

**A New Journey Lutheran Parish**

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### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** *There were three opportunities for families to attend VBS this summer. ANY child pre-school through 6th graders was welcome. VBS at Gary Lutheran was held July 28-August 1 and those students will be singing in Worship at the Park that following Wednesday, August 7, at 6pm.*

*Wednesday, August 14, VBS will be hosted at Our Savior's Lutheran. 1-5pm, with a meal and Worship to follow. The students will be singing in Worship that evening.*

**PARISH BUDGET COMMITTEE UPDATE:** *The ANJLP 2025 Budget Committee met on Wednesday, July 24. The goal of this team was to bring together two members of each congregation who know the finances of that congregation in order to share concerns and dreams for the Parish and its future, including drafting the 2025 budget to turn over to the Parish Council. Members of the committee are: Dave Stordahl and Mic Evenson (OS), Bonnie Werpy (Gary) and Jill Nelson (Gary and Parish Treasurer) Peggy Gunderson and Duane Gunderson (Immanuel), Mike Sather and Mike Hagy (Ness). Also present were Katie DeMarais to facilitate and Sue Steinmetz to take notes. It was a productive meeting with positive ideas shared, and all agreed that we need to work together to keep this parish and its ministry moving forward. The committee will next meet on Wednesday, Sept 25, at 7pm at Immanuel.*

### **KATIE'S TRANSITION & WHAT IT MEANS:**

*We often hear "The only constant is change." It's also the idea you never step into the same river twice. Yes, the river may be the same, but the water that was there has gone, replaced by new. ANJLP will evolve once again as Katie leaves her position as a SAM following her ministry call with more education at Luther Seminary.*

*Parish staff and council are living into the, “what does this mean?” knowing that even as plans are in place, we all need to be flexible as we try, willing to pivot when things may not work, and try again.*

*Rachel’s SAM hours and responsibilities will be expanded, and we will be looking for members to help with opportunities as we all continue to share God’s love and promises in our churches, communities, and throughout the parish. If you have a gift to share, such as social media, working with youth, or something else; contact Pastor René to see how those gifts may be able to be used. Stay tuned (newsletter, bulletins, Facebook, texts) on changes made and opportunities to serve. Ask questions, share ideas, and prayerfully consider giving in ways perhaps you haven’t before to help us all.*

*Again we share “The Prayer of Good Courage” as a reminder of God’s presence with us in, with, and through all things.*

*“O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

*~from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book, page 304*

### **THRIVENT MEMBERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THRIVENT ACTION**

**TEAM GRANTS:** *Many Thrivent members are eligible to apply twice a year for Action Team Grants of up to \$250. This is a great way to extend your church’s or the parish’s annual budget. Action Team Grants have supported yearly events throughout the parish including the Gary Meatball Dinner, Our Savior’s Memorial Day Veteran’s Lunch, ANJLP Card Ministry, mailing and office supplies. New ideas are also welcomed! We’ve tapped into some members but thinking there are more of you out there. Let’s work together to unlock what’s possible!*

**Thrivent Members:** *1) Tell Pastor René when you apply for an Action Team grant and what it’s for, so it can be tracked. 2) Talk with Pastor René if you are looking to sponsor a possible project. There are many ideas! Help will be provided in applying if needed.*

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** *Confirmation will begin mid/late September. The first step is gathering names and contact information for any youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older who have not yet completed the Confirmation program. Pastor René is taking the lead in contacting potential students and their families. Youth do not need to be members of any of our churches to participate. Families, including those of 2<sup>nd</sup> year students, will receive more information in August. Email, text, or call Pastor René to get on the mailing list or with any questions.*

**NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:** *This was decided by each individual church council. Join ANJLP online, visit another church, or worship God wherever you find yourself that day. Blessings and prayers for a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!*

# ***“Good Gossip”***

***We don't share the GOOD things we do as much as we share gossip, so each month we lift up some good ministry being done throughout the Parish.***

Family Playdates are hosted in Gary once a month. They are a time for kiddos and their grown-ups to meet to play, have snacks, hear a Bible story, and for grown-ups to meet each other.

