

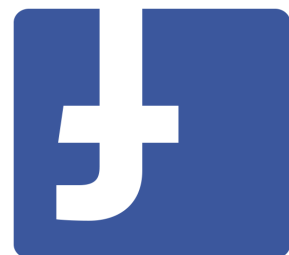


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Serving Others
Growing in Faith

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

If someone were to paint a picture of the highlights of your life, what might it look like? What colors would they use? What images or symbols come to mind? Would it be a landscape scene... or a portrait? What aspects would make it, "you"?

I am writing to you today from confirmation camp, on the shores of Lake Enemy Swim at NeSoDak Bible Camp. The camp is located on a peninsula (water on three sides), and the sound of water coming to shore is very relaxing and refreshing. It is a wonderful setting to reflect on God's creation, and our part in it.

We are blessed to have a very good group of 11 students here from East Side Lutheran. In one of our sessions this week, the camp counselors lead us in the following activity...

Each person received a small canvas, and we were instructed to begin drawing a picture. Soon after we started, the counselors asked each of us pass our pictures to the person on our left. Then, that person started painting on our original work. After a short time, we were again told to pass our picture to the person on our left. This continued until our original painting made it all the way back around to us. When we looked at the picture after everyone else had contributed to it, you could still see our original painting, but it was nuanced in a way that we could have never imagined.

I interpreted this activity to our students like this.

With God's image at the center, we are all made up of the people who touch our lives and add to the painting if you will. The core remains the same, we are created a wonderful child of God. Still, we are nuanced by the people who touch our lives.

More than that, you and I also contribute to the paintings of others. Being reminded that the core of everyone's painting is made in the image of God, how might we want to add to the picture? Will we add a bunch of distractions that take away from the beauty of who they are created to be? Or, will we do all we can to highlight the beauty?

Remember, you are a work of art! And, we are in this...

Together in Faith,

Pastor Layne





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For 80 years we've received cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails from those who enjoy "being with you" in Sunday morning worship through our radio ministry.

"You're the church on the radio!"

-Sioux Falls Resident

YOU make this possible! Your sponsorship allows this to happen AND can honor someone or something special in your life... anniversaries, birthdays, the memory of a loved one or simply gratitude of God's love. **THANK YOU!** If you would like to help support this special ministry call the church office at 605-336-3597.

11:00am on KXRB
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**Sponsor a radio
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July 13 In Honor of
Bonnie Wosje's
80th Birthday given by her family.

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Sponsorship:

Did you know that people in SD, ND, NV, WY, TX OK, OH (and other states) regularly worship with us online... and then share the Good News in their local community. **YOU make that possible!**

Sponsor an online broadcast—\$50/Sunday!



As hearts simultaneously break and rejoice... please hold the following

ESL families in prayer:

Marcia Ostrem

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David Peterson

The following have been Honored this month to the glory of God through gifts given in their memory or honor to the work and ministry

of East Side Lutheran.

Thank you for your generosity.

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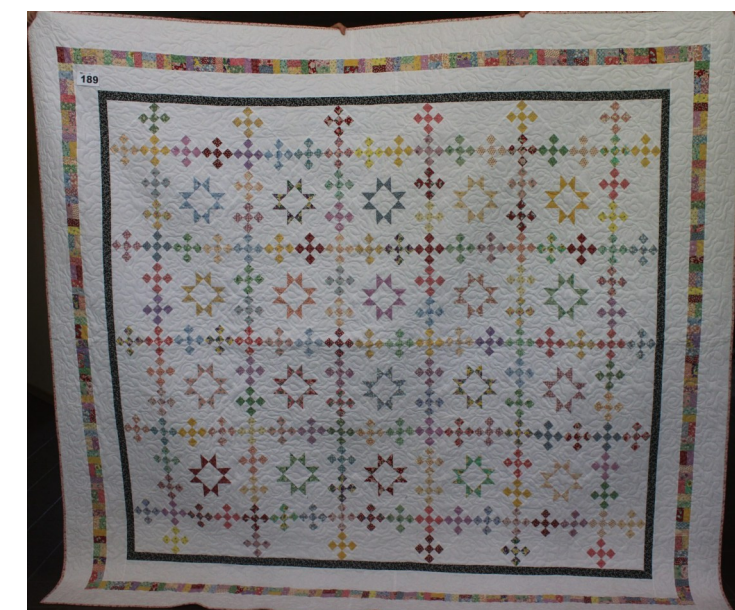
(gifts given as of June 30)

Shetek Annual Quilt Auction

On Saturday, June 28th Shetek Bible Camp held its annual quilt auction. Many individuals and groups donate quilts to be auctioned off. Including some of our own quilters called the Lemonade Sisters. This group is made up of Diane Boheman, Holly Bresee, Ellen Garvin, Linda Hoefert and Pat Stensland.



