

# June Newsletter



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## (Briefly) On the Work of the Holy Spirit by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Happy Pentecost! And what a better time for the season of Pentecost to fall than the beginning of summer. As you well know, the day of Pentecost is celebrated as the day that the Holy Spirit came down and was given to the disciples, and by extension, us.

So we have the Holy Spirit among us. So what? What does this mean ("Was ist das" as Luther famously says in his Small Catechism). Well it means a number of things for us. But one of the things it means is that we can now have confidence that not only do we have Christ's promise with us, but we can freely share it! We need not be worried about whether or not someone is worthy to hear the Word, or if we are worthy to give it! Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians,

*"3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus is accursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit."*

This means that as we are confessing Jesus to be Lord, it is not of our own words. It is not us trying to be a holier people, rather we know that it is the

Holy Spirit that is driving us toward Christ! And this is good news! What better news do we have than the freedom to know that the Holy Spirit is constantly turning us towards the salvation given to us by the death and resurrection of God's only Son!

While summer is usually filled with lots of activities, there is a certain freeing feeling. This is what we have with the Holy Spirit. We are not let off the hook to sit around and do nothing because we have been set totally free. Our neighbors still need us in every sense of the word. People still need our help, kindness, and love. What changes when we have the Holy Spirit dwelling among us is the confidence and peace that we do not need to worry about being good enough for God's mercy and grace. We can sit down at the end of the day and know that no matter what you did or did not accomplish during the day, God has called you His own. You have been given the Holy Spirit to call you, gather you, enlighten you, and make you holy.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*





# June Calendar

## Sunday, June 4

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)

7:00 PM VCIS

## Monday, June 5

9:00AM -1:00 PM VBS

## Tuesday, June 6

9:00AM -1:00 PM VBS

## Wednesday, June 7

9:00AM -1:00 PM VBS

2:00 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Council Meeting

## Thursday, June 8

9:00AM -1:00 PM VBS

7:00PM VBS Program

## Sunday, June 11

9:00AM Worship Service

7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 14

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, June 18 - Happy Father's Day

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)

7:00 PM NO VCIS - Youth Mission Trip June 17 - 24



## Wednesday, June 21

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Friday, June 23

4:00 PM Rummage Sale

## Saturday, June 24

8:00 AM Rummage Sale

## Sunday, June 25

Newsletter Deadline

10:30AM Worship Service in the Park • Potluck Picnic to follow

7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, June 28

2:00 PM Bible Study

## June Scripture Readings

**June 4** - Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

**June 11** - Genesis 12:1-9, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 18** - Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7), Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

**June 25** - Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

## Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

### June

Loren & Michelle Johnson  
Robert & Marilyn Christensen  
Lydell & Cath Peterson  
Nancy Severson

### July

Joe & Teddy Schafer  
Fred & Janet Holmberg  
Jay & Melanie Parsons  
Jon & Krista Schaeffer

### August

Fred & Janet Holmberg  
Robert & Marilyn Christensen  
Steven & Linda Holmberg  
JoAnn Hansen

# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, June 4

Reader ..... Loren Johnson  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, June 11

Reader ..... Godwin Johnson  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, June 18

Reader ..... Michelle Johnson  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, June 25

Reader ..... Brianna Johnson  
 Acolyte ..... Volunteer  
 Live Stream ..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Kayla Mehlhaf

Do you have things in your home that might be another person's treasure? Bring them to the Parish Hall for the rummage sale!

Items can be brought in any time between June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Come & Shop

June 23<sup>rd</sup> • 4:00 - 8:00PM &  
 June 24<sup>th</sup> • 8:00AM - 2:00PM



# Looking Ahead To July

## Sunday, July 2

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 5

2:00 PM Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting

## Sunday, July 9

9:00AM Worship Service  
 7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 12

2:00 PM Bible Study





## VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus

Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified



Summer VCIS is upon us! We have shifted to Sunday evenings at 7 and now spend our evenings around a fire instead of in the Parish Hall basement. We love summer VCIS.

But of course the one thing that is on everyone's mind is the trip! We leave on June 17 and will be doing work in the Blue Ridge Mountains, North Carolina until June 23. We are all very excited! This time we are making our trip just a little bit longer and breaking our travel into 2 days rather than driving overnight like last year. I have been in communication with a church in St. Louis, MO, and am glad to say that we plan on staying on their gym floor on the way down and on the way back! We have also added a few students from last year too. We are headed to NC with 16 students and 6 adult leaders. Which means we will be taking 1 15-passenger van, 1 12-passenger van, and 1 minivan.

We still aren't certain exactly what work we will be doing there, but based on our experience last year, we expect to do a lot of yard work, pulling weeds, doing random tasks that community members might need, and do some children's ministry. No matter what the task will be, we are guaranteed to have a good time serving God's people!

Last month we flamingoed a yard and had a Bunco night at Spring Valley. Bunco was a lot of fun! It was so much fun for the kids to interact with church members that they don't always spend much time with. We also have another fundraiser activity on the horizon! Friday, June 2, we will be playing an outdoor movie at Spring Valley. We will be playing Cars in the parking lot!

That will be our last fundraising event before the trip! Fundraising has been going really well, but as of this moment, each kid owes an average of \$201. If you would like to donate anything to help them reach their fundraising goals, checks can be made out to VCIS and sent to PO Box 98 Viborg, SD 57070. Aside from monetary support, we greatly appreciate prayerful support too!

Thank you for your continued support! This group is very special to a lot of kids and their families, and we give thanks for the opportunity to grow together in Christ.

Pastor Max



## It's Back!!

You can help support the VCIS Mission Trip by Flamingo-ing your Friends!

Cost:

- \$30 to send the flock,
- \$15 to have them removed,
- \$5 to find out who sent them.

Contact Pr. Max to schedule!

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