

From Pastor Carl's Desk

By Pastor Carl Billings

Psalm 105:5-6

*Remember the wonders (God) has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced,
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.*

I have recently gotten excited about tracing my family tree. A couple years ago Barb Horn gave me a wonderful gift of doing a substantial amount of work on my family tree. She was able to trace portions of my tree back to colonial days. I was surprised and shocked. I thought ninety percent of my ancestors were immigrants that immigrated in the late nineteenth century. I have been fascinated by the brief stories that I have learned about my ancestors, as well as discovering where my roots lie. I always thought I was mostly, eighty percent, German ancestry. The truth is that my ancestry is as much English as it is German with some French and Scottish thrown in.

One of the reasons I have enjoyed this process is that it is a way to understand who you are and where you come from. Genealogy in general is a way to remember who we are.

While our ancestry can give us hints of who we are, a more important identity is that of a child of God. It is that identity that will remain forever, while our identity revealed in our ancestry will at some point crumble into dust. We should remember the promises that God has given us as well as the things that God has done for us in the past. It is that relationship as God's child that is of primary importance.

This summer we are going to celebrate that personal relationship as God's children. The celebration will occur at our last outdoor service. We will have our Baptismal Pool set up. There will be an opportunity for anyone who wants to be baptized for the first time to do just that. There will also be an opportunity for those who want to remember their baptism. In other words, to remind themselves of God's promises as well as what God has done for them in the past.

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A Lutheran Community in Brooklyn Park



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Have an announcement for the bulletin or newsletter?

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Bulletin Deadline:
Noon on Wednesdays
Newsletter Deadline:
Noon on the 3rd Friday

Discover Church Vision Statement:

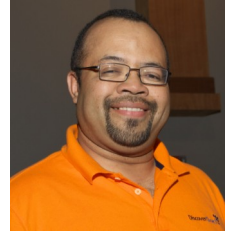
*Inviting all people to discover
their full life in Christ*

Discover Church Values

*Discipleship is a Priority
Inspired by the Living Word
Spirit Charged
Culture of Forgiveness
Ordinary People Serving an
Extraordinary God
Vision for World Mission
Ethnically Diverse
Rooted in Our Communities - Reaching Out*



From Pastor La's Desk Pastor La Andriamihaja



Last month I wrote about and preached on how proud I am of this congregation in our collaborative efforts to end homelessness in the Metro Areas. Within the last 5 years, as a congregation in Mission for Christ, we have partnered with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and have collaborated with over 80 congregations across Hennepin and Carver counties to end homelessness. Thus far, our role in ending homelessness have been with Families Moving Forward (FMF) – a Beacon program that provide shelters for families experiencing homelessness by having congregations open their church buildings to these families, for a week at a time. But not only that, every family that goes through the FMF program is helped, mentored and equipped to find and move into stable housing. To date, Discover Church have welcomed, hosted and sheltered close to 100 people in our building and close to 80% of them have moved into affordable and stable housings. To those families, we've helped end their homelessness, and I am proud and thankful to our hearts and passion as a congregation.

That said, there are still over 6,000 individuals in our Metro Areas who experience homelessness EVERY night. This means, homelessness is still a reality in our midst, even out in the suburbs. That is why on Sun., June 11th, I encouraged and invited many of you to consider, to pray and to sign up to lend a hand to help with upcoming FMF hosting weeks. I am thankful to the 30-some of you who've stepped up and expressed your passion to help end homelessness in our communities. To them, I want to say, Thank You! You will receive an invitation in the near future inviting you to attend an important orientation and planning meeting regarding future FMF hosting weeks. If you have not signed up it, and would like to join us in ending homelessness, please feel free to talk to Staci Kruse, a Church Council member, or to me and one of us will make sure you're connected in.

Again, I thank our God for your passion, faithfulness and commitment as a congregation in ending homelessness in our Metro Areas. It's what Jesus asks of his followers to do, for the "least of these."

Peace thru Christ Jesus,
Pastor La Andriamihaja

Youth Ministries

Pastor Jonathan Brandon, Director



YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 8-16

Please pray for the 25 youth and adults of the youth mission team who will be traveling to Mt. Hope, WV this month. The team will be doing a variety of repair projects and leading a VBS for kids in the community. Pray for safety and blessings as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. The team will be commissioned on Sunday, July 2.



