



**“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”  
Romans 15:13**

The preparations for our *Restoring + Renewing + Rejoicing* Capital Campaign are going very well. Please save the following dates and plan to be a part of these important events in our life together:

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**Aug. 14 Uniting in Prayer**

Campaign prayer program begins during worship.

**Aug. 28 Celebrating Our Life Together**

Congregational brunch following worship ~

A time to enjoy food, each other, and an informative and inspiring program.

Campaign information packets will be distributed.

**Sept. 24 Praying for God’s Guidance**

7:00 PM ~ Candlelight Prayer Service

**Sept. 25 Committing to Our Future**

9:30 AM ~ We gather for worship, offer our financial commitments to the three-year capital campaign, and share in a festive gathering following worship.

Soon you will receive a postcard with this information that we hope you will place on your refrigerator or in a prominent place to serve as a reminder. Be sure to sign up for the Congregational Brunch and Program following worship on Aug. 28th.

## **MESSAGE FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER**

*By Bobbie Jo Boulay*

It was on April 20, 1959 it all began. "Stop, Stop," my mother was yelling loudly as she ran after the cattle truck my father was driving after he dropped her off at the wrong hospital right before I was born.

You have a daughter the doctor told my parents. But wait they thought they were going to have another son so they had not yet picked out a "girl's" name. My father's name was Bob and my mother's name was Jo so why not "Bobbie Jo". That was it.

I grew up on a farm/ranch in Rapelje, Montana. A town of 200 people or less but never more than that. I learned to drive at age 6 because we all had a job on our farm. My older brother and I would haul 100 bales of hay three times a day to feed the cattle. So, whenever I knew the hay men were coming (they were the men who we bought hay from once in a while) I would be so thankful because it meant I would have help loading the pickups with hay for that day.

By the age of ten I got my first job driving a wheat truck for a neighbor. I was so excited to have worked the whole summer for this man that gave me \$25.00 for three months work. By age twelve I was driving a combine.

We had one school, grades one thru twelve. There was not a kindergarten at that time. There were two grades to each classroom. Everyone goes to the prom, it is potluck, and you dance with parents, grandparents, and neighbors.

At the age of ten my parents divorced so I lived in both Bozeman and Rapelje, Montana. My sister and I would go to our father's place every other weekend on a Greyhound bus for four hours and stay for the summer to help on the farm.

In the seventh grade we moved to Tucson, Arizona to help my Aunt. We moved back to Bozeman after 8th grade. I was confirmed in the Missouri-Synod Lutheran Church in Tucson.

I have two brothers and two sisters. I am the second oldest. I graduated from Bozeman Senior High School. As a young girl I went with my grandparents to the Missouri-Synod Lutheran Church in Columbus, Montana. Then we attended the Missouri-Synod, First Lutheran Church in Bozeman, Montana.

I graduated from Carroll College in Helena, Montana and then drove across the United States to Poultney, Vermont where I earned another 4-year degree in one and a half years because of the credits I had earned.

Worked and lived in Middlebury, Vermont where I met my husband Paul. Before getting married I lived and taught skiing in Saas Fee, Switzerland to children from around the world.

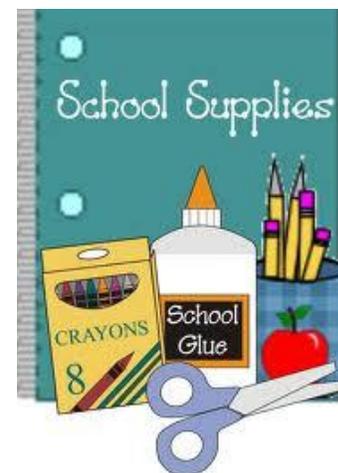
Paul and I were married in September 1984 on top of Mt. Washington on Lowe's Bald Spot. We have two children: Erica who is now married to Haseeb and Guy who has a lovely girlfriend, Sierra.

We also have a magnificent dog that we adopted, Snookie (she came with that name). She is a miniature daschund that I love.

Presently, I work at RSU#21 as an Ed. Tech in Special Education, Saco River Agency as a BHP after-school with children. I volunteer with Girl Scouts of Maine, and Boy Scout Troop #356, Treasurer and Negotiator for the RSU#21 Ed. Tech Association.

## **COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

This year we have the opportunity to provide support for Caring Unlimited — York County's domestic violence shelter — by donating school supplies for children in need. Pens, pencils, markers, crayons, notebooks, lined paper, rulers, scissors...you name it. (Please note there is no need this year for backpacks.) Donations can be placed in the bin in the Narthex marked "Caring Unlimited." The school supplies will be picked up on Sunday, August 28th, for distribution the following day. Thank you!