Family Playdates began in Spring 2021, when area families were invited to the Gary School Park to meet Pr. Sue Tjornahoj to talk about what young families wanted from their congregations. We began meeting every month during the warm weather months since then. In the school year 2023-24, we continued to meet monthly at Gary Lutheran Church. Kids would come off of the school bus to play and learn at the church for 2 hours. In Summer 2024, it expanded even more with a free community meal added at 5:30 each night. We have had great community involvement and donations of food from the local fire department, Community Club, Ultima Bank, and local community members (thank you Phil and Jean!). The average attendance has been over 60 people each night with many of those being kiddos!

The next Family Playdate will be at the Gary Community Park on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Playdate will run from 4-6pm (come anytime), a free community meal will be served at 5:30, Worship including VBS kids singing will begin at 6pm, and the Gary Farmers Market will run from 5-7pm.

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## ***MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RENÉ L. MEHLBERG...***

Dear Beloved Children of God:

I just looked back at my last newsletter message. It seems like everything I wrote about summer being around the corner, school ending, fields being planted, has so quickly changed. I am feeling and hearing others say summer is ending, back to school lists and sales are here (YIKES!), and fields are being harvested.

The only constant is change. Change can be good and change can be scary. There are changes we see coming and others that take our breath away.

Perhaps one of those changes was hearing about Katie DeMarais' resignation as a SAM with ANJLP. We have been so blessed by her and the many gifts she shared with us and so many others during her time with us. We will definitely live into paradox of wishing her well and her joy as she becomes a full-time seminary student as we will be sad as she ends her time serving as a SAM with us. A Thank

You send-off and blessing for Katie is being scheduled for September. Stay tuned for details.

Also stay tuned for ongoing updates as we (parish council and staff) find ways to modify and adjust the ways we fulfill our mission **together**. ANJLP is four congregations working **together** for God's kingdom and glory and not our own. Each church is rooted in their place to make a difference, as well as helping the community of faith as a whole to do so as well. We all have gifts to share, just like the boy who shared his bread and fish with Jesus. This was the beginning gift of feeding 5,000. We often think it is a Jesus miracle of how that happened...of how Jesus mysteriously multiplied the bread and the fish. But what if that boy's act of sharing opened the hearts of others to generously share what they had? Individually they could not feed 5,000, but together they did.

As I've written before, we continue living into our new reality as ANJLP **together**. It has not and will not be perfect. What we think is set, isn't always. Perhaps like seeds planted that get washed away or crops ruined by hail. We continue to learn, wonder, stumble, and try again. We must pray for ourselves and one another. As our Triune God extends grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness to us, we must extend that to one another (and sometimes ourselves) as we go forth fully and boldly living into ANJLP's why and what of ***"Sharing the hope that we find in Christ and the roadmap for a happy and healthy life to spread the love and promises of God to our neighbors, our communities, and our congregations."***

May we all feel, sense, and follow the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us as we live and love like Jesus, boldly asking God to show us the way.

Blessings and prayers for you and your families!

Pastor René

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***A MESSAGE FROM KATIE DEMARAIS, SAM...***

Please refer to Katie's letter of resignation that is enclosed with this newsletter.

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***A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL ROGGENBUCK, SAM...***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just as the disciples were trained to Walk the Talk, with respect to others, with kindness and with love, we too can show respect to others, sharing this gospel of Jesus. You are here to proclaim His message. Remember who you are. You are offering a message of hope, and it is a message that everyone needs to hear. It might

make people squirm with discomfort to hear you talk about Jesus, about this message of hope and love, a message that is meant for them, too. Let's keep walking together.

Summer is often filled with warm weather activities and these last 2 months have been exactly that! Activities are a great time to share the love of Jesus with others. To be the disciples we have been called to be. I have seen and heard the work you all have done in sharing the gospel of Jesus at Community events in Gary, breakfast on the farm in rural Bejou, parish-wide worship in McIntosh and most recently at the parish family fun event at Immanuel. Whether you know the impact your smile, kind word or sharing of a meal has had on someone or not, I guarantee you that it has. Those are just some of the actions the disciples shared when Jesus sent them out. Keep on, we are making an impact...together.

Serving alongside you,  
Rachel Roggenbuck, SAM

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## ***Minutes - A New Journey Parish Council Meeting***

(6:30 p.m. on June 17, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran, Bejou, MN)

Council members present: Mary Nell Preisler, Jimmy Steinmetz, Jane Aakhus, Wanda Stordahl, Teresa Werpy, Karen Carlsrud, and Jill Nelson. (Others attending: Bonnie Werpy, Sue Gunderson, Katie DeMarais, Rachel Roggenbuck, and Pastor René).

