

**Lay Reader Schedule for August**

**August 4 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Sherry VanDoren

**August 11 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Michael Mornard

**August 18 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: Joanne Groves

**August 25 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.**

Lay Reader: David Wheeler



The Episcopalooza Kids will have an entry in the Homecoming Parade this year, which is Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, so mark your calendars now...we'd love to have you involved!

Coborn's receipts for May, June and July are due by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. They can be left in the church office for Gladys to pick up. Thank you!



**Vacation Bible School**

**Episcopalooza Kids' Faith is Over the Top!** Vacation Bible School Day-camp was held in July, and thanks to the help of many people, it was a great success. A kick-off mini-carnival and neighborhood picnic was held the 28<sup>th</sup>. The next day was spent learning how God can help us in our lives. The theme was "Our Faith is Over the Top," and most of the games, crafts and lessons incorporated the idea of a Big Top or carnival. Thanks go to many people, especially ECW for funding our activities and to Beckie and Rodney Freeman for coordinating and providing the food and the fun (cotton candy machine and popcorn popper!) at the evening picnic and during the day-camp.



**Coffee Servers - August**

**August 4 – Zeyna Kleinsasser**

**August 11 – Sherry VanDoren**

**August 18 – Gladys Haggard**

**August 25 – Cheryl Severtson**

**Acolyte Schedule August**

**August 4 – Holy Eucharist**

Jessica Hotchkiss

**August 11 – Holy Eucharist**

Donika Bjorke &  
Audrey Rubish

**August 18 – Holy Eucharist**

Nik & Matt Voss

**August 25 – Holy Eucharist**

Henry Rubish &  
Patrick Burns

## *Notes from Mother Jean...*

### **Grace is Reaching Out**

Can you believe it's August already? What happened to the summer? Soon we will all be heading back into our fall routines, including here at Grace. But there are new and exciting things on the horizon, too. Our after-Pentecost season of growth is yielding fruit!

I have been so gratified by the response to my plea/challenge for outreach ideas, and a few have taken root already. Please take time to read the articles by Jackie Bjorke and Wendy Voss, and spend some time in prayer to discern if you would like to volunteer for either of these developing outreach projects.

Some of that prayer time could be spent in the Sanctuary during one of our quiet hours. One of the great ideas to come out of our Stewardship Committee meetings is that we should open our Sanctuary to the public for an hour one evening a week for prayer and meditation. This would be a wonderful way to show Huron that we are a welcoming and faithful community and enable people to get to know us a little better. In conjunction with the quiet hours, which would be open to the public and advertised, we are looking at creating another ad campaign similar to one we had almost thirty years ago – the same ad campaign that drew Connie and Jorge Vicuna to our church family.

These new projects and ideas are just a sampling and by no means all that's going on here at Grace. In Luke, Jesus tells his disciples to cure the sick and proclaim the Kingdom of God. In Matthew, he tells them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the prisoner, and, ultimately, to go out and make disciples of all nations. It's an exciting time to be a member of this little corner of Christ's Body as together we reach out and share the Gospel of God's love both far and near! Stay tuned...

God's peace and blessings be with you as you celebrate the last days of summer (and count down to the FAIR)!

*Mother Jean*

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### **Who Cares for the Caregivers?**

Families that are caring for an ill family member are under considerable stress. They wonder if they are following the doctor's orders correctly. Sometimes they have to persuade or convince the patient to do certain things. And there are the bills to worry about. They are on twenty-four hour duty. It could seem like a never ending job. Yet they love the family member and feel it's their duty. Sometimes it's an elderly husband or wife caring for his or her spouse. They occasionally need to get away for errands or for a break, but they fear leaving their mate alone. They feel guilty taking some time for themselves. What are their options?

They could take the person to Adult Day Services for a few hours, an afternoon, or a day. There the person would have the opportunity to socialize with some other clients. They play table games, exercise, do a sing-a-long, do crafts, have a lunch brought from the senior center, and rest in recliners. They get a lot of individual attention because there are just a few clients there at a time. If the person is over age sixty, there is a donation required.

They also could get "respite care" at home. That is offered through Social Services, Adult Services and Aging. That means the person who comes in to stay with the ill person could get paid by funds available through the Older Americans Act, but the family needs to find the person themselves and the funds are limited.

Perhaps this is a service our church members, young and old, could offer. We could do it without pay, thereby freeing up Social Services money for other benefits. We could even go in pairs to stay with someone thus enabling the caregivers to have some time away from the house. If you are interested in becoming a respite visitor, or if you know of a family in need of such a service, contact Mother Jean or Jackie Bjorke.

Jackie Bjorke

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**Are you looking for a way to reach out to those in need? We are hoping to undertake a new adventure at Grace Episcopal Church and would love your help.**

As you may know, I have been working in the middle school for the past two years with ESL (English as a Second Language) students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Most of the students I work with are Karen (refugees who have fled from Burma to Thailand where they lived in refugee camps until they received asylum in the United States). My work with them has greatly impacted my life. I feel a strong calling to work with this group and would like to see if others at Grace Church would be interested in helping.

