad you attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information while exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room deepen your understanding, communication and compassion. The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

ULC Women's Circle

Anna

September 21—7:30 pm

Copnie Hanson, 763 Hi Park, Red Wing

Deborah

September 20—1:00 pm

Joan Carlson, 30977 Lakeview Ave, Red Wing

Esther

September 15—1:30 pm

Karen Collins, 929 Burton St, Red Wing

Leah

September 20—9:30 am

LaVerne Detlefson, 601 Hi Park Ave, Red Wing

Ruth

September 15—9:30 am

LuAnn Olson

898 Aurora Circle, Red Wing

Change is Brewing for Our Sunday Coffee Hour

Beginning Sept. 11th this year's coffee hour will have a new format. We will have monthly serving groups (with captains leading), made up of congregational members. They will offer a warm welcome to all, homemade treats and good conversation. If your name doesn't appear on a list this year, don't worry, you'll have a turn later. COME AND ENJOY!

September Serving Group:

Christianson, Bill & Judy

Kjome, Roger & Judy

Koplin, Bob & Vivian

Kyker, Ardis

Larson, Dave

McNurlin, Tom & Sharon

Neste, Lee & Eileen

Olson, Jack & LuAnn

Otteson, Todd & Patty

Pearson, Oscar & Elnora

Peterson, Rich & Pam

Rehder, Peg

Rudquist, Mike & Cathy

Shafland, Dan & Jane

Smith, Justin & Ann

Trapanese, Frank & Mary

Captains: Lottie Aslakson and Paul & Loey Christenson

Crop Walk 2011

October 2

The CROP Walk will be Oct 2 starting in Central Park. We partner with Church World Service to raise funds to dig wells and for farm equipment for 3rd world countries so they can become sustainable farmers. 25% of the total raised will stay in Red Wing for our

Food Shelf. Thank you for your participation as a walker or as a donor!! "...as you did it to one of them..." - Jesus

Men In Mission

Tuesdays, 7:00 am

Meetings are every **Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:00 am**. Men are invited to breakfast in Fellowship Hall for Bible study and fellowship. For more information, contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Randy.

Parish Nursing

We want to be there for you ...

If you or someone in your family is hospitalized, please notify the church office if you would like to be visited by the pastor or Parish Nurse and/or if you would like to be listed in the bulletin for *Share In Prayer*. Privacy laws restrict access to hospital admission information, therefore we have to rely on family members to contact us. 651-388-3583.

Parish Nurse Verna Fricke is usually available before and between church services on Sunday mornings. Stop in the church office if you would like to meet with her for a blood pressure check or to discuss other health concerns.

Stephen Ministry

Suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help. In October we will be offering a training session for lay members to be trained to care for those who are weary and burdened. Consider prayerfully if God is calling you to give of your time and compassion for those in need, Contact Bev Dietrich at 388.5793, Pam Roe at 385.7986 or Pastor Steve at 388.3583.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Mondays, 8:00 pm

A.A. meetings are held Mondays, 8:00-9:00 pm at United Lutheran Church. Help is available for those struggling with drinking and/or addiction. We will be glad to help you, if you want us to. Use the Dakota Street entrance, right at the first hallway. (Youth Room). For more information, go to www.aa.org.

Al-Anon

Saturdays, 9:00 am

Al-Anon meetings are held Saturdays, 9:00—10:00 am at United Lutheran Church. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people... alcoholism is truly a family disease. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship. Room 123A, lower level. For more information visit our website at www.al-anon.alateen.org/english.html

Youth News & Events

Sunday School

The 2011-2012 Sunday School year planning is well underway. This year's theme is Most Certainly True! Living the Catechism. We will be studying The Lord's Prayer, The 10 Commandments, Baptism, Communion, The Apostle's Creed, and the Books of the Bible. We will be working towards earning our Memory Work pins which will be offered the last Sunday of every month to give those the opportunity to say their memory work when they are ready instead of waiting until the end of the Sunday School year. We will also be enforcing the 4 Keys of Cross Training; Bring it Home, Pray Every day, Read your Bible, and Learn it by Heart. We as the education team feel these are very important "keys" that

will enhance your child's Sunday School experience here at United. We will also be starting Milestone Sundays. A faith milestone is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important and God is here, too." We have set aside one Sunday a month for each grade level to participate. Families will be invited to share this special time with their child/children. For example, 3rd graders and 3 year olds will have a Milestone Sunday coming up in September. You will receive more information when it is your child's Milestone Sunday.

