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May 2022

Dennison Greet & Usher Schedule

	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Communion & Bread Preparer</i>
<i>May 1- 11a</i>	<i>Jane Curren</i>			<i>Norliene Wells</i>
<i>May 15-11a</i>	<i>Songs of My Life</i>			

Vang Greet & Usher Schedule

		<i>Reader</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Communion & Bread Preparer</i>
<i>May 1-9 a</i>	<i>Ione Lorch</i>	<i>Brian Koester</i>	<i>Malori Prior</i>		<i>Tracey Flom</i>
<i>May 8-9 a</i>	<i>Robert & Caren Sletten</i>	<i>Denise Olson</i>	<i>Isabel Hanenberger</i>		
<i>May 15-9 a</i>	<i>Robert Flom Family</i>	<i>Tracey Flom</i>	<i>Rylan Berg</i>		
<i>May 22- 9 a</i>	<i>Greg Mills Family</i>	<i>Kelly Graham</i>	<i>Hayden Remme</i>		
<i>May29-9 a</i>	<i>Dave & Nancy Topp</i>	<i>Confirmation Reader</i>	<i>Gunner Johnson</i>		

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Vang 9:00 am Dennison 11:00 am	2	3 Dennison Council 5 pm	4 Confirmation 7:00pm pm	5	6	7 Synod Assembly
8 Vang 9:00 am Bring your pet to church/Sunday School leader appreciation "Free Tree's"	9 Vang Council 7:00 pm	10	11 Confirmation 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Dennison 11:00 am Songs of My Life Vang 9:00 am Just Move Group	16	17	18 Taize Evening Prayer/ Confirmation 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22 Vang 9:00 am Graduation Recognition	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Vang 9:00 am/ Start summer schedule	30	31				

Submitted by: Karen Zimmerman

DENNISON LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT						
Date	Description	Amount	Date	Description	Amount	
INCOME			EXPENDITURES			Current Running Balance
3/1/2022	Balance	\$4,951.89	3/17/2022	WELCA	\$25.00	
3/14/2022	deposit	\$250.00	3/17/2022	Ag Partners Propane	\$1,189.29	
3/14/2022	deposit	\$310.51	3/17/2022	xel energy	\$248.38	
3/15/2022	deposit	\$714.00	3/31/2022	Vang/Dennison joint acct	\$1,250.00	
3/15/2022	deposit	\$1,075.00				
3/18/2022	deposit	\$300.00				
3/31/2022	deposit	\$206.00				
3/31/2022	interest	\$0.24				
		\$7,807.64			\$2,712.67	\$5,094.97
Savings Balanc	3/31/2022					
	1729-----39599.74	building				
	1737-----\$238.60	Lutheran brotherhood				

Vang March 2022 Treasurer Report

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Year-To-Date

Monthly Budget	\$ 13,209.00	Annual Budget	\$ 39,627.00
Checking Deposits	\$ 10,729.07	Checking Deposits	\$ 24,580.02
Savings Deposits	\$33.40	Savings Deposits	\$ 246.95
Total Deposits	\$ 10,762.47	Total Deposits	\$ 24,826.97
(Shortfall) / Surplus	(\$ 2,446.53)	(Shortfall) / Surplus	(\$ 14,800.03)

Submitted by Paul Ramig

Notes from the Pastor...

Sabbatical Plans

Hard to believe that summer is almost here (especially because as I write this it is still 40 degrees outside!)

For me, this summer will be a whole new adventure. At the 2019 annual meetings, Vang and Dennison adopted a sabbatical policy in which pastors would be eligible for a three-month sabbatical after five to seven years of service. Sabbatical policies are established by churches to promote clergy well-being and avoid clergy burn-out.

I will be on a sabbatical during the months of June, July, and August. During the summer months, Pastor Grant Aaseng will be leading worship and providing emergency pastoral coverage at Dennison and Vang. Pastor Grant is a recently retired ELCA pastor who moved to this area to be closer to his adult children, who live in the metro area. He will be attending the council meetings this month to meet church council members.

