



## **Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:**

In the interest of brevity, it has been requested that we keep the Prayer List in the Bulletin, and mentioned during services, for people who are experiencing immediate health issues and not those with chronic health issues. However, we want to continue to remember all who are experiencing health problems in their lives in our prayers. Therefore, we are now going to list everyone to remember in your prayers on the website and newsletter. **If you have asked for someone to be on the prayer list and they are doing better or can even be removed, please Geri know so she can keep the list updated.**

Please pray for † Dale Van Dale † Dan Maloney † Joe Mellady † Annette (Knutson) Gryskiewicz †  
† Loren Younggren † Jessie Muir † Tom Brownrigg † Erich Hartwig † Ruby Peterson † Kathy (Mrs. Todd) Johnson †  
† Virginia Coffield † Chris Danzl † Julie Peterson † Jeff Christiansen † Jim Wallenberg † Eileen Bernstrom †  
† Dick Olson † Owen & Janet Swenson † Dan & Deb Finney † Easton Carr † Kim Johnson † † Logan Johnson †  
Kelsey Stenmark † Owen Swenson † Galen Schultz † Hunter Pinke † Ann Lasky †  
† Colin Richards † Audrey Hartje † Landon Labine †  
† Armed Forces † our Law Enforcement † our First Responders † our Health Care Workers †

Let's also pray for wisdom for all world leaders in the time of this world-wide health pandemic and for all who have contracted the Corona Virus that God lays healing hands upon them and they are able to make a successful recovery.

**IN MEMORY:** Please keep families and friends of the following in your prayers:

† Sheldon Carlson † Bonita Hanson † Bob Norland † Frances Anderson † Amie Dexter †  
† Rodney Erickson (Sonja Clow Erickson) † Luella Quiner †

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## Congregational Meeting/Pastoral Vote

Dear Sion Lutheran Parishioner,

This is a notice for the purpose of announcing a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 6th , 2021 at 10:30 after the church service. The purpose of the Meeting will be for members of the Congregation to vote on calling a pastor for Sion Lutheran Church contingent of background check.

The Call Committee has approved extending a call to a Pastor Andy Graves to be the Pastor for Sion Lutheran Church. Andy was the guest Pastor we had on May 2nd, 2021. He is graduating or has graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa in the middle of May, 2021. He has also been an Intern at a church in Iowa. Andy is married and they have a young child. His wife, Megan, is in the process of being Called to be a Pastor at Grace/Red River Lutheran Churches.

Sincerely, Sion Lutheran Church Council

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### DONATIONS VIA VENMO

Sion Lutheran now has Venmo! For those of you who don't know what Venmo is, it's an app that allows one to transfer money from one person/entity to another. Very handy in our distance living, as well as sending funds to college students, buying stuff online, etc.

Now you can make your donations to Sion Lutheran through this app as well. The account name is attached below in a screenshot. If



you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. This goes directly to Sion's Bank Account.

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### CHEER PERSON

Mendy Coffield is the new "Cheer" person. She is the one who sends cards to people for get well, sympathy, baby, thinking of you, or any occasion. She would like people to notify her if a card needs to be sent. It is hard for one person to keep track of everything so it is helpful for us to give her a heads up. She can be contacted at

[mendycoffield@gmail.com](mailto:mendycoffield@gmail.com) or 218-988-2015.

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## SMORGASBORD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Smorgasbord will be on Wednesday, June 23 serving from 4:30 - 7:30. Watch for notices to be coming in regards to working or what to bring.

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## Pie Social

There will be a Pie Social on Saturday, June 26 from 1-3PM during Heritage Days. Come on out and enjoy some pie.

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## All Denomination Church Service

June 27 will be the Community Church Service for Heritage Days Weekend at 10:30am at the Gazebo. Please bring your own chairs. Potluck lunch will follow at noon at the Community Center. All are welcome.

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## Third Sunday Church Rotation

Services start at 9:30am

June 20: Zion - Lake Bronson	July 18: Sion - Lancaster	August 22: Maria - Kennedy
September 19: Zion - Lake Bronson	October 17: Sion - Lancaster	November 21: Maria - Kennedy
December 19: Zion - Lake Bronson		

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## LAWNMOWING

Thank you everyone who has signed up to mow. If you have signed up for the Peterson Kids, they will contact you after they have mowed for payment. It is \$25 each time - typically 1 time per week if needed.

Week of June 6:	Judy Remer (Peterson Kids)		Week of July 4:	Tracy Coffield (Peterson Kids)
Week of June 13:	Lois Boroski (Peterson Kids)		Week of July 11:	Mike Olson (Peterson Kids)
Week of June 20:	Lois Boroski (Peterson Kids)		Week of July 18:	Leon Olson (Peterson Kids)
Week of June 27:	Diane Sandahl (Peterson Kids)		Week of July 25:	Cindy Christopherson (Peterson Kids)
Week of Aug 1:	Lorelei Peterson (Peterson Kids)		Week of Sept 5:	Todd Nelson (Peterson Kids)
Week of Aug 8:	Gary Rice			
Week of Aug 15:	Marge Peterson (Peterson Kids)			
Week of Aug 22:	Clara Strege (Peterson Kids)			
Week of Aug 29:	Kevin Johnson (Peterson Kids)			

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## Stewarding Our Relationships: Rehab, Renew and Repair

Doctors order rehabilitation—intensive exercises and therapy—for patients to regain muscle strength and flexibility after a serious illness or injury.

The time is right for us to use the same approach for our friendships and family relationships after Covid-19. The worst seems over now that the vaccines are percolating through our nation, and we are entering the summer, when it is comfortable to gather in the relative safety of the outdoors.