## ***DETOURISTS WELCOME HERE***

*by Donna Simmons*

On our summer vacation, a four week road trip to the Midwest, driving on roads less travelled for the most part, we found a lot of road construction. I guess the economy is finally on an upswing with so many repair and replacement projects under way. Now that was the positive, but the downside of that was a series of detours and roads closed. Before this trip it had been my experience that if we just followed the detour signs we would come out on the other side of the construction project. Not this summer. In Hudson, New York I stopped a police officer for directions to get us across the Hudson River after I'd circled the same intersection twice.

In Normal, Illinois a place we stayed just so we could say "leaving Normal," detours got us lost and leaving Normal became a two hour project. In Clinton, Iowa, a place we'd stayed before, and got lost before, we once again got turned around heading south. This time I was determined to flip my internal gyroscope and we made it out of town heading north.

Now Minnesota should have been easy as it was where my husband grew up. But we got lost in Owatonna and ended up on the wrong side of I-35W. It wasn't our fault though because the road my husband knew had a barricade and, you guessed it, a sign that said, "Road Closed."

In La Crosse, Wisconsin we thought to visit a place called "Grand Dad's Cliff," another place we'd been to before. Once again the road was closed that would not only get us to the cliff overlooking three states and the Mississippi River but also lead us out of town in the morning. There was no detour this time just another barricade with the sign, "Road Closed."

We eventually found our way across the state of Wisconsin and the next day headed for Chicago and a wonderful stay with our friend, Millie. On the last full day of this stop, our car still parked at Millie's, the city put up barricades on either end of the block so they could put a temporary stage for a concert that night in the middle of the road. In the morning when we were ready to head out we realized the whole neighborhood was now blocked off, this time for a foot race.

We got lost in Lafayette, Indiana then in Cincinnati, Ohio, and ended up with an unplanned trip to Kentucky. Heading home we stayed in Salamanca, New York on the Seneca Indian Reservation. We planned to head east on Route 417. A few miles out, you know it, the road was closed. There was a detour but an hour later we were still wandering around the back roads of the Allegheny National Forest in both western New York state and northwestern Pennsylvania. We headed for another route I knew from prior trips and just a few miles into it we found our backup route was also closed due to construction.

By the time we got back to Hudson, New York we were prepared for the detour and laughed when we saw it. It was then that we saw a new sign in front of a restaurant near the blockade, "*Detourists Welcome Here.*"

This got me thinking again. Life is full of detours. But our Lord is always here to lead us back when we get lost. We don't have to wait until Sunday. When we're feeling confused, when we drift into a wrong direction, we can ask our Lord to lead us back and eventually we can ask Him to lead us home.

**Detourists *are* welcome here!**

Peace and Safe Journeys to you all, Donna

## ***PARENTS' PRAYER GROUP***

The Parent's Prayer group meets the first Monday of every month in Lord Street House. Beginning with our June 6th gathering, we will meet at 4:30 pm. From 4:30 to 5:30 we will share prayer concerns and pray together. From 5:30 to 6:00, we will devote time to fellowship and book discussion. (The book we are reading is *The Power of a Praying Parent* and copies are available.) We pray for all children of all ages and all stages - please join us!

## ***ROGER'S REFLECTIONS: River of Hope***

### ***By Roger Rotvig***

In Sept. of 2010, Bishop Herbert Chilstrom visited Hutchenson, MN to preach at the formation of a new congregation gathered on the banks of the Little Crow River. The congregation of more than 130 members will be known as: River of Hope.

Herb was a year behind me as a student at Augustana Lutheran seminary in Illinois. I closely followed his career as a leading Lutheran churchman, talking with him often. He was the last Bishop of the Lutheran Church in America and the first "Presiding Bishop" of our current ELCA, formed in 1964.

Herb grew up in a rural Lutheran church near Hutchenson and his return there to join in the formation of "River of Hope" was with mixed emotions. Earlier in the year, the ELCA passed a resolution that "sexual orientation" was not to be a hindrance to persons otherwise qualified to serve as pastors in ELCA congregations.

This prompted a significant number of congregations to leave the ELCA, including both congregations in Hutchenson. This left a minority of members in those congregations who wanted to remain affiliated with the ELCA, with no alternatives. They decided to form a new congregation within the ELCA.

