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Vang Greet & Usher Schedule

	<i>Usher</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Communion Assistant</i>	<i>Communion & Bread Preparer</i>
<i>June 4th 9a</i>	<i>Kaylin Nygaard and Family</i>	<i>Missy Sviggum</i>	<i>Katie Nesseth</i>		<i>Kathy Whipple</i>
<i>June 11th 9a</i>	<i>Berndt Family</i>	<i>Lili Wood</i>	<i>Alex Flom</i>		
<i>June 18th 9a</i>	<i>Kathy Braaten</i>	<i>Tyler Underdahl</i>	<i>Devan Monroe</i>		
<i>June 25th 9a</i>	<i>Mills Family</i>	<i>Marcia Maring</i>	<i>Ava Flom</i>		

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Vang 9:00 am (Graduation Recognition) Centering Prayer 6:00 PM (on zoom)	5 Family Ministry - 6:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10
11 Vang 9:00 am Centering Prayer 6:00 PM (on zoom)	12 Vang Council 7:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
18 Vang 9:00 am Centering Prayer 6:00 PM (on zoom)	19	20	21 Ice Cream Social with St. John's at Vang 6:00- 8:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Vang 9:00 am Centering Prayer 6:00 PM (on zoom)	26	27	28	29	30	

DENNISON LUTHERAN CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT						
Date	Description	Amount		Date	Description	Amount
INCOME				EXPENDITURES		
						Current Running Balance
4/1/2023	Balance	\$6,705.70		4/4/2023	Grinnell Mutual	\$332.89
4/11/2023	deposit	\$2,035.00		04/04/23	E-cel Energy	\$561.75
4/13/2023	deposit	\$310.51		04/10/23	Arrow Corp Offces	\$29.96
4/14/2023	deposit	\$250.00		4/11/2023	Vang/Dennison joint/social media	\$750.00
4/18/2023	deposit	\$300.00		4/11/2023	Vang/Dennison joint acct	\$1,250.00
4/20/2023	deposit	\$50.00				
4/27/2023	deposit	\$481.00				
04/28/23	interest	0.26				
		\$10,132.47				\$2,924.60
						\$6,206.76
Savings Balance--	4/30/2023					
	\$ 9,436.00	building				
	\$ 238.86	Lutheran brotherhood				
	12 Month CD---\$15,000					
	12 Month CD---\$5,000					

Submitted by: Karen Zimmerman

Vang April 2023 Treasurer Report

April

Monthly Budget	\$12,935.00
Checking Deposits	\$13,781.55
Savings Deposits	\$30,032.56
Total Deposits	\$43,814.11
Budget Surplus	\$30,879.11

Year-To-Date

Annual Budget	\$51,740.00
Checking Deposits	\$36,793.43
Savings Deposits	\$30,133.00
Total Deposits	\$66,926.43
Budget Surplus	\$15,186.43

Submitted by Paul Ramig

Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly 2023

Flourish: Like Streams Planted Beside Streams of Water

Vang's delegates to the synod assembly held on May 6 this year were Amaya Monroe and Nicole Monroe. Many thanks to them for going. Below is from the presentation Amaya and Nicole gave to the congregation on Sunday, May 7 about the synod assembly.

Amaya: The day started with a worship service with Holy Communion. There were committee report and financial reports given, which were quite fascinating, but what I'd like to share is an example from one of the speakers we heard. Rev. Kimberly Vaughn, who is the senior director of the Christian Community and Leadership in Mission, shared with us how the ELCA impacts not only the communities around us, but world wide. She gave real examples about how the ELCA empowers people to do good for their community, whether that is a community cleanup or donating items to a food shelf. Other synod partners that spoke at the assembly included Good Earth Village, Continuous Growth Pathway, and Crossroads Campus Ministry, along with an announcement of the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans and how they have introduced the first young adult program for those who aged out during Covid 19. I would personally like to say that I have learned quite a bit at the assembly and if given the opportunity I would encourage you to participate in the following year!

Nicole: We had the opportunity to hear Bishop Hassanally speak and she discussed how our faith is like oak trees. Oak trees are interesting because when they are first growing, the tap roots go really deep into the ground. Eventually, they have lateral roots that grow outward up to 90 feet. Our tap root is like Christ. It is our deep connection. And the lateral roots are how we connect with other people in our churches. So if we only pay attention to our connection it is easy to lose sight of what God is doing in the world. We can not be the whole body of Christ alone. Not even our entire congregation can be the body of Christ. We need to be connected together laterally through our root system. Globally, our church is connected with people in Columbia, South Sudan, and Tanzania. So one of the things was thinking about our root systems. How can our lateral root system continue to grow and connect? What part of our root systems are we tending too? We do all this not for our sake or for the sake of church growth but to proclaim the gospel more loudly and boldly.

The keynote speaker was the Minnesota state demographer. She had some interesting information, including that the largest part of our state population is 65 and over. The most diverse part of our state population is 4 and under. Populations will continue to become more culturally and racially diverse.