This year over 200 quilts were donated which brought over \$37,000.00 for Shetek Bible Camp.



The quilt above was voted "Viewers Choice" It is named Everything but the Kitchen Sink and was made by the Lemonade Sisters.

REFLECTION ON BIBLE CAMP—PAST AND PRESENT

Many of you remember Alice Kruse who was a long time member at East Side Lutheran and passed away in December of 2025. As a gift to her children she left some stories of her life and her daughter Kim Gulbranson shared the following with us about Bible camp at Lake Shetek.

Alice shared: My first job after turning 16 was at The Nickle Plate restaurant. My friend and I wanted to earn money to go to Bible camp. We would get up early and get a ride to Morrell's and would take a bus up town from there. They had to take orders but couldn't write them down. It was a disaster trying to remember who ordered what! The customers were kind and helped them out. Every day Dave Dedrick, who was a local radio celebrity and also was known as Captain 11, would come in for a cup of coffee and leave a dime tip. One day Alice was suppose to slice a watermelon. It was heavy...and she dropped it. The manager just laughed, as her boyfriend had just come in and she was happy. However, after two weeks the manager fired them, but was nice about it. They were going to quit anyway to go to camp.

Alice spent a week at Shetek Bible Camp for four summers while in high school. She wrote: Pastor Mason drove them up in a school bus. They arrived around supper time. When they went to the mess hall for the first time, she thought they were going to have lemonade to drink, but it was just yellow water. She remembers they would swim in the afternoon and take lessons or go canoeing with an adult. She loved all the hymns they learned and the Bible studies. At night everyone bought ice cream cones and candy. They took turns with washing the dishes. Alice remembers the friends she went with but she also met other campers from Garretson and Canton.

Shetek Bible camp continues to share God's word with Youth and make everlasting memories. This summer over June, July and August East Side has four young campers attending; Ethan Bates, Cora Bates, Esley Champa and Lahya Breit will all be attending.

We also have eleven registered to attend Lutheran Outdoor at NeSoDak which is near Waubay, SD. These campers are: Amelia Bolton, Evelyn Bolton, Halley Fey, Addison Ginter, Kaytlyn Olson, EmmaLynn Rowenhorst, Allyson Stone, Baylee Stone, Alex Fey, Alden Ginter and Treyson Kuhnert.

Both Bible camps will allow campers the opportunity to worship, develop some new skills, build trusting relationships and develop a deeper understanding of God. They will also have fun and enjoy things like hiking, swimming, canoeing and participating in team-building exercises.

We pray that these young people will be safe and have unforgettable experiences sharing Gods love through exploring their faith.

Thank you to all who financial sponsored this years campers and made it possible for them to attend and experience the sense of community with others learning God's word.



PORTRAIT OF A SPIRITUAL QUEST

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This brief profile of a member of East Side Lutheran Church is presented here because these folks are in the pews and you have noticed them for an hour each week. You are often aware when they are in church and when they are not because their presence shapes a bit of your sense of belonging in this faith community. This story may offer an insight, a bit of inspiration or answer a question you've wanted to ask.



Retired pastor Ray Heidenson had a choice between two strong interests when he was a kid and sufficient talent to pursue each.

So he did. Both. And still does.

As a boy Heidenson was smitten (and still is) with baseball. He played American Legion ball in high school and he showed promise. At roughly the same time he became aware of his growing interest in another line of work: ministry. He had grown up in the church. The attraction to the work matched his good experiences of it.

What appeared to be paths in different directions became the same path: Heidenson didn't choose a career in baseball. He became a minister.

And since 1993 he and his wife, Lyn, have housed young athletes from the Sioux Falls Canaries baseball team keeping the sport he loved as a kid close to home as a pastor.