Mount Hope, West Virginia Youth Mission Team

Peter Althoff
Lanja Andriamihaja
Antonio Armstrong
Elijah Awonuga
Maddi Bitzer
Mickenzi Bitzer
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Alyssa Kozlovski
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Kiersten Kruse
Staci Kruse
Amanda Mastrian

Carly Mastrian
Dorinda Olstad
Elijah Olstad
Emily Rossing
Kiersten Rossing
Hannah Stenback
Josh Stenback

Backyard BBQ & Bible Study

FREE!!
Invite Friends!

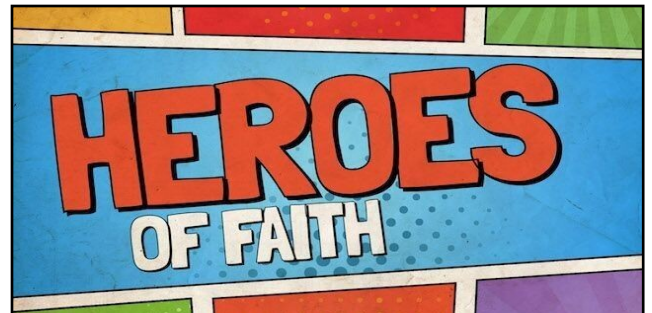
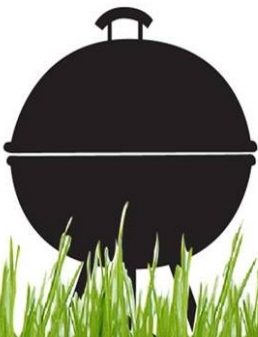
SUNDAYS 6 - 8PM

Aug 2nd | Aug 9th | Aug 16th | Aug 23rd

It's time to fire up the grill and enjoy summertime together!

Food and drink will be provided.
Bring your Bibles and a lawn chair.

@ Jon's House- 1309 82nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park



HEROES OF THE FAITH SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15am

Our Heroes of the Faith Series continues in July. Take a realistic look at the gifts and flaws of some of our favorite Biblical characters. The series encourages us to be authentic about our strengths, our weaknesses, and what we have to offer God.

For more information about the Youth Ministry at Discover Church, contact Pastor Jonathan at jon.brandon@discoverchurchnetwork.org or (763) 561-5877.



Children and Family Ministries

Christy Grigor, Director



Vacation Bible School: August 14-18 - Register Now!

VBS will be held August 14-18 from 9 am to Noon. This year's theme is "GPS" Gospel Positioning System! This is available for Children age 4 through 6th Grade. Registration forms are on the table in the Faith Hall Foyer. The cost is \$20 per child with an optional T-Shirt for \$15. Register now because space is limited!! If you have it in your heart to help with VBS, please contact Christy Grigor via the information below!

Children's Sunday School Continues All Summer: Our children's, youth and adult classes all continue to meet though the summer. See you at 9:15am each Sunday in your classrooms!

Girls 5th and 6th Grade Class: Due to the schedules of our Girl's 5th and 6th grade teachers, we will not be offering this class from June 11th to September 10th. Your 5th and 6th grade girl will have several options! 1) Help in another Children's Ministry room. Christy will be emailing a sign-up sheet to be a helper if this is your choice. 2) Attend the Boy's 5th and 6th grade class. 3) Attend the Adult Education Hour with YOU! 4) For girls going into 7th grade; they can attend the Youth Education Hour!

Church Picnic No Sunday School: There will be no education hour on Sunday, July 30. We will have one unified service at 10:00am outside on the lawn and a BBQ church picnic to follow. Join us for fun games and activities for the whole family.

Great Salvation Institute (GSI) for Grades 1 through 6: There are sermon questions made available at the "Busy Bag Buffet" located in the foyer. Each week children have the chance to answer 5 questions about the sermon that will earn them up to 5 points a week. The GSI prize cart will always be out on the 3rd Sundays of the month! Your child should be receiving weekly updates telling them how many points they have to spend toward prizes.