Sabbatical plans are taking shape. For few weeks in June, I will be going on a solo pilgrimage hike on the El Camino Santiago in Spain, a pilgrimage route dating back to the Middle Ages.

In August, I will be attending the annual chapter meeting of the Order of Lutheran Franciscans. The OLF is a religious community of vowed Lutherans who seek to follow Jesus through the “simple way” of St. Francis of Assisi. The fact that there is a community of people who love Jesus, Lutheran theology, and Franciscan spirituality fills me with joy, and I am excited to get to know this community better.

I will also be spending time with family. Which is a wonderful gift, especially since our family situation has changed, and this will give me time to help take care of my father.

And I hope to have some unstructured “down time” in there too!

I am beyond grateful to Vang and Dennison for this generous gift. I feel blessed to be the pastor in this special community of faith, and am feeling healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually. This sabbatical will go a long way towards sustaining that well-being.

I am looking forward to taking Jesus up on his invitation to “come away with me and rest awhile” (Mark 6:31) Thank you for making this sabbatical time possible.

Sincerely,

Pastor Paul

Special guests JUSTMove Coming to Vang

Through music, poetry, and storytelling, Joe Davis and David Scherer of JUSTMove inspire people of faith to have deeper conversations to build bridges across cultural differences. Joe and David will be special guests at Vang on May 15 and will join us for worship at 9:00 AM and a forum at 10:00 AM. Hope to see you there! To learn more, visit

<https://www.justmoveculture.com/>

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. (1 Corinthians 5: 17-18)

Blessing of the Animals

Come celebrate God's creation at a "Blessing of the Animals" service. It will be at Vang on Sunday, May 8. If your pet is leashed and is good with strangers, it is welcome in worship. There will be a Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 on the Vang lawn.

All (and all furry friends) are welcome.



First Communion – Sunday, May 15

Dennison and Vang's 5th graders and families will be learning about the Sacrament of Holy Communion this month, and the 5th graders will be receiving "first communion" on Sunday, May 15 . Come celebrate this faith milestone, and hope to see you there!

Thanks!

Thanks to all who participated in and/or helped with Holy Week services this year. It takes many people to put those services together. Thanks to you all for a meaningful and worshipful week. And the Good Friday community service really showed how well our local churches work together.

I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU



World Day of Prayer
Sat. May 7th, 2022
Kenyon United Methodist Church,
10:30am



World Day of Prayer

March 4, 2022

"I Know the Plans I Have for You"

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales & Northern Ireland (EWNI) call us to worship with the words "I know the plans I have for you," inspired by *Jeremiah 29:1-14*. We are invited to learn about EWNI's history and culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love.



The WDP 2022 program is based on the letter the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

For Jeremiah, God's plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it. What is your WDP hope? Let the children and the youth guide your response. Then, come to celebrate hope by lighting a candle on behalf of the seven regions of the world, knowing that our prayerful action can bring to life the promises of God who, like a Mother and Father, cares for us all.

WDP's guiding principles affirm that "prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another." Through the worship service, we listen to the people of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They take us to their communities and through their concerns. Their everyday life is woven into their prayers. They invite us to follow prayer with action. WDP's motto "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action" affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

Summer Giving

It may be difficult to believe that summer is just around the corner with the abundant rain and cool temps we've had this spring, but have faith... the warmth and sunshine of summer gets closer every day. Don't let busy summer schedules keep you from being able to take part in offering. There are many alternatives if you cannot attend worship this summer. You can mail your offering to the church office, pay your offering ahead of time if you know you'll be away, or make a payment online through eGiving (several options, visit dennisonvang.org/contributions for details).

Help keep our Vang congregation on solid financial footing throughout the summer months. Take a moment now to plan your summer giving plan.

Please reach out to Steve Schmidt or Brian Koester if you have any questions on how to use eGiving. And thank you for sharing your gifts with the Vang congregation.



