

In the NIV translation of the Bible, the word “delight” appears 105 times. Twenty-nine of those occurrences are in the book of Psalms alone! There are certainly words that appear more often than this in the scriptures – words such as grace, faith, righteousness, and of course, God and Jesus. But 105 times is significant, so the Lord must be saying something through the frequent use of this word “delight” in His Word.

This word “delight” came to my mind recently due to the lock-in we held at the Spencer YMCA for students in grades 6-12. We ended up having 37 attend from our congregation, from Bethlehem Lutheran in Royal, and their friends as well from all kinds of places. And whether it was swimming, eating pizza, or playing basketball, dodgeball and various other games, they were all in a state of delight throughout the night! The one thing, however, in which we encouraged them to find their greatest delight, is the LORD. Pizza is great, but we get hungry again. Games are fantastic, but we get tired, we sometimes get hurt, and eventually they get old and it’s time to move on. But the LORD, who is eternal, unfailing, and unchanging, is our everlasting delight! He is the one who satisfies our hearts, minds and souls, and it is in Him that true joy and peace is found.

This message is made very clear throughout the Psalms, where again, the word “delight” is found 29 times! Some of those passages are an expression of the great delight one experiences in God, as well as in his laws and decrees, through a relationship of faith. Psalm 43:4, for example, says, “I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.” Others, however, are a wonderful reminder of how God actually finds delight in us! Yes, we are sinners – we fall short of God’s laws and expectations. But God, who is rich in mercy, love and forgiveness, is still crazy about us! Psalm 18, for example – a chapter that details the rescue of God from difficult circumstances – says in vs.16-19, “He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me!”

Of all that brings you joy in life, may your ultimate delight be in the LORD, for His delight is in you, and it is He who brings the fullness of joy and life to our hearts and minds!

In Christ, *Pastor Dan*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A week filled with fun crafts, games, and songs! All children are encouraged to attend and invite their friends!

Day Camp : for youth who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade.

AND there will also be a class for preschoolers (must have completed 1 year) and those going into Kindergarten.

A noon meal, beverage, and snack will be provided.

Shuttle bus : To and from Day Camp from Everly. Note on your registration if you plan to use this shuttle service. Departure from Everly at 8:40 am from the East side of the school. Students will return to the same point close to 2:20 pm each day.

Dates: June 12-15, Monday–Thursday

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

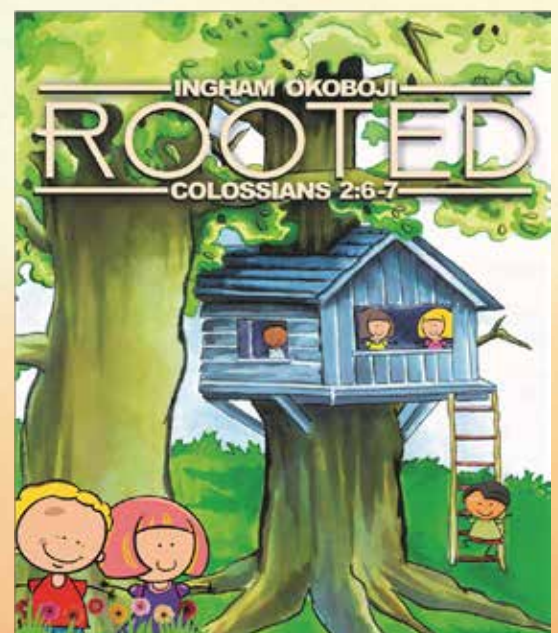
Evening program and ice cream social for families at **6:30 pm Thursday**.

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Royal

Registrations Due: June 2nd

Sign-up Online: <https://tinyurl.com/mhlhjgf> OR Register at Hope or Bethlehem.

*A donation of \$25 per child is encouraged to help cover the cost of bringing the counselors from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps to Royal.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Inside Church Clean-up Day is **June 11**, after worship service. Help is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School will be **June 12-15**, 9am–2 pm at Bethlehem in Royal. See more details here in Tidings.

Ladies Night Out will be **Wednesday, June 14** at 6 pm. (To carpool, meet at Hope at 5:30.) We will be heading to the Lake Park home of Tracy Meyer. Reserve the date so not to miss out on an evening of fellowship with Hope women!

