



Rally Sunday 2009 September 13th



Be sure to put this date on your calendar!

Rally Sunday is always a fun day to re-connect after the summer as we start all the busy events of the church year.

An outdoor Worship service led by Messenger is at 10:00 a.m. Then we will have delicious grilled food, ice cream, popcorn; games for the young and older ones too; Bingo; Face Painting, music by the Caribé Band, and a great Silent Auction.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Keep an eye out for fun items for the SILENT AUCTION or be thinking about what you'd like to contribute to a basket for the Auction. Then bring them in as soon as you can.
- Bring in BASKETS that you have that could be re-used for the Silent Auction.
- Bring in unopened, plastic BOTTLES of most anything for the BOTTLE BLAST GAME
- BINGO PRIZES—we can use new or gently used items as Bingo Prizes
- Sign up for the 2nd Annual PIE EATING CONTEST
- How can I VOLUNTEER to HELP on Rally Sunday? Opportunity to sign up will be soon or just go ahead and contact Lidia Grabow at (612) 861-4533.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT OAK GROVE 2009-2010

It all starts on Rally Sunday, September 13

Outdoor Worship at 10 a.m.

Followed by a picnic and activities for all ages

Silent Auction from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

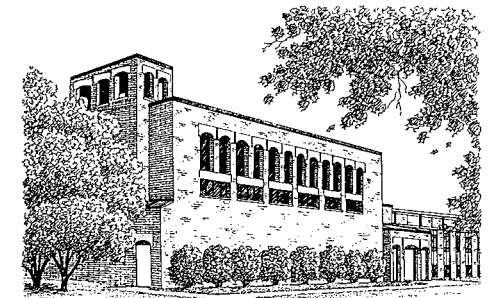
Oak Grove Sunday School 9:45-10:45

for kids ages 3 years – 6th grade

Fee: \$15 per child (\$35 maximum per family)

To register go to www.oakgrovelutheran.org or stop by the church office and pick up a registration form.

PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 30



Oak Grove Lutheran Church

Richfield, Minnesota

Minneapolis Area Synod Women of the ELCA 2009 Annual Gathering

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Transfiguration Lutheran Church
11000 France Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$40 (\$45 after September 15)

“Come to the Waters. Be Connected.”

*Just as water reflects the face, so one human heart
reflects another. Proverbs 27:19 NRSV*

Keynote Speaker: Jerene Mortenson - Mother of Greg Mortenson - The author of “Three Cups of Tea”

Bible Study Leader: Glenndy Ose - Bishop’s Assistant - Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA

Worship Preacher: Rosalind Brathwaite - Executive Board Member - Women of the ELCA in America

All women are welcome! Bring a friend!

For more information, contact Lori Goble at 952-934-6546 or lgoble@saintandrews.org.

August 2009

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August Birthdays

- 1 – Natasha Lewis, Laura Schrag, Beverly Hummel
- 2 – Bots Botsford, , Bob Kranz
- 3 – Jackie Haglund, Sara White
- 4 – Melissa Philibert, Matt Schrag
- 5 – Georgia Ogstad
- 6 – Stacey Curme, Jewell Mohn, Caren Olson, Margie Risch, Angela Scarlett, Janice Weichel
- 7 – Irene Dahlen, Jonita Gomez, Kelsey Jacobson, Jennifer Zarth
- 8 – Jeff Faust, Jessica Kielty
- 9 – Dale Clifford, Jeanne Fuller
- 10 – Dave Decker, Sara Peyton, Kay Thompson
- 11 – Roslyn Guzman, Marcella Kallevig, Agnes Schmidt
- 12 – Evelyn Wick
- 13 – Lerverne Morseth, Jared Sundin, Marian Woolery
- 14 – Lillian Knafla
- 15 – Ruth Martinson
- 16 – Pat (Arnie) Moe, Rachel Polzin
- 17 – Arnold Kleinschmidt, Millie Skurdalsvold
- 18 – Connie Fischer, Ruth Johnson, Lester Koppang, Sarah LaMeyer
- 20 – Gladys Hanson, Joyce Kleven, Kenneth Knutson, Cheryl Nycklemoe
- 21 – Tom Stertz
- 22 – Sharon Brown, Dave Petersmeyer, Ed Rowan
- 25 – Marian Bloom, Pastor Brice Eichlersmith, Ruth Larson, Steve Quam
- 26 – Hilmer Simonson, Marlene Studlien
- 27 – Lois Howard, Morva Klein
- 28 – Lynn Anderson
- 29 – Ruth Munson, Marissa Thompson
- 30 – JoAnn Beggs, Deb Berg, Sara Faust
- 31 – Karen Levisen, Julie Tvete