Jimmy called the meeting to order and Pastor René led devotions.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the April 15, 2024, and the May 13, 2024, meetings were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Jane, and carried to approve the minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Jill presented and reviewed the financial reports for the period January through May 2024. A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Mary Nell, and carried to approve the financial reports as presented.

### Old Business:

- The Chuck Crain (gospel singer from Branson, MO) concert will be held at Immanuel at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 22, and is open to the public. A free will offering to be given to Mr. Crain will be taken at that concert. As a parish fundraiser, the Parish Council will prepare and serve a meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken for the meal also. The menu will consist of: Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Beans, Chips, Pickles, Watermelon, Dessert, Lemonade and Coffee.

- Fifth Sunday worship plans were reviewed and the Council approved Our Savior's plans to use the loose offering collected June 30 to help Win-E-Mac students with items, such as backpacks. Gary and Ness will be hosting worship at Gary on September 29 and Immanuel on December 29.

New Business:

- Each congregational council should decide whether or not they want to have worship service over the Labor Day weekend.
- 2025 Budget: Each congregation should select 2 members who are familiar with their church's finances to serve on a budget subcommittee that will make 2025 budget recommendations to the parish council. Provide those names to Pastor René so that a meeting date can be set.

Staff Reports:

Pastor René covered the following:

- Taping ministry survey results were presented and briefly reviewed with the Council.
- Mission development work
- Summer worship schedule and Pastor's vacation plans

Rachel covered the following:

- Mahnomen County Fair worship
- Parish-wide family fun event planned at Immanuel on July 21 with 5pm meal
- Advertising plans for August 22 Chuck Crain concert & meal

Katie covered the following:

- VBS plans and need for volunteers. Immanuel and Gary in July; August at Our Savior's
- Katie announced her plans to accept a full tuition scholarship and attend Luther Seminary classes full-time to complete her master's program effective September 1. She read her letter of resignation from ANJLP effective August 31. A motion was made by Mary Nell, seconded by Teresa and unanimously carried, to approve her resignation, wish her well, thank her for her service and fully support her in this new adventure. A discussion followed on notice to members and plans to be made for a special send-off for Katie.

The next ANJLP Council meeting will be held Monday, July 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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***Minutes - A New Journey Parish Council Meeting***

(6:30 p.m. on July 15, 2024, at Immanuel Lutheran, Bejou, MN)

Council members present: Mary Nell Preisler, Jimmy Steinmetz, Marilyn Graff, Kristi Skeie, Teresa Werpy, Karen Carlsrud, and Jill Nelson. (Others attending: Bonnie Werpy, Sue Gunderson, Katie DeMarais, Rachel Roggenbuck, and Pastor René).

Jimmy called the meeting to order and Pastor René led devotions.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting were distributed and read by Sue. A motion was made by Kristi, seconded by Marilyn, and carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Following Jill's distribution and review of the current financial reports, a motion was made by Teresa, seconded by Kristi, and carried to approve the financial reports as presented.

Old Business:

- Ness Lutheran does not plan to have worship service over Labor Day weekend. The other churches are to check at their next council meeting or by Monday, July 22, to include in the August newsletter.

New Business:

- 2025 Budget Subcommittee: Members named to serve on the subcommittee include Duane Gunderson and Peggy Gunderson from Immanuel; Dave Stordahl and one other to be determined from Our Savior's; Mike Hagy and Mike Sather (or in Mike Sather's absence, Karen Carlsrud) from Ness; and Jill Nelson and Bonnie Werypy from Gary. Discussion was held on what information each church needs to bring and what information parish staff needs to provide before the first meeting. Subcommittee members will be contacted to determine a meeting date.
- Pastor René, Katie and Rachel will meet next week to discuss reassignment of Katie's duties effective September 1, including worship coverage. Katie will suggest dates that may work for her "send-off" event.

Staff Reports:

Katie covered the following:

- VBS update
- Playdate events at Gary have been very positive, with good attendance

Rachel covered the following:

- Reported that she currently works 13 hours per week and is able to expand to 25 hours per week if needed.
- She went on to outline the work she has done in the past 4 weeks and expressed her love of leading worship.
- As there are Go For It Grant funds still available, a motion was made by Mary Nell, seconded by Jill and carried, to approve using Go For It Grant funds for expenses incurred for the Chuck Crain meal and concert parish event.