Continue to fill your baby bottle with loose change for the Cherish Center. Bottles are due back Father's Day, **June 18**.

Quilt Day will be **Wednesday, June 28**, starting at 9 a.m.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Dale Adolf	5 Kate Schoelerman	13 Mary Beth Bishop	23 Nathan Holtz
1 Carol Schmeling	6 Brent Keene	18 Nick Adolf	24 Angela Geerdes
3 Brigette Addengast	7 Paula Smith	18 Lane Sether	24 Erica Geerdes
3 Haley Berends	8 Shirley Peters	20 Jalisa McIntire	26 Chris Schoelerman
4 Don Brockmann	8 Cathi Scharnberg	21 Colton Meyer	27 Joie Schmidt
4 Jordan Erick	9 LeAnn Hartmann	21 Curt Runkle	27 Marty Schmidt
5 Brady Follon	9 Ashlyn Manwarren	21 Carter Tostenrud	28 Neil Scharnberg

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 John & Pat Jensen	16 Craig & Kris Kolb	26 Jay & Wendy Stein
7 Don & Becky Brockmann	17 Jay & Holly Pearson	27 Kevin & Pat Adolf
7 John & Connie Goeken	19 Mark & Cathi Scharnberg	29 Rick & Jennifer Steuben
15 Ryan & Lynnea Steuben	25 Irv & Sharon Maaland	29 Orlyn & Leslie Tesch



Women of Hope

MEETING MINUTES

Women of Hope Board Meeting – May 10, 2017

The WOH board meeting was held on May 10, 2017 at 5PM with 6 members present. President Kris Keene called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report was approved M/S/C Cynthia/Marlene. Three thank you notes were received for Love Baskets.

Treasurer's Report – General Fund \$2110.40 Love Fund \$1264.47 There were no bills or love gifts.

Mission Action - 13 women made 11 quilts on quilt day. The next quilt day is May 31st.

Mission Communities - 28 Love Baskets were made and delivered for May Day. The Love Service will be June 25, 2017. Camperships will be presented during the Love Service. Discussion was held on where to donate our Love Service offering.

Mission Growth – We discussed the recent Spring Gathering and were pleased with the good turn-out! Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening and the speaker. The next event is Ladies Night Out which is scheduled for June 14th. It will be held at the Lake Park home of Tracy and Todd Meyer. We will meet at the church and pool rides for an evening of fellowship and snacks! Mark your calendars now!

Old business - Thank you to Kara and Tracy for planning the Spring Gathering. Thank you to Cindy and Kathy for coordinating the decorations and desserts.

New business - Senior Recognition Sunday is May 21st. The sophomore class and parents will be in charge of the reception. The WOH will provide the cake and punch. The summer refreshment chart will be put up for volunteers.

The board meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C Tracy/Teresa.

The next board meeting will be held on **June 7 at 5:00 PM**.

Secretary, Sherri Steffen

Church Council Meeting - MAY MINUTES

President Adolf called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM on May 10, 2017. Pastor Dan gave devotions from Psalm 11, which talked about which talked about God acting on behalf of His people.

Members present: Kevin Adolf – President Lavonne Peters – Deacon Kris Keene – Women of Hope
John Jensen – Treasurer Brian Kahl – Trustee Alan Boyle – Deacon
Monica Glime – Secretary

Secretary's report reviewed. M/S/C by Peters/Kahl to approve report.

Treasurer's report reviewed, M/S/C by Kahl/Keanetoapprove report as presented and pay current bills.

Also discussed was the money left from the Dad/Daughter Dance after expenses were paid.

\$400 was approved to be sent to the camp unless further expenses arise. M/S/C Peters/Boyle.

President's report: Presented thank yous from families from Lenten suppers.

Member's report: None

Deacons' report: None

Trustees' report: Lawn at the church and parsonage has been sprayed.

Board of Education: Confirmation: Class resumes in the fall.

High School: Lock in May 19 at YMCA. Pastor Dan and Christian Knapp will be organizing events during the summer months while Chris is at the camp.