Heidenson has been retired since 2016...but not quite. He serves East Side Lutheran as the congregation's visitation pastor. "I serve about 25 church members a month," he said. "None can come to church regularly but they remain interested in what is going on at church. About one-half of the group remain in their own homes," he said, and the other half live in care centers in the area. "They like to know how the church is doing," he said.

Sisseton's Grace Lutheran became Heidenson's first call after Wartburg Seminary. That call sparked an interest in what would direct nearly a decade of pastoral work as an addiction counselor before he returned to parish ministry in Parker, S.D. and later in Valley Springs, S.D.

The Heidenson's were drawn to East Side because they liked "the larger congregation with a small church feel." It was the attraction of a community that appeared as friendly as it seemed genuine.

The Heidenson's have followed their hearts before. They met at camp, Lutheran Outdoors as staff. As they got more serious about a marriage commitment Lyn laid out expectations: she had no intention of marrying a farmer and no interest in marrying a pastor.

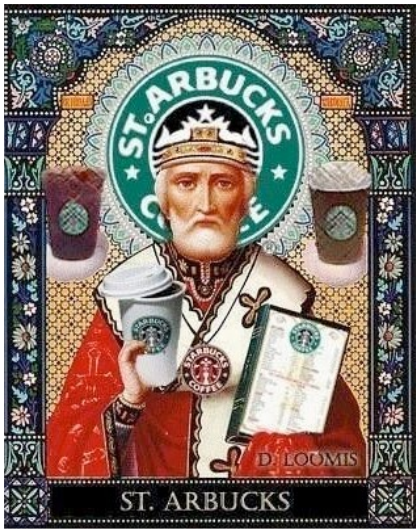
She got her wish on one of those criteria; when they decided to marry, Ray was already a pastor.

The couple has three boys, now grown with families of their own. Yet growing up they were pastor's kids, like it or not.

"The boys may have suffered sometimes, I think," said Pr. Heidenson. It was the expectations placed on them. In the end it was temporary misery for them.

That set of community expectations, however, and the resulting respect attracted Heidenson to the ministry when he was a boy.

VOLUNTEER SPOT LIGHT—ST ARBUCKS



How It all started:

St Arbucks began when Pastor Carroll Marohl and Doug Torbert wanted a men’s coffee club. It was hard to get men to attend, so they handed out coupons on Sunday, to the men encouraging them to come to coffee. When the coupons didn’t draw any more than 3 men it was decided that the group needed a name to entice more men to join. Thus St. Arbucks was established (designed after Starbucks). After much discussion and controversy it was decided that the attendance would increase if women where included. So it was and the result was more and more couples and individuals started to join the group. The group continued to be small so after some brainstorming they decided to add some day trips to make it more fun and inviting. This included The Grape Vineyard in Volga, Kennedy Mansion in Canton, Pontoon Ride at Madison, The Palisades and Desmet. They also hosted many buffets and dinners for themselves and the congregation. Meetings were held in the conference and fellowship rooms but it was decided they needed a more intimate place. That is when they move to the apartment upstairs in the church in 2014. It was renovated to fit their needs. Word spread as to what a great group this was and attendance increased. In 2017 they moved to the Barn and renovated the kitchen so they would have a space to fit their needs. The group now consists of 25-30 men and women. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to join in the fun. The door to the Barn is open every Tuesday morning from 9:30—11:00.

Defining a purpose:

The group felt it needed a purpose (besides having fellowship, fun and food) and hoped to raise some funds as well. The idea of “The Garage Sale” was born and what a success it has become with all proceeds raised used for projects at the church. Below you can see what the last few years have raised for the church.

2015	\$5,688.40	2016	\$8,006.61	2017	\$7,172.92	2018	\$10,468.18
2019	\$12,729.45	2020	\$11,000.00	2021	\$13,744.05	2022	\$13,092.82
2023	\$16,800.00	2024	\$21,600.00				

The fundraiser has done more than just raise money. The group has personally blessed many individuals. Such as the gentleman that stopped by with holes in his shoes and was given a new pair of shoes. The lady who stopped by carrying all of her clothes and personal belongings in a plastic bag was given a suitcase of her choice. She walked away sporting a new pink bag with all of her belongings inside and a smile on her face. Items left after the sale is complete are donated to St. Vincent DePaul, Union Gospel Mission, Furniture Mission, Veteran Organization, Reservations, St. Francis House and free clothes are given to anyone in need.