10:30 Family Service Childcare: Each Sunday during the Family Service we have around 10-15 children who are checked into childcare during the service. Please consider serving as a helper for this MINISTRY! Children simply play and need supervision. There are no lessons! Contact Christy Grigor to sign up as a once a month helper. **Jesus DID call us to serve one another!!!**

Upcoming Events:

- Wild Mountain Family Play Day: Friday, July 21. See information at Children's Ministry Info Table.
- Gaga Ball Tournaments: July 19th and August 9th at 7 pm. See flyers on Children's Ministry Info Table.
- VBS: August 14-18 Registration forms on the Children's Ministry Info Table.
- Immanuel Prayer Seminar: August 4 and 5. Please see website in the Adult Ed section or refer to your bulletin for further information!
- Children's Ministry Fall Retreat for grades 3-6: September 29-October 1.
- Children's Ministry Thank You Banquet: Friday, October 20th from 6:30 to 8 pm.

For more information about Children's Ministry contact Christy Grigor in the church office at 763-561-5877 or by email at Christy.Grigor@discoverchurchnetwork.org

LEARN AND GROW



Adult Education Opportunities Sunday's at 9:15am

Summer Series:

Pastor La is leading a study about Wisdom from the Book of Proverbs. Each Sunday through the summer, we'll address different topics relating to wisdom in such areas as friendships, fear and trust, use of words, choices and more. Please join us each Sunday at 9:15am in Faith Hall.

Please note that we will not have Adult Education hour on our outdoor services days: July 30 & Aug 13.

SACRED STRETCHES EXERCISE CLASS

Pamela Billings is leading a Sacred Stretches exercise class on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm. This class combines breathing techniques, Scripture meditation, stretches and postures. It is the intentional practice of connecting our entire being, body, mind and spirit with God. Bring an exercise mat if you have one. No experience needed. You need to sign a waiver to participate. A free will offering will be taken. For more information contact Pamela at 763-360-4792.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT MEET ON JULY 4

IMMANUEL PRAYER SEMINAR

AUGUST 4: 6:00pm-9:00pm

AUGUST 5: 9:00am-4:30pm

Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. Immanuel Prayer is a simple process grounded in scripture, Christian principles and brain science to help us experience Jesus more fully. Participants will learn the basic steps of the process with the goal of being able to connect with Jesus in a more experiential and intimate way. Stephanie Rossing introduced the process during the "Family Short Circuits" class. Cost is \$65. More information is available in the Adult Education section of the church website. To register, contact Christy in the church office or at Christy.grigor@discoverchurchnetwork.org.



All Church Prayer
Saturday, July 1 at 9:00am
Every first Saturday
of the month

Women's Ministry

Women's Fall Retreat: Save the date for the Women's Fall Retreat, Sept 29-Oct 1 at Mt. Carmel in Alexandria. Topic is "Breathe and Be: Finding Real Rest in Life" by speaker Dawn Kaiser. To register please go to mtcarmelministries.com or call 320-846-2744. For more info contact Barb Victorson at 763-560-2420 or barbvictorson@aol.com.



Women's Fall Bible Study

Join us this fall for a 7 week study of "Nehemiah: A Heart That Can Break" by Kelly Minter. Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. Get a head start by purchasing your book now. Watch for more details late summer. Contact Libby Axe for info at laxe50@comcast.net

Amazing Grays

Brunch Bunch: Join us for brunch on Sunday, July 2nd at 9:30am at Bakers Square in Brooklyn Park.

Picnic Pot Luck: On Thursday, July 20 at 11am we will have a picnic pot luck at church with a guest speaker from Global Health Ministries.

For more information contact Elaine Sorensen at 763-515-6178 or Carol Pahl at 763-323-8233.

Men's Ministry

Thursday Night Bible Study: All men are invited to join us on Thursday nights at 7:00pm for a Bible study, prayer and fellowship. For more info contact Chad Murray at 763-242-3470 or chadderinmn@gmail.com.

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Every Saturday morning at 9:00am. All men are invited.