Pastor René covered the following:

- Thanks to everyone who covered for her while she was on vacation
- Follow-up on the Digital Ministry survey is still pending.
- She will be attending a NWMN Synod Mission Developer's Retreat in Fergus Falls on July 24-26



Jimmy reported that there was good attendance at their Breakfast on the Farm, as well as at Immanuel's annual auction. He thanked everyone for their support in making the auction another great success.

The next ANJLP Council meeting will be held Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel. A motion was made by Mary Nell, seconded by Teresa and carried, to adjourn. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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### *News from Our Savior's...*

#### **June 9 Council Meeting Highlights**

- May minutes approved
- Financial Report as of end of April: net loss for April was \$3,426.00 with total year loss of \$14,061.05. Will look into transfer of Thrivent funds and online banking options. Report approved.
- VBS is Wednesday, August 14. Volunteers needed to help with snacks during and meal after.
- Parish fundraiser with Chuck Crain is Thursday, August 22, at Immanuel.
- Continuing to troubleshoot sound system issues.
- Memorial Day lunch went well and \$50 will be sent to Friends for Veterans.
- Updated authorized signatures for bank card and Thrivent account
- Parsonage selling still being worked on
- Dave will check if horse hearse can be stored in the cemetery block building.

#### **No July Meeting Held**

**June 30 Parish Worship:** Thanks to all who attended and helped with the park outdoor worship service, especially the meal. The loose offering was designated for Win-E-Mac students in need with \$389.00 collected. Thank you for your support.

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### *News from Gary Lutheran...*

#### **Gary July 21 Council Meeting Highlights**

Attending: Bonnie Werpy, Lori Thronson, Jill Nelson, Gene Werpy, Gene Hanson, Teresa Werpy, Karen Tadych, Stacy Gunderson, Peggy Hanson, Katie DeMarais, and Pastor René Mehlberg.

- May 19 secretary minutes read and approved

- Treasurer's report: The total income from January to June was \$38,881.33; total expenses were \$41,270.94. As of June 30, 2024, we have \$22,121.46 in the general fund checking account. Report approved.
- Jill and Bonnie are on the parish budget committee. Jill shared the handout prepared for that meeting with estimates of what Gary can afford to pay into the parish for the church to stay viable.
- Current telephone service will drop long distance coverage as of September 30.
- Katie shared about the car gifted to Gary that she has been using for the parish. She shared blue book info and expressed interest in buying the car. Another person has also inquired about purchasing, if available. Motion made, seconded, approved to give Katie first chance for purchase at \$5900, the average price on Kelly's blue book information.
- Reminder of parish fundraiser at Immanuel on Thursday, August 22.
- Discussed possible fall worship times for feedback.
- September 29 is a fifth Sunday, with Gary hosting the parish service at 9 a.m. with food to follow by both Gary and Ness churches.
- Next council meeting is planned for September 8 following worship. Sunday School will start September 15.

### **Budget Financial Highlight as of June 30**

As of June 30, Gary has received \$38,881, which is 54% of our anticipated \$72,000 income to make the budget. Income is from offering, fundraisers, parish reimbursement, Ness reimbursements, and some special one-time gifts. We are running a \$2,400 deficit. This amount would be higher if not for some special one-time gifts and \$2,500 return from the parish payment.

A total of \$2,465 was netted from Gary Days Meatball Supper and Snack Shack. Thanks to all who helped. This included a \$45 gift from the Bead & Tie girls. We are thankful for their generosity to our ministry.

Thank you to all who have contributed in money, time, or talent. Ongoing support in all those ways to continue sharing God's love and promises as Gary Lutheran. Gifts can be mailed to PO Box 96, Gary MN 56465. Or sign-up for auto-pay (ACH). If interested or need more information, stop at Ultima Bank-Gary or talk with Mike Nelson.

**Thank You from Project Linus** for the donation of fleece fabric to the Norman/Mahnomen Counties Project Linus chapter. The fabric will be made into blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children and given to local hospitals and other agencies that serve children.