As Huron continues to change and grow, we are made aware of the evolving needs of the community. We have an increasing number of immigrant families – many of whom are refugees. These families have so many obstacles to overcome and challenges to face. We would like to initiate a program that is aimed at helping

these families address some of their needs while making them feel welcomed and valued. Several ideas are discussed below and we would love to hear if you have others to add or have suggestions for improving the ones discussed. Some of these ideas will fit well with our youth program. For others, we will need a “staff” of volunteers. After reading this synopsis, please feel free to contact Wendy Voss (352-5669 or [rwvoss@q.com](mailto:rwvoss@q.com)) or Mo. Jean to share your ideas, concerns, or willingness to participate.

1. If you have ever traveled abroad, you know how confused you can become. Adjustment to a new life leads to many questions. Additionally, in some instances, misinformation can cause problems. We would like to make Grace a location where newcomers can come to get reliable help and answers to any questions they may have. I have personally been surprised at how many questions I receive from my students at school. For instance “When does practice [for a sport] start,” “Can you talk to my doctor/coach for me,” “Can you help me fill out paperwork for a school sport,” “How many, what kind and what methods are allowed for fishing,” etc. Being a welcoming and caring place that is open to questions and willing to find solutions or information should help make life easier for this group. For this project, we would need people who are willing to listen to concerns, offer suggestions and/or help in finding answers and solving problems.

2. There is a certain amount of friction between ethnic groups in our schools and in our community. I believe much of this is based on misunderstandings. I have been working with Karen kids in particular for two years now and find them to be very polite, funny, smart, curious and fun kids, just like our own. While in school, groups are often separated due to varying educational needs. Therefore, different ethnic groups do not get many opportunities to interact in fun ways. Increased, fun extra-curricular interactions should lead to better understanding of each other and more appreciation of differences and similarities. We would like to find ways to encourage these interactions. Fun activities could include bingo (we all enjoyed this last spring), sledding, fishing, soccer, perhaps even cooking, etc (if you have any other ideas or suggestions for fun activities, we would love to hear them). The earlier these kids get together, the sooner they will become friends. Another great way to do this on a regular basis would be to have our youth (along with adults) offer tutoring sessions. These ideas lend themselves well to being incorporated into the youth program at the church.

3. After refugees have lived in the United States for one year, they are eligible to apply for a green card. Some locations in the US have resources to provide this service at no charge. In Huron, however, the charge per person for filling out

the necessary paperwork for a green card application is \$200 (this can be substantial for a large family). Additionally, the paperwork must be filed in Sioux Falls where all applicants must present themselves in person. Transportation can be an issue. One idea is that we could open the church once a week, every two weeks, or once a month in order to help families fill out the required paperwork (frequency to be discussed and may change as we see how much demand there is for this). We do have a lead on a volunteer to work as a Karen translator if we decide to take on this project. Additionally, people willing to help fill out paperwork as well as people interested in transporting families to Sioux Falls to submit the paperwork would be needed.

So many people feel the call to serve and minister in far off places where there is clear need and poverty. We are in the unique situation that the need has come to us here at home. There is so much need in our community that we don't have to look far for ways to be helpful to our neighbors. I have felt a definite calling toward this outreach and would love to see it grow and mature. Think about yourself. What are your unique talents? Are you interested in using those talents to help newcomers adjust to their new lives and to help our community adjust to its changing population? Please share your ideas with Mo. Jean or contact me directly (352-5669 or [rwvoss@q.com](mailto:rwvoss@q.com)). Thank you.

Wendy Voss

## Lower Brule Happenings

Mo. Jean and I traveled to Lower Brule on Monday, July 1, visiting the Akta Lakota museum in Chamberlain and then the Lower Brule casino (lunch), the Wildlife Department (identify a native grass), and then on to the Boys & Girls Club. The club attendance has nearly doubled and it has been necessary to cut off attendance to 57 – which is their capacity. Tonya, Mo. Jean and I visited about scheduling a fishing trip for our Sunday School children, as well as taking a picnic to them. Tonya was excited about the possibility. The fishing has been very good and the kids were very excited as they were leaving the club to go fishing.

Your generosity continues to astound me! The following is a list of what we were able to provide. Tonya was overjoyed!

21 Girls Swim Suits  
 11 Boys Swim Suits (wasn't the availability)  
 5 Boys Warm Up Pants  
 5 Girls Warm Up Coverups  
 3 Boys Tanks  
 1 Pair Boys Shorts  
 14 Pair of Sport Socks  
 2 Beach Towels  
 5 pair of Goggles  
 Several Used/Clean Sweat Shirts  
 1 Minute to Win It Game  
 1 Uno Card Game  
 52 Piece Sidewalk Chalk Set  
 30 AA Batteries  
 50 Dry Erases Markers of various colors/sizes  
 3 Reg Markers  
 8 Wet Erase Markers  
 7 Colored Duct Tape  
 10 Pocket Portfolios  
 Ruled Writing Paper

Thank you very much. I received a total of nearly \$365 to go shopping with in addition to the gifts brought to the church. We are blessed and I am very grateful for your generosity and continued support of this project. Thank you!