There were 369 people who attended the synod assembly. It was a really interesting experience, and we'd like to thank the congregation for allowing us to be able to attend.

Graduation Celebration Invite

Pastor Paul and Kelly want to invite you to Isaiah's graduation party! It will be June 10 from 10:00 – 12:00 at 911 Aldrich Dr., Northfield, MN.

Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months, there will be one combined service on Sundays. In June, worship will be at Vang at 9:00 AM. In July, worship will be at Dennison at 9:00 AM.

Centering Prayer Group

Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer, to center awareness on the presence of God. Centering prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and with one another.

The Centering Prayer group meets weekly on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The zoom link can be found on the church website.

No experience necessary. All are welcome.

Graduation Milestone

There will be a graduate recognition at the worship service on Sunday, June 4. Come celebrate with Dennison and Vang's graduating seniors – Sophie Amy, Eivind Brogger, Cal Luebke, and Isaiah Stiner.

Special Guest Coming Sunday, June 4

On Sunday, June 4, we will welcome Rev. Emily Carson, Assistant to the Bishop in the Southeastern Minnesota synod. Rev. Carson will preach and help lead worship, and be available for conversation following the service.

Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity

There will be a new Habitat for Humanity build site starting in Wannamingo. We are working with Habitat on organizing volunteers to help. Be looking for more information about volunteer opportunities in July.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise \$551 for Habitat for Humanity.

All Seasons

The church office received a letter from All Seasons thanking everyone for a recent donation from Vang. It says in part, "Your donation makes it possible to keep our food shelves stocked. Thanks to each of you!"

Sacred Sites Tour

The Sacred Sites tour that was scheduled for April was postponed due to bad weather. The new date and time will be Sunday, October 8 at 1:30. Please save the date!

Sacred Sites tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective. Tours are led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota) and are a project of the Minnesota Council of Churches. All tours meet at Church of St. Peter, 1405 Sibley Memorial Highway, St. Paul, MN 55120. To reserve your spot, sign up at the church or contact the church office.

Ice Cream Social with St. John's Lutheran Church

This summer, Vang will host an ice cream social together with members of St. John's Lutheran in Northfield. This came about when the St. John's Adult Ministry board contacted Vang wanting to learn more about our congregation and community. This event will feature music, fellowship, ice cream, a presentation from Rene Koester, and other activities.

WHAT: Vang/St. John's event

WHEN: Wednesday, June 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

WHERE: Vang Lutheran Church

Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism

Congratulations to Vang and Dennison's 2023 confirmands (from left to right) – Claire Berndt, Katie Nesseth, Sophia Elftman, Ava Flom, Malori Prior, Devon Monroe, Alex Flom, Emma Wood



Benefit Auction

Some good ideas never end; they just have to be started up again. Many years ago Vang used to have a summer auction and it is time to restart that good idea. A summer time, fun time auction as a benefit for a local young boy who has had more than his fair share of health problems at the early age of three.

Oliver is a three-year-old who is Howard and Georgia Quamme's great grandson. He loves Spider-Man, lawn mower/tractor rides, being outside, playing with his sister/cousins and all kinds of animals. Sounds like a pretty normal 3-year-old boy!

He is such a sweetie who loves making people smile.

Oliver was diagnosed with a Wilms Tumor at the beginning of December. He immediately was checked into St. Mary's to place a port and start chemotherapy. Oliver underwent 6 cycles of chemotherapy to help shrink the tumor before having a partial nephrectomy. Right before his nephrectomy he had a reaction to an antibiotic (hemolytic anemia) that caused hemoglobin to drop dangerously low and caused acute kidney failure. He had to have surgery to get a dialysis catheter placed and was on dialysis for a couple of weeks. Luckily his kidneys were able to heal and he no longer needs dialysis but is taking blood pressure medication because of the after effects of the kidney injury. He has undergone 6 chemo cycles and if all goes as planned his 7th and last cycle is scheduled for May 15th. Oliver will have numerous upcoming appointments to continue to check on his kidney functions. Oliver also has an echocardiogram scheduled to check for heart damage from the chemotherapy. If all looks good, he should be able to have surgery to get his port removed at the end of June.

Oliver will need to have CT scans, blood tests and the ultrasounds every three months for the next 3 years and every 6 months for an additional 2 years to make sure there is no evidence of relapse.

We all pray for God's love and healing blessings for Oliver...he is so much more important than we are in Oliver's journey. However, having said and understanding that we (our community) can help with some important resources for Oliver and his family.

Therefore Oliver's benefit auction on the last Wednesday of July. You will be contacted to help and contribute. If not, or if you just want to take the initiative contact any Vang Council member with the items you would want to contribute for Matt Maring to auction.

Thank you, Vang Council

Vang-Dennison Auction at Vang April 26, 1990



Inez Mills, Pearl Underdahl, Sedora Underdahl
and Darrell Mills



Pastor Curt Schneider & Jim Walker

Feed My Starving Children



Bingo Night