Selected portions of Chilstrom's sermon are, as follows:

"Believe me, as the first presiding bishop of the ELCA, I can tell you that our church is far from perfect – as is true of any other church, including those being formed in the coming days. But unlike many other denominations, ours has been courageous and progressive in helping us think about complex issues, including the death penalty, abortion, divorce, war, sexuality and much more. But hear this: Our church never compels uniformity on matters that are not related to our faith in Jesus Christ. (he repeats this) Your conscience, informed by God through the Bible, tradition, reason and experience, is respected.

Let me give you a personal example: My wife Corinne (also an ordained pastor) and I disagree over the death penalty – an issue far more serious than sexuality since it involves the potential for taking a life. One of us believes that in cases involving the abuse and murder of a child, the death penalty is legitimate. The other believes that the death penalty is always wrong because we are asking the state to do what we abhor---taking a life. We can each quote the Bible to support our view.

Should Corrine and I get a divorce because we disagree on this serious issue? Should each of us look for a church that agrees with our stance on this single issue? That's ridiculous. Our love for each other and our common love for Christ bind us together in unity.

In the ELCA we are free to differ and still live together in the same community of grace and faith."

## ***PRAYER CARDS***

Prayer cards are in a basket in the Narthex with a prayer for the refugees of the world. Please take one to use as a reminder there are those who need our prayers for well-being and safety.

## ***SHARE THE BOUNTY***

Thank you to everyone who helps with the Bean Supper!!

The next supper will be Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!!

***Come Have Some Pie!!***



## ***STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, EVERY SUNDAY, EVERY DAY***

Earlier this spring Dottie and I spent a commutative long weekend in Camden. Our trip up from Saco was highlighted by the new spring foliage and especially the wild flowers along the roadside. Springtime in Maine is a very special time because the newness of life is everywhere. This year it seemed especially true. I have never seen the lupine as widespread or as diverse in color as it was this year. All the colors were abundant, stretching out in patches along the hills and gullies, in lavender, blue, white and pink. It was a beautiful display of God's gift of stewardship to us on our land and was a wonderful beginning to a special time for us.

Since we stayed over the weekend, we decided to attend a Catholic Mass at a church, Our Lady of Hope, that was just around the corner from where we were staying and we were able to walk there comfortably. It is a church just a little larger than our Holy Cross, set on a side street in Camden, with a short set of stairs leading up to the front door of the church. We had arrived early for the one Mass of the Sunday at 11 am. There were several people there already, but we had no trouble finding a seat to watch the church slowly fill up, and as we sat there many young people standing in front, several dressed in the caps and gowns of graduation. There was a great deal of hustle and bustle, as many ladies were arranging speaker's lecterns just so, and the priest was making sure all knew what was expected of them. Not the usual activity (as we remember time before Mass is usually spent quietly) and we were curious. Today's Mass was a graduation celebration!

Each of the 10 or 12 graduates participated in the service in various ways, reading the bible passages or reciting the Creed with the congregation. All were duly reverent and obviously very happy to be participants. When the Priest gave his homily, it was directed to the graduates. His theme was "Where are you now and where are you going?" When he finished his formal homily he asked the graduates to stand, spread out in front of the chancel and up the center aisle of the church, and stand several feet apart. He then asked the parents of the graduates to stand with their sons and daughters and hold the hands of their children. He then gave one of the most heartfelt prayers and blessings I have ever heard for these families. I dwell on this experience because it reminded me that one of the greatest stewardship tasks in the life of a parent is to bring up the children to be strong, faithful and loving individuals and to teach them to bring to the world they live in all the good they can possibly bring.

Stewardship is always and ongoing. We practice it daily and in many, many ways. Each of us are stewards to the land, the family, the community, our church and our nation. Thank you God for all you do for us and thank you for all we do for each other.

*Carl Graves*

P.S. God so loved the world that he gave his son for us to love and follow.

## ***SCHEDULING***

To Schedule Meeting Space (in Luther Hall, Lord Street House, sanctuary, etc.) please be sure to contact Faith Gillman -- [faithgillman@yahoo.com](mailto:faithgillman@yahoo.com) – to avoid any conflicts on the Church Calendar.

## ***FRIENDSHIP LUNCH***

Due to the preparation of the Blueberry Festival and other personal events, there will be no Friendship lunch in August but we will see you on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>!

If you have any questions about the lunch or would like to volunteer, please contact Mary Keating.

## ***SUMMER CHOIR***

Summer is here, and the choir is taking some (well deserved) time off, but we still like to fill the offertory time with good music. Do you sing? Perhaps play an instrument that we might not know about? This is a great opportunity to share your gifts and put smiles on some faces. You can talk to Gregg on any Sunday, or send him an email at: [greggpannier@outlook.com](mailto:greggpannier@outlook.com).