Dear People of Oak Grove,

Thank you so much for your kindness, grace, and sense of humor during my internship year. While August 16th is my last day at Oak Grove, I will take lots of memories and all that I have learned with me. Thank you especially to Pastor Tom and Pastor Brice, the staff, and the internship committee for all their time, energy and dedication. I say good-bye knowing there are exciting things in the future for all of us. God's blessings to you all!

Grace and Peace,
Intern Katie Fick



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

The following dates for the second half of 2009 are still open for volunteers (groups, families, circles, etc.) to serve coffee and treats on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Margaret Olson at 612-866-7827.

Thank you!

- September 6 and 27
- November 15, 22, and 29
- December 13 and 20



Baptisms



- June 28** — Zane Patrick Cutter
- July 5** — Warren Alexander Knafla

Deaths



We extend our sympathies to the families of:
Pat Schultz, whose memorial service was held at Oak Grove on July 10. Pat and her husband, Jerry, joined Oak Grove in 1995.

AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Caribe practice 1:00 PM Music/Drama Camp set up	27 9:00 AM Music/Drama Camp	28 9:00 AM Music/Drama Camp 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Care Club	29 9:00 AM Music/Drama Camp	30 9:00 AM Music/Drama Camp 7:00 PM Music/Drama Camp Presentation	31	1 10:00 AM Messenger practice
2 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Fireside Room Reserved 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Caribe practice	3	4 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Care Club 6:00 PM Troop 12810	5	6	7	8 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 1386
9 8:30 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Caribe practice	10	11 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Women's Summer Bible Study	12 6:15 PM WELCA Board Meeting	13	14 5:00 PM Stamp-a-Stack 6:00 PM Square Dance	15 8:00 AM Stamp-a-Stack 10:00 AM Messenger practice
16 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Caribe practice 3:00 PM Fellowship Hall reserved	17 OG Serves Meals on Wheels this week	18 9:15 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Care Club 6:00 PM Troop 12810	19	20 8:30 AM Housing Committee	21 6:00 PM Square Dance	22 10:00 AM Girl Scout Troop 1386
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Women's Summer Bible Study, Tuesday, August 11

All women of OG are invited and welcome to participate in the summer Bible study. The last summer session will meet at 7PM in the Fireside Room on Tuesday, August 11. The topic is "Mary: A Woman For All Seasons." In August the focus is on Mary as a mature leader in the early church. Thanks to Bonnie Oien for leading in August and to Kelli Olson who lead in July.



No experience or advance preparation is necessary; study materials and light refreshments will be available. Please consider attending this informal session; if you haven't participated in the women's Bible study previously, this is a good way to try it out.

If you would like additional information, you may contact Lynn Stertz, 612-869-3697, lstertz@usfamily.net or Kathie Curry, 952-888-0440, dkcurry042096@aol.com.

Note of Thanks. . .

Dear pastor and members of Oak Grove Lutheran Church,

I am writing to thank your congregation for their kindness and generosity over a quarter of a century ago.

It was shortly after the Vietnam War that my family, which included my wife and newly born son, found ourselves in Fort Chaffee Refugee Camp in Arkansas. After spending 4 months there, we were elated to be sponsored by your church and on August 25, 1975 were welcomed to Richfield with open arms. With the support of the congregation, we were provided a place to live, living expenses, and support in finding a job. Church members would help us navigate the shopping markets and provide transportation to English classes. We were touched by the kindness we received and remember the assistance and hard work that the church put in to help us adapt to our new home.

After a blessed 2 years in Richfield, we decided to move to California to take care of my elderly parents. As we finally approach retirement, we continue to look at how blessed we are and how it would not have been possible without your help. Today we have 4 grown children. All have now completed college and have begun working.