The Middle School grades (5-7) will be studying My Master's Plan; topics including He is ALL I Need, Jesus Says Not to Worry, Jesus' Plan for Forgiveness, and Jesus Teaches Us Not to Judge Others. They will also be looking at the Christmas Story and The Easter Story. There will be movies with discussion, crafts, murals, games, and life stories. There are a lot of fun and Spiritual activities planned for this year, so come and join in the fun!

I am still looking for workshop leaders and for people to help teach the Middle School grades. If you are able to help in any way, please contact me.

Jennie Bungum

jbungum@unitedlutheranchurch.com

Middle School Youth

DIG (Delight In God) is a weekly program for youth in 5-7th grade. We meet on Wednesdays from 4:45 -6:15pm, starting September 14th, for fun & games, a Christian message & pizza. In September the cost will be \$3.50 per meeting. This month we invite everyone to come & see what it's all about! Invite your friends who don't have a youth group to join you. Starting in October, we will ask that all kids who want to participate register for this program.

Middle School Parents' Meeting, September 28th, 6:00pm-6:20pm, in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this brief meeting is to inform you of upcoming youth ministry opportunities & our program philosophies as well as to give you a chance to register your middle schooler for the October/November DIG session.

High School Youth

FIRE (Faith In Real Experiences) will meet on Wednesdays from 7-8pm, for relating the Bible to today's world, tackling the tough questions of faith & growing in friendships. There will be many opportunities for teens to lead & share with one another. This is for 10-12th graders.

Youth Worship!

September 25

Youth will take over the 8:45 & 11am worship services. We need singers, actors, readers, instrumentalists, & ushers. Sunday, September 18th we will meet at 10am to prepare.

New York Mission Trip participants are encouraged to participate in the youth worship services as we will share pictures & a message about our awesome trip! One of the skits from Group Workcamp & a percussion ensemble with workcamp tools are on the agenda!

ELCA National Youth Gathering July 2012

Youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to go to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering. There will be an important information meeting for youth & parents on Sunday, September 25th, at 7pm. Registration is due October 9th & will be explained at this meeting.

F. Y. I.

Stewardship Update

For the month of June

Anticipated income _____	47,084
Actual income _____	39,572
Anticipated expenses _____	61,854
Actual expenses _____	54,571

Year-to-Date thru June

Anticipated Income _____	315,589
Actual Income _____	310,485
Anticipated Expenses _____	355,438
Actual Expenses _____	336,424

Building Fund Receipts

Received this month _____	3,259.31
Year-to-Date _____	28,922.32
Mortgage balance of 06/30/11 _____	46,967.66

Memorials Received

Faith Bodelson
 Marcella Kempf
 Marie Malvick

Holy Land Tour, Next Fall

Have you ever dreamed about visiting the Holy Land for the spiritual experience of a lifetime? Pastor Randy, along with Pastor Darren Paulson from Lake City, are planning a tour for late fall 2011. The estimated cost for this 10-Day guided tour (including lodging, most meals, ground transportation and air fare from Minneapolis) is \$2,559. Additional costs may include an airfare fuel surcharge, lunches, tax and gratuities (estimated at \$500). If interested, please contact Pastor Randy for brochure.

Military Service

We would like to acknowledge those who are serving in the military with a board listing names and perhaps pictures. Please contact the church office at 388.3583 or Lynn Vaillant at 388.7239 with your family information.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for staffing the Nursery during worship services. Please contact Marilyn Johnson if you are interested at 651-388-7677.

RW Food Shelf Relocating

The Red Wing Area Food Shelf is relocating! After over 20 years operating in the basement at First Lutheran Church, we're moving to a larger barrier-free location at 1755 Old West Main St. (In the StarTech building) We will close at 1st Lutheran Church after serving clients on Sept 16, and move over the weekend. We will open again for clients on Sept. 22nd in our new home.

Three "open houses" are being planned. Current volunteers, please attend on Sept 10 from 9-10 AM or on Sept 14 from 6-7 PM. A Community-wide Open House is scheduled for Sept 24, Time TBD

Youth Mission Trip



One of the mission trip's work crews with the resident of the home that was being worked on. Abbey is second from the left.

As I boarded, loaded my tools and bags under the bus, and climbed up the stairs to board the bus, questions ran through my mind. Could I actually survive 24 hours on a bus? Would someone get lost in New York City? Will I get any sleep on the bus or on a gym floor for a week? Would I actually be able to do a construction project? Finally, had I made the right decision to go on this trip? Saying a quick prayer in my head, for strength, I found a seat and soon my journey began.