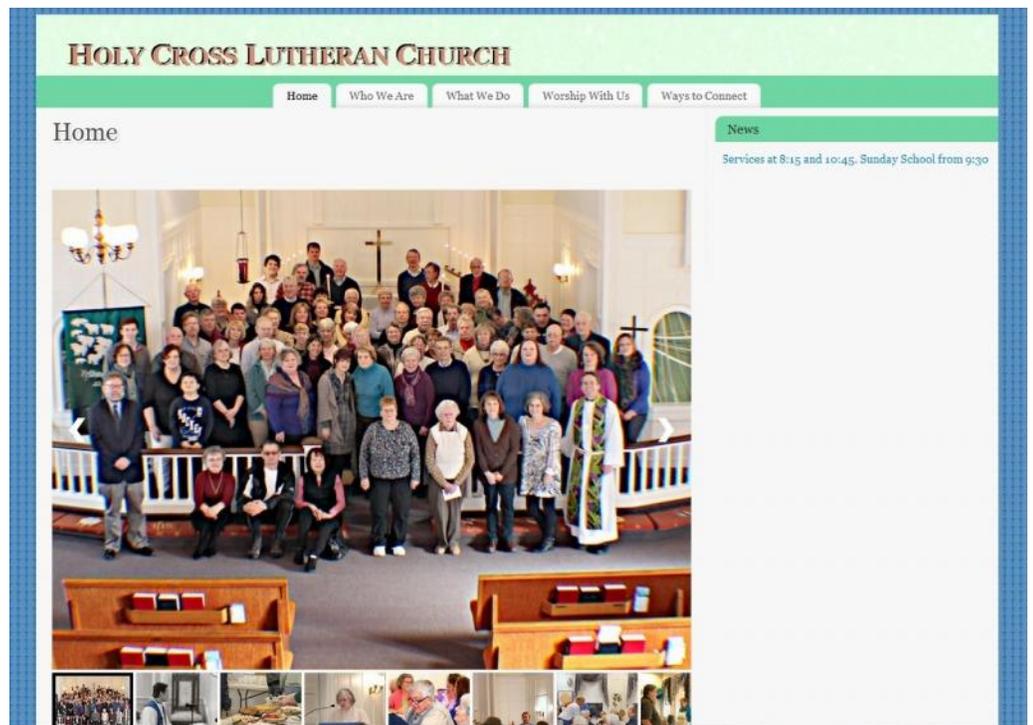


## ***BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL***

The ninth annual Blueberry Festival will be Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quilted items, bags, aprons and many other hand-crafted items will be for sale at the festival. There will also be homemade doughnuts, blueberry pies, cookies and other treats for sale. Blueberry shortcake topped with fresh whipped cream, the festival's namesake dessert, will also be available. All proceeds from the festival will benefit "In a Pinch," a nonprofit that provides essential items not covered by Food Stamps for those in need in the local community. Crafters for a Cause — comprised of Holy Cross Lutheran's Social Concerns Committee and other members of the congregation — work all year to create crafts for sale at the festival.

## ***HOLY CROSS WEB SITE***

If you haven't logged on to the church web site recently, please make a point of checking it out soon! The web site has been updated with new graphics, additional photos on the home page, a welcome video by Pastor Rich, a Google map for directions, and an online church calendar (the calendar is found under the "ways to connect" tab). The web site address is [kennebunklutheran.org](http://kennebunklutheran.org). Many thanks to the Internet Presence Team (Julie Clapp, Barbara Weldon-Morin, Faith Gillman, Donna Simmons, and Vicky Cherry) for all of their work in getting these changes accomplished!



## ***JOKE OF THE MONTH***

Submitted by Jack Bates

### **The Great Outdoors**

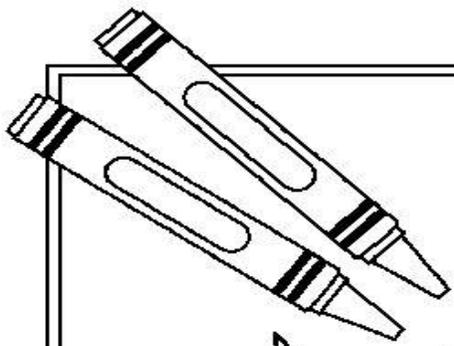
Some Boy Scouts from the city were on a camping trip. The mosquitoes were so fierce, the boys had to hide under their blankets to avoid being bitten. Then one of the scouts saw some lightning bugs and said to his friend, "We might as well give up. They're coming after us with flashlights."