We wish you and your congregation a prosperous year and wish you well in serving God and mankind.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

Lang Huy Nguyen and Family

— Kitchen Konnection —

August already...yikes!!! I pray that you are having a wonderful and fun-filled summer. In looking through my new directory (finally!), I was reminded of all my friends that we tend not to see very often during these summer months, and I am anxious and look forward to meeting many of the new and older faces that I have not yet had the opportunity to meet. I challenge all of you to seek out new friends as we come back together on Rally Day. All activities resume and Oak Grove will be full of opportunities for fellowship.

During this month of August, I will be getting the kitchen ready for Wednesday evening meals. I am planning on doing a good cleaning and re-organization. If you think there is something in the kitchen that belongs to you, please claim it as soon as possible or it might be gone.....

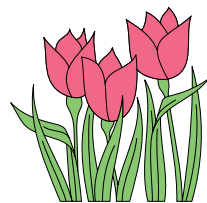
Wednesday evenings are busy around Oak Grove with choirs and bells practicing, confirmation classes, meetings, good food and visiting with friends.

Dinner is served from 5:45-6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

God Bless and keep you safe on your summer journeys.

- Margie

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31



Trendsetters

Sixty years ago this month my parents got married – in a garden. It was the backyard of a family friend, who had space enough for the guests and a talent for growing flowers that made this a setting as beautiful as any cathedral. But whenever the story of the wedding was told, it was always as a bit of a family joke, because there didn't seem to be much of a back-up plan in the event that the rain started to pour. It's easy to picture the worst: "I, (slosh) take you, (slosh) to be my (slosh)."

I bring this up because I'd estimate that out of the last 10 weddings I officiated at 8 of them were somewhere outside instead of in the church. This is not coincidence: it's a trend. At the Florida beach for a week this June we saw weddings out on the sand almost daily. Golf courses, lake resorts and parks also rate right up there for outdoor weddings these days. The natural beauty of these places speaks for itself about why. But the unpredictability of the whole thing does add a whole level of intrigue to the event.

I've seen bare-shouldered, blue-lipped, bridesmaids shivering in the cold, groomsmen swatting at aggressive wasps, vases of flowers blown over in the wind—not to mention what wind does to the flame of a unity candle! Worst, was leaving a wedding that went fine when the clouds opened and a brief torrent of rain fell on the wedding party next in line who were posing for some pictures. The poor bride was drenched, her up-do went down, mascara smeared her cheeks, either from rain drops or tear drops. The groom, unable to be much help, had to listen to her shriek, "This is the worst day of my life."

You have to give them credit, though, for courage in the face of possible disaster. I still prefer churches for weddings, but maybe that just proves I'm a wimp. Besides, marriage isn't for cowards. Even the vows state the truth: "better, worse; richer, poorer; sickness, health"... there's always the possibility of disaster up ahead. So, all the best to you who start off bravely facing the unknown. And happy anniversary mom and dad—you trendsetters, you.

Pastor Tom Zarth

Kindermusik to return to Oak Grove in September

Hello! My name is Gail Korell. I would like to introduce myself and formally thank Oak Grove for "taking in" our small Kindermusik program last fall. In July 2008, I purchased the well-established Kindermusik program from Kay Ellickson, Minnesota Valley School of Music in Richfield and moved around 30 families to Oak Grove for weekly classes that started in September.

Not only did they maintain their enthusiasm for Kindermusik throughout the past year, but we have now established a growing community of music-loving families within your church walls. Thank you for opening your doors to us.

We would love to have you join us. We offer classes for the following age ranges: Babies (newborn to 18 months); Toddler (18 months to 3 years); Pre-school (3-5 years); Young children

(5-7 years)

Classes are held on Thursdays and Fridays.

For more information, please contact me: Gail Korell, Licensed Kindermusik Education, 612-532-9005 –msgaik@yahoo.com or enroll on-line today at kindermusik.com

The picture directory has

arrived! If you had your picture taken for it, there is a directory with your name on it in the office. If you did not have your picture taken but would like a directory, you may purchase one for \$10.