

Welcome to summer, members and friends of Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford. As we end the spring season and enter the summer, we also end our Easter season and embark on 'ordinary' time.

# Happy Summer

Yet, even though the liturgical season is 'ordinary' (following the ordinal numbering of the weeks), we don't lapse into a lull or 'the ordinary' with what is happening in our Church-family. We keep having celebrations that honor us and our community. We also 'live out' the Easter joy and the power of the Holy Spirit given at Pentecost. Every day, we are to live as folks of the resurrection - filled with the confidence and hope that the Father's love, the Son's grace, and the Spirit's life give to us! In the celebrations that are 'special' detailed below and in the every-Sunday gatherings, we each have the opportunity to hear how this takes effect and be inspired to live out our faith. Of course, you are *always* welcome to join us for these weekly, 9:30 services!

What's coming up, then?

- Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: special collection to help provide the Scriptures to the men/women in the Armed Services/Troops (the "BibleStick" project of "Faith By Hearing" organization).
- Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day honor guard and prayers at our cemetery (time tbd).
- Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>: Heritage Day (Anderson and Lillegren families honored/remembered). If you'd like to help/have info, please contact Lois Kline at 612.751.2797 or [scottnlouis@yahoo.com](mailto:scottnlouis@yahoo.com)
- One Sunday in July: special collection to aid the Gideons in their ministry.
- Sunday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup>: Annual Parish picnic. Fun, games, outdoor service, community potluck lunch. If you'd like to help in any way or have questions, please contact Lynda and Bill Dahl at 320.310.1871 or [lyndasfarmhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:lyndasfarmhouse@yahoo.com) More info/flyer will come later.
- Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: New Member Appreciation Sunday. We continue to add households to our parish and want to honor those folks.
- Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday School kick-off. We start another great year with Sunday School (this last year, we usually had a half-dozen primary students participating each week. Thanks to Gina Nectal, Jenny Grondin, and Alyssa Giles for coordinating this ministry to our youngest folks.

Also, regarding our youngest congregants, is there any interest in having a summer vacation bible school? If so, please speak to me soon so that we can get something organized! Camps available, too.

As always, if we as a community or I as an individual can be of help to you and your household, please do not hesitate to ask. You can reach me at [robkrajewski72@gmail.com](mailto:robkrajewski72@gmail.com) or 651.261.7333. Our parish council president, Kevin Almendinger, and *all* our council members are also interested in hearing how things are going...he and they are here to listen to and serve the congregation as a whole and each of you as individuals (Kevin's phone number is 651.408.1407).

Deep blessings to you as you and your household continue to journey through summer and in life!