Remember: The secret to happiness is a good sense of humor and a bad memory!



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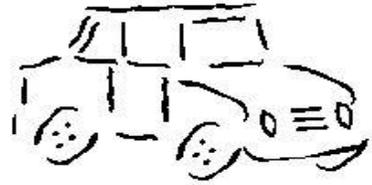
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# Just for **KIDS**



## Vacation and Travel Time



Most people in the world today can move from one place to another easily. We can hop in the car, catch a bus, ride a bike or fly in a plane!

*Fill in the missing parts of the words in this story. The missing parts are in the list below. Read the story.*

In Bi\_\_\_\_\_mes tra\_\_\_\_\_ was diff\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ow. A full day's \_\_\_\_\_ney was \_\_\_\_\_nty miles. The \_\_\_\_\_ual way to \_\_\_\_\_vel was by \_\_\_\_\_king. \_\_\_\_\_keys were some\_\_\_\_\_ used. Ox c\_\_\_\_\_ car\_\_\_\_\_ hea\_\_\_\_\_ads. Ca\_\_\_\_\_ were used for \_\_\_\_\_ade cara\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_oss the \_\_\_\_\_ert. The mili\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_thy \_\_\_\_\_ple and ro\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_sengers used ho\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_lots. Bo\_\_\_\_\_ were used once in a while.

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Answer: In Bible times travel was difficult and slow. A full days journey was twenty miles. The usual way to travel was by walking. Donkeys were sometimes used. Ox carts carried heavy loads. Carts were used for trade caravans across the desert. The military, wealthy people and royal passengers used horses and chariots. Boats were used once in a while.



***FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:***

Aliza  
Amanda  
Robert Arnold  
Becky  
Jessie Boria  
Kenneth Bower  
Trisha Bumby  
Arlene Casey  
Peter Chadborn  
Tina & Tommy Ciasullo  
Cyndi  
David  
Robert Desjardins  
Nancy England  
Rusty England  
Carolyn Essel  
Karen Fischer  
Fred & Mary  
Frank Gagne

Jerry Gostanian  
Dottie Graves  
Greer  
Kaleigh Guay  
Sean Hanson  
Jim Harding  
Jimmy Henri  
Alberta Holden  
Joe & Laurel  
Jenny  
Peter Judd  
Jim Keating  
Jayce Kierney  
Gerry Lallier  
Marissa Laskey  
Liz Lienhard  
Margaret  
Nina and Paul  
Jonathan Nile

Marion Noble  
Bertha Nollman  
Pat Parnell  
Howard Phillips  
Richard  
Mike Robb  
Ken Roberts  
Rylan  
Margaret Schwally  
Gwen Shibles  
Richard Smith  
Tom and Brenda  
Mary Lou & Jack Reinholz  
Elaine Simmons  
Barbara Stratton  
Ted  
Barbara Warner  
Bob Westerman  
Landon Wilson  
Sel Yackley

We commend into God's care the spirit of those who have died recently: David Nile (Wendy Black's brother); Ed Nollman (Carl Graves' brother-in-law); Kevin Mills (Cheryl Dearman Mills' brother-in-law)

Our prayers of celebration and thanksgiving go out to two couples recently united in marriage: Jenny and Isaiah Williams; Todd Horner and Robin Cherof.

***SERVING US IN AUGUST***

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

9:30 am  
Donna Simmons  
Cathy Bansmer

**ALTAR GUILD**

Cathy Bansmer

**USHERS**

9:30 am  
Bruce Anderson

***CRIER PUBLICATION INFO:***

To get pertinent information out to our members and friends in a more timely fashion, The Crier will now be published the last full week of each month. In order for us to use this publishing schedule, we need to set a firm deadline for submissions. *The firm deadline for the August is Sunday, August 21st.*

Please send all articles to Julie Clapp at [juliane@julianemarie.com](mailto:juliane@julianemarie.com) or leave them in the church office.

# ***THE CRIER***

***AUGUST 2016***

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## **Worship Schedule**

Summer Schedule (June 5<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day)

9:30 am: Single Service with combined Modern/Traditional Liturgies\*

Coffee Hour after service

\*Holy Communion served at all services

## ***Purpose Statement:***

***Receive, trust, live,  
share God's Word  
with love and peace,  
empowered by the  
Holy Spirit!***

## ***Guiding Principles:***

***Pray always  
Step out in courage  
Listen to and empower others  
Work together  
Be humble and generous***