## **Gary Lutheran Celebrated the Following Baptisms:**

- Saturday, June 29: Julian Gatlyn Affield, son of Sara & Gatlyn Affield
- Saturday, July 20: Cora Kraft, daughter of McKenna Kraft
- Sunday, July 21:
  - Eloise Ann Hefta, daughter of Reed & Ally Hefta
  - Alonso Charles Mai, son of Alexander & Alecia Mai, who was baptized on June 14. July 21 was the public recognition of baptism.

Thank you to the Ness quilters and friends who provided baptismal quilts for each.

## **Altar Guild, Usher/Greeters and Janitor Assignments:**

- Gary Lutheran Church Ushers/Greeters, including any midweek services in their timeframe. (NOTE: Please check to make sure the red Christ Candle gets extinguished after each service.):
  - August 4: Aaron & Kayla Werpy
  - August 18: Rhonda Bennefeld, Jeff & Whitney Roske
  - NOTE: No Worship August 11, 25 or Sept. 1.
- Gary Lutheran Altar Guild for August: Stacy Gunderson and Diane Thordal

## **Compassion Child Update**

Greetings to all:

Gary Lutheran Church sponsors a child through the Compassion International Child organization. This has been an ongoing blessing for many years, even through Covid! His name is Angel Gyampo Ofori and is from Ghana, Africa, right off of the Atlantic Ocean. He is now 15 years old.

There have been many letters written back and forth since his sponsorship began at the age of 8 and it has been quite fun watching him grow both physically and spiritually. He attends school in Oyarifa, Ghana (near the capital city of Accra) and helps his family raise animals for food and for a living. He excitedly writes about what he has learned in school about computers, how his family lives in a real house, and his devotion to God and blesses us for being a sponsor for him.

This is an example of sharing God's love and promises beyond our church walls, community, and parish. Follow his story at the Gary Lutheran Church in the binder put together for him and can be found on the "Spiritual Table".

God's Blessings,  
Julie + 😊 +

## *News from Immanuel...*

### **Summary of July 17, 2024, Immanuel Council Meeting**

Council members present: Jimmy Steinmetz, Duane Gunderson, Delane Schaumburg, Becky Olson, Cindy Large, Jon Large, Mary Nell Preisler, Gloria Steinbrenner, Joyce Bendickson, Terry McCollum and Peggy Gunderson. Others attending: Pastor René Mehlberg and Katie DeMarais.

- Secretary's report was given and approved.
- Treasurer's report was given and approved.

#### Staff report:

- 23 kids attended VBS. Huge success!
- Staff meeting next week to discuss duties with Katie leaving.
- Amazing auction results.
- Pastor René will be attending a Synod Mission Retreat.

#### Old Business:

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the auction.
- Mahnomen County Fair worship service was a success.
- July 21 – Family Fun Event at Immanuel starting at 5:00pm

#### New Business:

- Fall Fest is scheduled for October 6. We may need Pulpit coverage for 10:00am church at Immanuel.
- No service on September 1, Labor Day Weekend.

### **Additional Immanuel Info:**

- Ladies' Aid supper with free will offering will be held at Immanuel from 4-6:30pm (followed by 7pm worship and 8pm council meeting) on Wednesday, August 21. Servers are Sylvia McCollum, Nikki McCollum, Doreen Turner and Lori Turner.
- Immanuel's annual auction (including pie and bake sale) on June 22 was another great success and thanks go out to all who helped, who donated and attended. Raffle winners: Arlene (Steinmetz) Omlid's tickets were drawn for the \$5,000 and \$1,000 prizes; and a ticket with Immanuel Lutheran's name was drawn for the \$2,500 prize.
- Jim and Susie Steinmetz hosted the annual Breakfast on the Farm on June 15 and want to thank all those who helped and those who attended. They had a great crowd.

IN CONCERT

# Chuck Crain

FROM PRESLEYS' BRANSON & RFD TV

**Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Bejou, MN**

**August 22, 2024  
7pm --FREE WILL**

**Supper served**

**@ 5:30p  
FREE WILL**



2024  
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# FAMILY PLAYDATE & WORSHIP AT THE PARK

