



# July Newsletter

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## On Independence Day by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Happy Independence Day! Also happy Danish Days! July is a big month of community and celebration for Viborg. There is also Centerville's Tornado Days that happen this weekend as well. No matter what goes on the rest of the year, when the fireworks go off and God Bless the USA is playing, we feel united as Americans. Whether it's the parade, or the bands, or the community worship service Sunday morning of Danish Days, we feel united as a community - even if the Danish bloodlines are fading.

Luke, the writer of the book of Acts talks greatly about how important community is. Amongst our celebrations, at our core, we must be a community of believers, rooted in the bond that Christ has given us. A community of brothers and sisters living amongst one another and caring for each others' needs.

In the spirit of America, I'll share a quote from our 16th president. Abraham Lincoln often gets credited with the quote "a house divided cannot stand." However, Lincoln is quoting Jesus from Matthew 12:25. Lincoln is right. Of course he is. He is quoting Jesus. So if we take Jesus' words, how does that look in our own sense of Christian community? While we may disagree on doctrine and theology,

we must stand together in the confession that Christ is our Lord and Savior, and not only did He die for each of us, but He has saved each of us! No matter what denomination we may find ourselves in, all those baptized have been called children of God.

We can disagree on many things surrounding theology, but at its core, we can all agree that Jesus the Christ is Lord and God Alone.

It is in this that we find community. It is in this that we can give our testimony of how Jesus is working in our lives and how He has forgiven all of us through His death and resurrection. We must be of one heart and soul, faithfully and boldly confessing the love and mercy of the one true Almighty God.

In all of our times we gather as a community this month of July, may we always remember that it is through Christ that we have life and joy. May Christ be with

us as we spread brotherly (and sisterly) love! May God look upon you with favor and give you peace.

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*

# July Calendar

## 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

**10:30 AM** **Worship Service (traditional)**  
**Note Time Switch!!**  
11:30 AM Semi-Annual Meeting w/potluck  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 12

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Saturday, July 15

**5:00 PM** **Red Book Service @ Our Saviors for Danish Days**

## Sunday, July 16

**9:30 AM** **Community Worship Service at Glood Park (Danish Days)**  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 19

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, July 23

**Newsletter Deadline**  
**10:30 AM** **Joint Worship & potluck at Swan Lake Bible Camp**  
7:00 PM VCIS

## Wednesday, July 26

2:00 PM Bible Study

## Sunday, July 30

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

# Worship Helpers

## Sunday, July 2 (Communion)

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

## Sunday, July 9

Reader ..... Janet Holmberg  
Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Volunteer  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

## Sunday, July 23

Reader ..... Krista Schaeffer  
Acolyte ..... Volunteer  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Kayla Mehlhaf

## Sunday, July 30 (Communion)

Reader ..... Joe Schafer  
Acolyte ..... Volunteer  
Live Stream ..... Maxx  
Organist/Pianist ..... Melanie Parsons

# 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.

## 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

## September

Chad & Belinda Holm  
Loren & Michelle Johnson  
James Christofferson  
Lydell & Cath Peterson  
Nancy Severson

# July Scripture Readings

**July 2** - Genesis 22:1-14 , Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 , Romans 6:12-23 , Matthew 10:40-42

**July 9** - Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16** - Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13, Romans 8:1-11 , Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23** - Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30** - Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



## OSLC Semi-Annual Meeting & Pot Luck

July 9 Worship Service will be at 10:30AM and then stick around after worship for our semi-annual meeting and join in a meal together!



## Superintendent & Teachers Needed

We are looking for a Superintendent and Sunday School Teachers for next year.

Please let Belinda Holm know if you are interested.



## Looking Ahead To August

### Wednesday, August 2

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

### Sunday, August 6

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

### Wednesday, August 9

2:00 PM Bible Study

### Sunday, August 13

9:00 AM **Worship Service (traditional)**  
7:00 PM VCIS







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

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus

Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified



We made it! On June 17th, 9:30am, we officially set out on a journey 11 months in the making. On this journey were 16 students and 6 adult leaders. We traveled for about 19 hours (not including breaks and our overnight stay in St. Louis) all piled into one 15-passenger van, one 12-passenger van, and one minivan. Not a single complaint about the drive was heard! Other than the sudden stops that had to be made when we made it into areas of high traffic. Needless to say, we drivers missed the South Dakota traffic (or lack thereof).

When we finally arrived in Spindale, NC, we met with about 28 other people and our week of service began! Every day we started off with breakfast and personal devotional time. Then we packed ourselves lunches and headed out to various work sites. Some groups got to see many different work sites while others got one site for the whole week. Evenings were filled with group activities and ended with church group time. Due to some precedents set last year, we had to maintain tradition and we went off-site to have our church group time - the Sonic/Taco Bell seating area.

It was amazing to see our Youth make connections with Youth from all over the States gathered in the Spindale United Methodist Church. Not only were they making connections with other Youth, they

grew stronger relationships with each other and gained a deeper understanding of their faith! Seeing them open up and dive into deep discussion was incredible.

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

~1 Cor. 12:4-7

Enough thanks cannot be given to all of you that have supported everything the VCIS has been and will continue to do. This trip was another trip our Youth will never forget. Thank you for your financial contributions as well as your prayers! We were kept safe the entire trip and in the safety of God were able to have our ears opened to listen and hear what He needed to tell each one of us.

We are very excited to bring what we have learned about ourselves and service back home. Without giving too much away - plans are only in the early phases - the activities that we participated in this year and on last year's trip are activities and projects that can be done in our own community. Stay

tuned for an update on what the VCIS has planned for the future!

Again, thank you all for everything you have done. Those 16 students and 6 adults could not have had this experience without your support.

On behalf of the VCIS Youth, peace be with you!

*Pastor Max*





27 Kids

22 Volunteers -Thank you for giving your time



Kids took home tie-dye shirts and some other fun crafts

4 Age Groups

# 2023 VBS MEMORIES



Bible Study



Learning New Songs



Danish Dancing at the nursing home







Thursday Program



Outside games



We Made blankets for Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety



Help support the VCIS Mission Trip by Flamingo-ing a Friend!

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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