Community Care Groups

Life After Loss: This grief group meets on the last Sunday of each month in the Conference Room at 10:30am and deals with all kinds of loss, including illness, divorce, and job loss to name a few. Call Nancy at 763-783-8367 or Bob at 612-804-7568 with questions. **Next Meeting: July 23**

Prayer Shawls: Know of someone who is having surgery or has other physical or spiritual needs and would appreciate a prayer shawl? These shawls are made with loving care and prayed over for the recipients. Contact Barbara Horn at 651-483-3063 or contact the church office for more information.

Summer At Discover



**Grab your lawn chair
and invite a friend
for our outdoor services.**

**These special worship times are
perfect for inviting new people to
check out Discover.
Pick up an invitation
On the Ministry Desk.**

OUTDOOR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday July 30, 10:00am - One Service Only

- One unified service only at 10:00am. Please note the special time.
- No education hour for children, youth or adults.
- Church BBQ picnic to follow. Food provided. Free will offering will be taken.
- Games and activities for kids and families.
- Bring your own lawn chair.

Sunday August 13, 10:30am

Baptism Service

- Indoor worship at 8:00am - outdoor worship at 10:30am.
- No Ed Hour for adults or youth. Children's Ed Hour still available.
- Bring your own lawn chair
- Baptism and reaffirmation of baptism service. We will offer both full immersion and baptism at the font. Please fill out a form at the ministry desk and schedule an appointment to meet with one of the pastors by August 6.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"GOSPEL POSITIONING SYSTEM"
August 14-18 9am-Noon
Age 4 - Grade 6**

- Registration forms are on the Children's Ministry table in the education wing entry way and the Ministry Desk in the foyer.
- Please register by August 6th. Space is limited.
- Cost is \$20 and scholarships are available.
- Order optional T-shirts for \$15 by July 30th.
- Volunteers are needed. Please contact Christy.
- Scholarships needed. Contact Christy if you would like to provide a scholarship. \$35 covers one child.
- For more information contact Christy Grigor in the church office at 763-561-5877 or Christy.grigor@discoverchurchnetwork.org.



**FREE FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM
MONDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 7:00PM
AT DISCOVER CHURCH
MUSIC, DRAMA & TESTIMONIES**

Spoke Folk is a summer mission experience for High School youth from around the country that combines bicycling, music and training students how to be missionaries in their everyday lives. The group will be at Discover on Monday, August 7 at 7:00pm to share their Christian faith as they present a family friendly program of music, drama and even puppets for the kids! The program is free and will appeal to all ages. A free will offering will be taken to support their ministry. It will be a fun night that will entertain and inspire you! Bring the whole family!

Help wanted: We are feeding the 35 member team dinner and need volunteers to donate food (hotdogs & buns, chips & cookies) & help serve. Sign up sheets are on the ministry desk in the foyer. Please contact Patsy in the office or at patsy.cesare@discoverchurchnetwork.org if you can help.



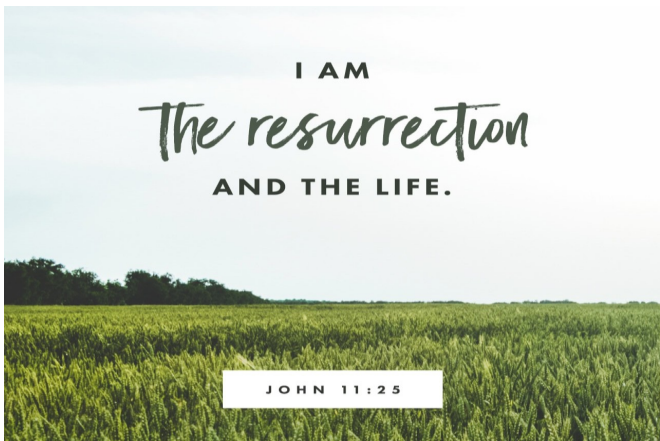
PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR PAVING: JULY 3-8 OFFICE CLOSED: JULY 3-5

The parking lot will be repaved July 3-5 and the office will be closed during construction. The office will reopen on Thursday, July 6, but the parking lot will remain closed through Saturday, July 8. If you need to come to the building during this time, please park on 82nd Ave.