## Wednesday, Aug 7

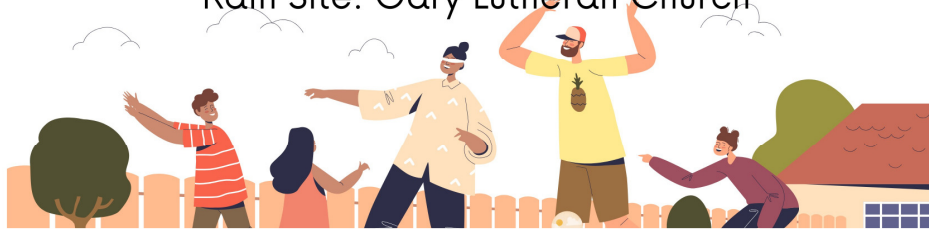
VBS kids are invited to sing in Worship at 6pm!  
For any kiddos & their grown-ups.  
Come anytime between 4-6pm. Free community meal from 5:30-6pm. Worship at 6pm.

**FREE PLAY,  
CRAFTS & GAMES**

**KID-FRIENDLY  
BIBLE STORIES**

**HEALTHY, SAFE  
FAMILY TIME**

Location: Gary Community Park (across from bank)  
Rain Site: Gary Lutheran Church



## A New Journey Lutheran Parish Vacation Bible School

Bible stories, snacks, crafts, games, and more!  
For children in pre-k-6th grade. (7-12th can be helpers.) All are welcome at the last of the 3 opportunities for VBS this summer:

**Wednesday, August 14:  
VBS 1-5pm**

**Community Meal 5pm  
Worship 5:30pm**

**hosted @ Our Savior's, McIntosh**

Registration  
Required  
Scan QR Code:



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**WHO IS  
my neighbor?**



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## Church Ladies' Night Out



All ladies are welcome! Bring a friend!  
Each month we will gather at a local restaurant for food, fellowship, and fun.

**Tuesday, August 27 ~ 6:30pm  
Erickson's Smokehouse, Fertile**



# LILY THRONSON BENEFIT

**Friday, August 30th • 5pm - 10pm**

Sparkey's 218 Bar & Grill (Parking Lot)

105 International Dr., Red Lake Falls

## FREE WILL OFFERING

Pulled Pork, Beans, Cole Slaw & Chips

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

50/50 RAFFLE • GAMES

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

**If you would like to donate an auction item please contact:**

Kelli Brateng: 218-686-4091  
or Rusty Remick: 218-289-1158

Prizes can be dropped off at:  
Red Lake Electric or Sparkey's 218.

Lily, 14 year old daughter of Casey & Cassie Thronson of Red Lake Falls, is currently in-patient at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester waiting for a heart transplant. Lily was born with a heart defect and has undergone many heart surgeries over the years. June 2024 she was put on the transplant list. Lily will remain in Rochester for months post-transplant.



Thoren, Abel, Lily, Cassie & Casey

## BRAVE WITH EVERY BEAT #TEAMLILY

If you can not attend the event and would like to donate, accounts have been set up at Unity Bank and Dakota Heritage Bank in Red Lake Falls and United Valley in Mahanomen. Donations accepted via Venmo also.



Venmo username  
[@lilythronsonbenefit](#)

### LilyThronson Benefit

@lilythronsonbenefit



## venmo

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**AUGUST 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE (\*\* denotes Holy Communion)**

<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>IMMANUEL</b>	<b>OUR SAVIOR'S</b>	<b>GARY</b>	<b>NESS</b>	<b>SUNDAL</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug. 4</b> (green)	8:30am–Worship** (KD)	10:30am–Worship** (KD)	9:00am–Worship** (PR)		
<b>Wed., Aug. 7</b>			6:00pm—Worship at Gary after 4-6pm Play Date & 5:30pm Meal		
<b>Sunday, Aug. 11</b> (green)	8:30am–Worship (PR)	10:30am–Worship (PR) followed by Council Meeting		9:00 am – Worship** (KD)	
<b>Wed., Aug. 14</b> (green)		1-5pm-VBS 5pm-Meal 5:30pm-Worship			
<b>Sunday, Aug. 18</b> (green)	8:30 am – Worship** (PR)	10:30am–Worship** (PR)	9:00 am – Worship** (KD)		10:30am-Worship** (KD)
<b>Wed., Aug. 21</b> (green)	4-6:30pm-Supper 7pm-Worship** followed by Council Meeting				
<b>Sunday, Aug. 25</b> (green)	8:30am–Worship (KD)	10:30am–Worship (KD)		9:00 am – Worship (PR)	

***NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, DUE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND.***