All of this happens because of the dedication of all the St, Arbucks men and women.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT — RAY SCHUT



I never got to say goodbye.
It’s eye opening when someone is with you one day and gone the next. It’s happened a lot to me and probably to you as well. Someone is gone unexpectedly. I regret the things I didn’t say, the things I wish I would have done and then remember all the time we spent together.

When I was younger I didn’t have time for too many feelings...I was too busy for that touchy, feely stuff. I sucked it up and went about my life, missing people in my own way. I thought showing too much emotion made me look weak. What I didn’t realize that NOT showing emotion made me look like a grade A jerk.

As I’ve gotten older, and hopefully wiser, I really understand how much people mean to me. They don’t have to be my best friends to have a place in my life. They don’t have to agree with everything that I believe. Sometimes we don’t see eye to eye on a lot of topics but, they’re still in my life because I like them.

Why don’t I tell them how much they mean to me? How they impact my life? What I appreciate about them? Probably because I’m still too wrapped up in my day to day life that I forget about what’s most important...the people I share this life with. Let’s face facts; without people that you care about, life has very little meaning. Everyone needs someone, sometimes.

I have five really good “guy friends”, that I’ve known since my teenage years. In our younger days we were the life of every party...or so we recall. Today most of us have a pair of reader glasses and we rarely see the clock strike midnight. We may have slowed down but something else changed. The last time we were together we all hugged one another and said “I love you”...and we mean it. I got to be honest, it really touched my heart.

When’s the last time you told those around you how much they mean to you? I whole heartedly encourage you to do so...before you never have the chance to say goodbye.

TREASURER’S REPORT — BRIAN ENSBERG



Our beautiful church facility, ideal for worship, weddings, baptisms, Bible study, and Sunday School, requires nearly \$176,000 annually for maintenance. This required upkeep maintains our facility and enriches our faith experience.

In May, we received a \$10,000 gift designated for the principal on our church mortgage. Thank You! As of May 31 we are \$9,075 ahead of our budget. Our money market balance is \$65,678.56. The funds from our money market account fund larger maintenance and program needs.

Summer months usually see lower attendance and offerings, so we plan accordingly. Successful expense control has put us in a good budget position so far. Anything we can do as a congregation to financially support East Side during the summer is important and greatly appreciated. The complete year-to-date budget is posted on the Church bulletin board.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	2	3 8:00 am Men's Bible Study Office Closes at noon	4 Office Closed 	5 5:30 pm Worship
	6 8:00 and 10:00 am Worship	8 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn 6:00 pm Charis Board Meeting	9	10 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Scrapbooking and Crafts 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	11	12 5:30 pm Worship
	13 8:00 and 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Healing Service 11:15 Council Meeting	15 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	16	17 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	18	19 5:30 pm Worship
	20 8:00 and 10:00 am Worship	22 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	23	24 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	25	26 5:30 pm Worship
	27 8:00 and 10:00 am worship	29 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	30	31 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study		

Who are they?



A group of Christians having coffee, food, conversation, lots of fun and laughter and most of all support for each other, the church and the community.

Come and join the St. Arbucks Group who meet every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am at the Barn located on the corner of Cliff and 9th street.

The 2025 garage sale will be held September 4, 5 and 6th

from 8:00am to 6:00pm Thursday and Friday and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Donations of household items, clothing, toys, furniture or anything you would like to clean out of your house can be dropped off Monday—Friday at the Barn starting August 11th between 8:00 am and noon.

It takes many volunteers to help the days prior to the sale and sale days. If you can help for 1, 2 or 6 hours contact Nancy Renner at 605-929-7274 or email her at Nancy.renner36@gmail.com. If you haven't volunteered in the past you're missing all of the fun! You might just make some new friends and the food is always delicious!



SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

It's summer but that doesn't slow down what is happening at East Side Lutheran Church! Below are some picture of the June happenings!



A friendly game of softball on a Sunday afternoon.



Confirmation Students and Pastor Layne attended bible camp at Ne-So-Dak!



Blowin' in the Wind!
Thanks to our own Bob Folschow



East Side sponsored and served at Church on the Street! Because of the heat Church on the Street was held in the Coliseum Downtown Sioux Falls instead of Heritage Park. All were grateful !



Summer is full of fun and excitement at East Side Lutheran. See you soon!

Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.

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