Reflections

Forgiven And Saved By Jean Hansen

*What is the most painful
Thing that ever happened to you?
Jesus suffered death and pain
That we could never do.
From the Cross to the Throne
He arose to prepare our Heavenly Home.
Forgiven of sin - we are cleansed by Him
The greatest Gift - His Sacrifice
To save us and give us New Life.
Son of God, Our savior, Redeemer and King
To Him we owe our everything!*



JULY DEVOTIONAL



How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! I long and yearn for the courts of the Lord, my heart and flesh cry out for the living God. Even a sparrow finds a home, and a swallow, a nest for herself where she places her young-near your altars, Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who reside in your house, who praise you continually.

The courtyard of the temple was open and so birds were able to find crevices inside for their nests. The psalmist was envious of these birds because they literally lived there near the courts of God. I find that a beautiful picture how God protects even the smallest creature in his worship place.

We find the presence of God at church but in other places too. When we worship God in our home in our special place, we can feel His presence and rejoice in His nearness. I am blessed to have the beauty of nature near my house. I can feel His presence when I pray and look out over the pond and green trees. We are happy when we praise and live with You!

Holy hugs, Nancy Brown

Business and Financials

“A CITY ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN” SUMMER STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Summer Bills Update:

Our “City on a Hill” summer bills campaign is going strong. We have already received \$9,000, which is over half way to our goal of \$16,000! You can see the sunbeams “lighting up” on the display in the foyer as we get closer to our goal. There are still a few envelopes available. If you have already taken one, you can return it anytime this summer. You do not have to wait until the date on the envelope to turn it in. Thank you for helping us meet our summer expenses! Don't forget you can also use the electronic giving option on our church website to stay current on your offering during the summer.

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR NEW OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEM

The new outdoor sound system was purchased through generous gifts made in loving memory of:



Bud Miller
Don & Anna Mittlestaedt
Don Cameron
Harold Shimek
Ron Grams
Sam “Kermit” Lien
Bob Melina
Pauline Christensen
Norris Thorud

Electronic Giving Program



The Simply Giving® Program is an auto-withdrawal program. You determine what amount and how often you want to give and your contribution will be automatically transferred from your account to Discover Church. Go to discoverchurchnetwork.org and click on “give” to set this up, or call the church office for help.

MISSIONS
...at home and around the world



Discover Church gives 10% of our yearly income to support missions in our community and around the world. These are the missions and ministries we will support in 2017:

- *International Student Fellowship*
- *YWAM – Todd & Vickie Hedgepeth*
- *Wycliffe Associates - Chuck & Cheryl Liesch*
- *China Outreach – Tom & Kathy Lindstrom*
- *World Mission Prayer League – Jeff & Kathy Dahl*
- *Guyanese Outreach – Ruth Singh*
- *South American Missions – Greg Dahl*
- *NICO – Dinesh Chand*
- *Hope Lutheran, Madagascar*
- *TeamServe – Ethiopia*
- *Disaster Relief*
- *Madagascar Seminary*
- *Teen Homeless Shelter (Avenues)*
- *Hospitality House*
- *ReSolved Ministry—Vicki Epper*

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July 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am All Church Prayer
2 8:00am Trad 9:15am Ed. Hour 9:30am Amazing Grays Brunch 10:30am Cont. 10:30am Life After Loss	3 <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Church Office Closed</div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Church Parking Lot Closed Due To Construction</div>	4 4th of July	5	6	7	8 9:00am Men's Prayer Mtg <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">Mission Trip</div>
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30 10:00am Outdoor Worship—one service only. 11:30 Church Picnic 6:00pm FPU	31	LONG RANGE DATES: Aug 2, 9, 16, 23: Youth BBQ's Aug 4-5: Immanuel Prayer Training Aug 7: Spoke Folk Aug 9: Gaga Ball Tournament Aug 14-18: VBS Sept 10: Rally Day Sept 12: Women's Fall Bible Study Begins Sept 15-17: Men's Retreat Sept 24-Oct 1: Families Moving Forward Sept 29-Oct1: Women's Ministry Retreat Sept 29-Oct 1: Kid's Ministry Retreat Oct 15: Blood Drive				