Women of Hope: Love Service – will be June 25. This will also be quilt Sunday so if people could stay briefly after church service on the 18 to help carry quilts up from the basement to display it would be appreciated.

Senior Recognition will be held May 21 with a reception to follow.

Cherish House baby bottle campaign will run from Mother's Day to Father's Day.

Old Business: None

New Business: Everly Days – Community Worship service will be held June 4 at 9 am at Hap Ketelsen.

Cleaning up around the church – Alan and Brian will take care of keeping the outside of our church tidy this summer and fall. We are going to do some tidying up inside after church service on June 11. Many hands make light work.

Camperships – The council voted to keep this amount at the same as last year, M/S/C Peters/Boyle.

The next council meeting will be **Wednesday, June 14 at 8:00 p.m.**

Tidings material is due in the office by May 23, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:48 pm.

Secretary, Monica Glime

STEWARDSHIP KIT FOR JUNE

Supplies are being collected in June for the Dream Center in Spencer.

"It takes compassionate partners to help feed and care for the poor and needy – to feed their spirits as well as their physical bodies. This is the key to real life changing transformation for many in our community and throughout the region."

There are no regulations for sizes or brands. All types of these items can be used as well as other toiletries.

Shampoo	Deodorant	Brush/Comb
Laundry Soap	Toothpaste	Razor
Toothbrush	Soap	Shaving cream

Please place donations in the basket in the narthex. Thank you.

Sowing Seeds of Stewardship

John W. Jensen

Summer is vacation time. Christian stewardship, however, never takes a vacation. Stewardship is an ongoing, joyous activity of managing all things for God, God's way, every day. Vacations, however, have a tendency to rob God of the worship due Him. And while members vacation, Sunday attendance and contributions drop while our bills remain pretty much the same.

Here's some thoughts on summer stewardship:

- Biblical giving involves proportionate (percentage of income) giving every Sunday. If you know you aren't going to be with us in church on Sunday, you can mail your offering using the offering envelope or drop by the church and leave your offering in my box.
- Proportionate, regular, first-fruit giving should be put into practice. Tithing (10% of income) should be embraced. Once it becomes a lifestyle, it will never be abandoned. The satisfaction of loving God by giving and His response with bountiful blessings are too compelling.
- God never intended anyone to "burn the candle at both ends". God has no pleasure in "workaholic burnouts" or "family vacation burnouts". He commanded one day in seven to be a day of rest in order to protect people from overwork. Vacations are supposed to be extended times for rest and relaxation. However, a vacation could become a source of stress. Some return from a vacation more worn out than if they stayed at home. Good Stewardship involves properly managing a vacation so it ends up a source of relaxation instead of vexation.
- Another aspect of summer vacations is to properly manage family spending to determine the extent and style of a vacation. To abuse credit cards and overspend is a big mistake! Sensible planning helps remove the stress and hassle of unpaid bills.

- A vacation doesn't mean a vacation from God. If you can't be with us in church on Sunday, reserve some time during your vacation to do some Bible reading. Or look for a devotional that only involves reading a page a day. Or if you are traveling, use the opportunity to visit another congregation. And look for ideas to bring back that might enhance our congregation and worship.
 - Vacation time doesn't mean a vacation from your prayer time. In fact, vacation time is a good time to do some reflecting and praying. Find a quiet spot outside and open your heart and mind to what God has to say and what He wants you to do.
 - Use your time off to gather as a family and talk about one thing you could do together to minister to someone else. This might mean partnering with an existing ministry or coming up with your own idea. Consider your family's unique passions and abilities and ask God to guide your actions. You might help a neighbor, clean up an area, mow a lawn, or just spend time with someone you wouldn't ordinarily see. When you step outside your comfort zone to help someone else, you and your family will experience God's love in a whole new way. What a wonderful thing to do as a family!
- God's blessings to you and your family. Have a wonderful summer.



REMEMBER YOUR CHERISH BABY BOTTLES

Remember to be filling your bottles and to bring them back on **Father's Day**, June 18. Anything you throw in helps! Together, the coins add up and we make a difference!

Your coins make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help Cherish House, located in Spirit Lake.