Kenyon Senior *Living*

Gunderson Gardens • Gunderson Suites

Gunderson Rose Wing & Sunset Wing

Why Kenyon Senior Living

As a Church that participates in funding our Pastoral Services here at Kenyon Senior Living, we wanted to update our area churches with the many existing and new benefits to this home town facility.

In February of 2021 Kenyon Senior living moved to an all Assisted Living campus with the closure of the Nursing Home section of the facility:

Why Kenyon Senior living? It is our goal to spread the word about the many benefits to this facility.

We offer:

- Memory Care units with 24 hour care attendants
- 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available for rent
- Smaller suite units in our Rose and Sunset wings
- Northfield Clinic directly attached to the facility
- Therapeutic ambulation/exercise
- Medication assistance/care tasks
- Pastoral visits and services
- Meals on Wheels program
- On-site beauty and barber shop
- Social events/programs

Board of Directors Kenyon Senior Living

Dave Hellstern Ann Sviggum Judy Pavek Bill Barsness Don Herrlich Bonnie Hermann Bev Emerson

Internship Update

Thanks to all who helped make the Kenyon Area Internship Committee Soup-Cook Off a big success. It was a fun day, and raised over \$5000 for KAIC. And Vang won the coveted "Golden Crock Pot" award! Thanks to Paul Ramig for making the winning soup. Pastor Paul will personally ensure that The Golden Crockpot is on prominent display at Vang all year 😊.

Pastoral Intern Al Aakre will be joining us for worship on Sunday, May 15th.



Faith Milestone - Dennison and Vang's Confirmands

Congratulations to this year's confirmands, who affirmed their faith at the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation service last month. This year's confirmands are Kyle Brogger, Henry Hannenberger, Joseph Mills, Kaia Monroe, and Kaden Wood.



Sunday School Update

A big, heartfelt thank you to all Sunday School participants, families, and leaders. Thanks for all you are and all you do! The last day of Sunday School will be May 8 (don't forget to bring your pet to church if possible for the "Blessing of the Animals") There will also be a Sunday School leader appreciation during worship that day.

Synod Assembly

This year's Southeastern Minnesota Synod assembly will be on Saturday, May 7 in Mankato. The theme this year is "Imagine: Endless Possibilities in God's Grace." Thanks to delegates Paul and Lori Ramig, who will be attending synod assembly this year.

Dennison Lutheran Community Church Update

Portions of the interior of DLC were painted last month. A much-needed job that is now completed!

All are invited to DLC's special services – Songs of My Life and Taize evening prayer.

Songs of My Life will be on May 15 at 11:00 and Taize Evening prayer will be on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM. The doors are open and all are welcome.



Celebrating Milestones – Graduation Recognition

There will be a graduation recognition for Vang and Dennison's graduating seniors on Sunday, May 22. Congratulations to Paige Benjamin, Conner Berndt, Amaya Monroe, Anna Nesseth, Kortney Prior, and Shelby Svien. Come celebrate this important milestone!

Summer Youth and Family Gatherings at the Garden

Save the dates! The last Wednesdays of June, July, and August, there will be gatherings at the Vang "Growing Connections" garden. It will be a chance to serve in the garden, and there will also be fun activities, treats, and a bonfire. Look for more information to come!

Free Tree Giveaway

On Sunday, May 8, there will be trees available at worship from the Minnesota DNR. They will be for anyone to take home and plant. Thanks to the Creation Care team for making the trees available.

Caring for God's Creation



Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months, there will be one combined service on Sundays. The summer schedule is below. Some of the worship services at Vang will be outdoors in the front lawn. Look for more info to come!

Sunday,

May 29 (Memorial Day weekend)

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 5

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 12

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 19

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 26 –

- Vang – 9:00 AM -

Sunday, July 3 –

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 10

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 17

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 24

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, July 31 -

- Dennison – 9:00 AM

Sunday, Aug. 7 (Outdoor service at Dennison Park at 11:00 AM)

Sunday, Aug 14

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, Aug 21

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, Aug 28

- Vang – 9:00 AM

Sunday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day Weekend)

- Vang – 9:00 AM