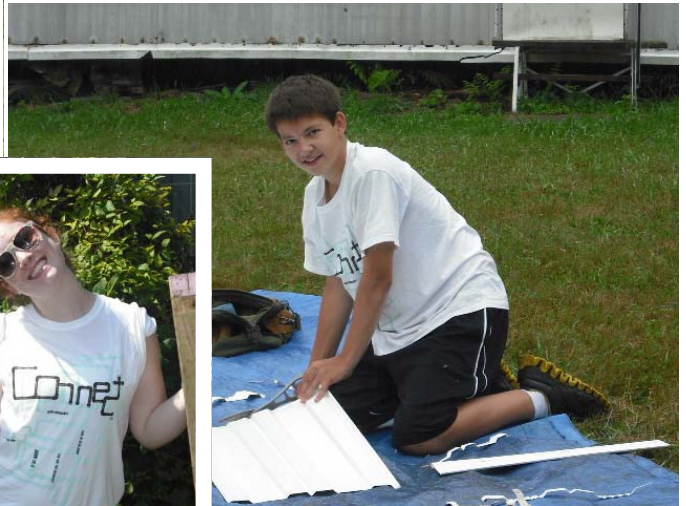
Surviving 24 hours on a bus, this first concern was easily tackled. Talking with friends on the bus, meeting new people, watching movies, and reading made the time fly by and soon we had arrived in New York City. We boarded the Stanton Island Ferry to see the Statue of Liberty, shopped at Times Square, and even survived a trip on the subway to attend a Yankees game. I enjoyed all of our adventures and am happy to report that no one was lost, well not *permanently* lost. After a good night's sleep at The Seafarer, we boarded the bus and headed off to Owego, New York. Even though we arrived late, our location in each gym was saved and we quickly began to settle in to our new home. The staff and other teens from across the country were friendly and welcoming and I was quickly at ease. That evening, we met our work group. Each adult and youth from United was assigned to a different crew that they would be working with every day for the week and given projects to complete. After meeting my adult leader and fellow teens, we learned that we would be working on a trailer home by repainting the porches and decks. That evening, I returned to the gym believing that I could complete the project and had great people in my crew. To my pleasant surprise, I was even able to sleep on a gym floor with about 60 girls. Each morning we were served a delicious breakfast were rejuvenated by a time of gathering and worship, and headed out to work on our resident's home. Working together, our crew not only painted the porch and deck, but we repaired the screens on their porch and rebuilt stairs. More importantly we built a relationship with our residents, an elderly couple who needed our help. The husband had recently suffered a stroke and doctors did not think he would ever talk or walk again, (with each other working and with God).

Each evening we met as a large group, a youth group and in small groups to not only talk about the day, but to share God's word. This opportunity brought me closer to God and others in our youth group. Am I glad I made the decision to go on this mission trip? Absolutely! It was an experience I will never forget.

*by Abbey Schnaith
July 2011*



United Lutheran teens spent the day before workcamp touring New York City. They spent a week in Owego, New York doing home repair projects for local residents. Workcamp also included time for play, inspiring worship, and devotions. We stopped to see Niagra Falls (left) on the way home.



Calendar of Events

September 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:00pm Adventures in Learning - open house	2	3 9:00am Al- Anon
4 8:00am Worship 9:30am Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed 12:00pm Bulletin Announcements Deadline 8:00pm AA Meeting	6 RW School Starts 7:00am Men In Mission 7:30am Social Concerns 9:15am Staff Meeting -	7 7:00am Executive Committee 9:30am Daytime Women's Book Club 4:00pm Choir - Children's 6:15pm Choir - Senior 6:30pm Confirmation Guide Training 6:30pm Choir-Youth 7:15pm Choir - Bell	8 7:30pm Altar Guild Mtg	9 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	10 9:00am Al- Anon 2:00pm Wedding
11 Rally Day ! 7:30am Worship 8:45am Worship 9:50am Sunday School / Education Hour 10:00am Hospitality Hour 11:00am Worship 5:00pm Loaves & Fishes	12 12:00pm Bulletin Announcements Deadline 6:00pm Exercise Group 7:00pm Red Wing Singers 8:00pm AA Meeting	13 7:00am Men In Mission 9:15am Staff Meeting - 5:30pm Education Committee 6:30pm Council	14 12:00pm TAG 4:00pm Choir - Sonshine 4:00pm Choir - Children's 4:45pm Delight In God (DIG) 6:15pm Choir - Senior 6:30pm Confirmation Orientation 7:00pm FIRE 7:15pm Choir - Bell	15 9:30am Circle Group - RUTH 1:30pm Circle Group - ESTHER 7:00pm Evangelism Ministry 7:00pm ULC Women's Book Club	16 11:00am Cup of Friendship 7:30pm Confirmation Retreat	17 9:00am Al- Anon 7:00pm Sons of Norway
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