It will take serious rehab to repair and renew the friendships and family relationships that Covid-19 forced us to neglect. Hunkered down in our homes for safety, we ceased gathering for friendship, fellowship and recreation—the very activities that keep relationships strong. Churches put worship and social gathering on hold.

The pandemic's impact on relationships wielded a double whammy: It left us stressed and needing friends at the very time that Covid-19 prevented us from tending to our relationships. It has left us disconnected and hurting.

Keeping in mind that the Covid-19 risk is diminished but not gone, as summer unfolds, you can look for safe ways to rehab, renew and repair your relationships.

**Reach out:** Go through your list of friends and contact them by phone, email, text—whatever's best. Tell them you missed them and want to get together.

**Make plans:** Don't put it off. Be creative and find safe ways to get together. Outdoors is safer. Backyard barbecues, coffee at a sidewalk café, a walk, a game of bocce, iced tea on the porch. It's all good.

Every little step you take will help your relationship "muscles" to get stronger, and in the process you'll become healthier as the love, support and joy of friends and family flows into your heart.

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### Benefit for Brett Anderson

Following the worship service on June 20, Zion will host a free-will brunch. All the funds collected will go to Brett Anderson. Brett has type-one Diabetes and has over the last 6 months experienced complications. He has been in and out of the hospital several times. Brett and his family have added many medical expenses to their budget, especially when he has been unable to work. Even though Brett does not live in our community, he has ties to Zion.

His grandmother is Elaine Baker. Please mark your calendars and join us for brunch at Zion.

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## Notes from Kathy

If you took a few moments to read the article by Rob Blezard about Stewarding Our Relationships, I would like to add an additional piece. Last month, I had put in an article about the India Appeal the Synod is sponsoring. When the article was written, the money donated was to go to help with their homelessness crisis. But India is in crisis mode.

Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Unfortunately, the hospital is currently being forced to turn away patients because it lacks the space and oxygen to support them. Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients. For the past year, Lutheran Disaster Response has supported companion churches and partners throughout India and around the world as they raise awareness about COVID-19, provide personal protective equipment and distribute sanitation supplies to vulnerable communities. (Taken from Seeds Monthly)

The people in India do not have the resources they need to go to war against COVID. So on June 6, there is going to be special offerings taken at each church for the India Appeal. I know it has been a difficult year for many of you. But whatever you can give, God will use and multiply in blessings for others. It is time to give to our neighbors on the other side of the world. If we have learned one thing during our time in COVID is how awful it feels when you cannot find help. We live in a caring community but not everyone is so fortunate. We 'sheltered in place'. How do you do that if you don't even have a place?

Please give generously on June 6. We can make a difference not in just one person, but many.

See you on Sunday, Kathy

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## Northern Border Conference (previously referred to as Roseau Conference)

It was at the Spring Conference Gathering (February 2021) where the suggestion of changing the name of our conference surfaced.

The idea of referring to Conference 1 as the "Roseau Conference" didn't seem inclusive to all congregations across the northern border of the synod. So, the suggestion of changing the name was forwarded to the NW MN Synod office/Council for discussion. It was recently announced that we may start using the suggested name in our congregations, women's organizations and youth groups. We will still be referenced by the synod as Conference 1, but to those of us in this area will call ourselves the Northern Border Conference!

For more information contact:

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt, Conference Dean  
Jody Horntvedt, Conference President

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## Benefit for Easton Carr

Friday, June 4 ♦ 5:00pm-8:00pm

Lancaster Community Center

Medical Expense Assistance

Sponsored by the Lancaster Lions Club



Easton is the 6 year old son of Josh and Whitney Carr. He was born a little over 3 weeks premature and spent 3 weeks in the NICU before he could come home. Easton was born with a very rare chromosomal deletion which causes low muscle tone, kidney concerns, and numerous other conditions affecting his spinal cord, brain tissues, larynx and nerve system. In his short life, he has had seven surgeries, all but one at the Mayo Clinic. He is scheduled for another surgery in the near future.

### Burger Basket Benefit Supper

(\$10 per meal) on June 4, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Lancaster Community Center.

Participate in the [Silent Auction](#) and [raffle](#).  
[Donations for Silent Auction](#) - Call Dan or Judy Remer at 218-762-8401.

**Make a donation** to the Easton Carr Benefit account that has been set up at United Valley Bank - Hallock and Lancaster, MN. Donate in person OR mail donation to:

Easton Carr Benefit Fund  
United Valley Bank  
PO Box 760  
Hallock, MN 56728

# June 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ALL SERVICES ARE IN PERSON OR YOU MAY WATCH LIVE <a href="#">HERE</a>		1) 11AM Rose Cerkowniak Funeral	2)	3)	4)	5)
6) Coffee: ABCDE 9:30AM Worship Baptism: Alexis Gene Warnke 10:30Am Pastoral Mtg/Pastoral Vote MOW: Judy Remer (Peterson)	7)	8)	9) 5:30PM Council Mtg	10)	11)	12)
13) Coffee: FGHIJ 9:30AM Worship MOW: Lois Boroski (Peterson)	14) 3PM Am Leg Auxiliary Mtg Parish Hall	15)	16)	17)	18)	19)
20) 9:30AM Worship @ Zion - Lake Bronson MOW: Lois Boroski (Peterson)	21)	22) Newsletter Items Due	23) 4:30-7:30PM Smorgasbord	24)	25)	26) 1-3PM Pie Social
27) Coffee: KLMN 10:30AM Comm Wors @ Gazebo NOON - Potluck @ Comm Ctr MOW: Diane Sandahl (Peterson Kids)	28) 12:30PM Amie Dexter Committal	29)	30)			