Joanne

## August Birthdays, Anniversaries &

### *In Memorium*

- 4 Arlan Brenner (B)
- 5 Annie Mae Turner (I.M.)
- 6 Paula Ellwein (B)
- 9 Connie Vicuna (B); Eunice Denney (I.M.)
- 10 Ardes Spaulding (B); Mabel Jones (I.M.)
- 11 Virginia Newquist (B); Nicolas & Kati Vicuna (A)
- 13 Adele Marie Groves (I.M.)
- 14 Cheri Bjorke (B); Alice Sexton (I.M.)
- 15 Sarah Rubish (B); Howard & Diana Bonnemann (A)
- 16 Jorge Vicuna (B); Rodney & Beckie Freeman, Ron & Marie Wheeler, Doug & Cheri Bjorke (A)
- 17 Marie Wheeler, Gus Marcus (B); Dick & Ruth Sievert (A); Katherine Manolis, Sadie Jones (I.M.)
- 18 Mark & Libby Berman (A)
- 19 Caiden Vicuna (B)
- 20 Gertrude Lampe (I.M.)
- 21 Brad Smith (I.M.)
- 23 David Clark (B)
- 24 Bill & Dawn Johnson (A)
- 26 Robert Sauer, Wava K. Larsen, (I.M.)
- 27 Jessica Hotchkiss (B)
- 28 Nick Karras (B)
- 30 Howard Saylor III (B)
- 31 Shelby Bjorke, Jim Saylor (B)

**VESTRY MINUTES – July 16, 2013  
(unapproved)**

Grace Church Vestry met at Grace Church on July 16, 2013, with the following officers present: Mo. Jean Mornard; Marla Lichty, Sr. Warden; Doug Bjorke, Jr. Warden; Connie Vicuna; Joanne Groves; Beckie Freeman; and Marie Wheeler, Treasurer.

Mo. Jean lead in prayer and questions for reflection: “Who are we as a vestry?” “Who are we as a parish?” “If Grace Church went away tomorrow, would the community miss us and what would be missed the most?” are to be brought up at the September meeting.

Old Business: Minutes from the June minutes were read, motion by Connie Vicuna, seconded by Marla Lichty to approve the minutes.

Treasurers Report: The treasurer’s report was reviewed with discussion, motion by Joanne Groves, seconded by Beckie Freeman to approve the treasurer’s report.

Sign update: Marla Lichty shared a picture of what the new church sign will be, which was approved by the group. Marla will contact the sign contractor to schedule ordering and installation.

Rectors Report: Mo. Jean reported that the Gideons plan to visit during a church service in October. We need to appoint someone to be a delegate to Diocesan Convention or see if Sherry VanDoren, our alternate, will take the open position. The vestry is 1/3 of our parish size. Should we downsize or leave it the same? Bring up at annual meeting. New formation curriculum for Wednesday night bible study for youth, which will be two times a month with a children’s service starting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Marie Wheeler reported that there is \$350.00 budgeted for youth ministry.

Sr. Warden Report: Marla Lichty reported on the plans for Vacation Bible School. Kickoff night will be Sunday, July 28, from 6 to 7:30 in

the church yard, inviting the neighborhood for food, fellowship and fun. VBS will be Monday, July 29, from 11 to 7 with the theme “Our Faith Is Over The Top” and a family supper to be from 6 to 7 Monday evening. August 13 is the Huron Community Day of

Caring and the middle school and high school students from our church will be weeding Dakota Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Sarah is talking with the other churches in the area to see if they would join them in this outreach project.

Jr. Warden Report: Doug Bjorke reported on the bats in the sanctuary, the lawn maintenance and the glass replaced in the north lamp post.

Stewardship Committee Report: Connie Vicuna reported on this group’s progress. Connie showed an email from the Plainsman from an advertisement that ran in 1985. She also shared with the group an advertisement that committee member Cheri Bjorke designed. The prices of advertising in certain publications were discussed. Running news items in the newspaper versus placing an ad was discussed. The four signs on the edge of Huron along the incoming highways were discussed. Watch the church bulletin board for Stewardship Committee report and a list of other ideas.

Finance Committee Report: For necessary equipment purchases and insurances, \$7,500 was added to this year’s budget from the 6-month finance committee review. The Federal Government Securities is not performing well at -2.2% YTD; the Federated Clover Fund has made 13.44% YTD. Motion by Marla Lichty, seconded by Joanne Groves to have Joanne Morford move Fed. Gov. Sec. Fund to Federated Capital Income Fund. Another person is needed on the Finance Committee. The Vestry recommended Connie Vicuna. Motioned by Joanne Groves, seconded by Marla Lichty to appoint Connie to the Finance Committee, and she accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Next meeting will be September 17, 2013.

Submitted by Douglas Bjorke, Clerk

## **Don’t Forget...**

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE IN THE  
OFFICE BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH**