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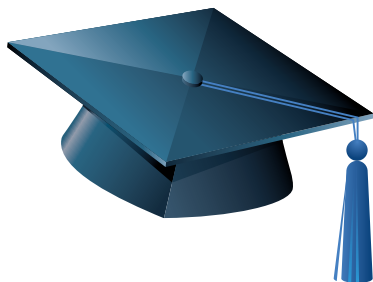
JUNE 2013

SENIOR SUNDAY IS JUNE 2!

High school graduation is a big marker in the life of any young person and it's an opportunity for the church family to not only celebrate but honor and pray for the young people of our church who are not only graduating but have grown up in our midst.

Heather Mulcahy, Chance Richards, and Chase Richards are all in the Class of '13 and we'll take some special time during worship on June 2 to recognize them, find out their plans for the future (at least the near future), and pray for them. We don't want to lose track of these young adults so it will be good to hear how we can stay in touch and let them know that they are valued members of our church family.

Please be sure to join us for worship on June 2 to glorify God and thank God for these wonderful young people and their accomplishment!



SUMMER SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Can you name the "Seven Deadly Sins?" Do you know the origin of them? Are they named in the Bible? Are they related to the Ten Commandments? Did Jesus give them to us? Did Paul or Peter or John cook them up in the Epistles? Are they something the Roman Catholic church uses to make their members feel guilty and Protestants don't need to know about them?

In June and in August (July has a lot of other excitement in it), Pastor Gretchen will give us the "list" and discuss each of the sins. The schedule looks like this:

June 2: Naming the seven deadly sins, exploring how the list came to be,

and why it is a good idea to be aware of them.

- June 9: Pride
- June 16 (Father's Day): Envy
- June 23: Anger
- August 4: Sloth
- August 11: Greed
- August 18: Gluttony
- August 25: Lust

The point of the series is help us be aware of whether we are living to God's glory or not and to be able to find God in the midst of our sinfulness so that we might be strengthened to stand up against Satan who is always actively working to draw us away from God. And, hopefully, we'll have some fun!

So keep in mind the months of June and August for this series – and maybe mark your calendars for the specific subject matter to be discussed each week.

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June 2013

I almost didn't write a note to you all this month. As the deadline neared, something happened that made me angrier than I can remember being in a very, very long time – years and years, in fact. I was so mad that I just didn't feel like communicating with anyone, even you, my church family. It was the kind of anger that might drive someone to write Psalm 88 (and I would advise you to only read Psalm 88 on a sunny day).

What made me so angry is irrelevant right now (at least to this discussion). But as I continue to deal with my anger, I wanted to share with you some wisdom shared with me in the midst of it that may be of help to you.

My spiritual director said he had recently heard Thomas Keating speak. Keating is widely known for his own wisdom and teachings on spirituality and meditation; being in touch with God in every moment of our lives. I'm not certain of his age, but he must be around 90 so this is a man who brings not only the gifts of spirituality from the Holy Spirit, but years of experience and deliberate study of what brings us closer to God.

Anyway, my spiritual director shared with me Keating's observations that "God plays games with us." Now this playing games is not in the malicious sense that we might feel in disgust when dealing with other people. Rather, the games God plays with us have a sense of whimsy; they are games similar to those that a parent might play with a child. One of those games that God plays with us is "Hide and Seek."

So, when we're "playing" along with God, we might be softly calling out (almost musically), "Go-d! Where are you? Go-d! Where are you?"

And God answers (also musically), "I'm right here! Right here in your emotions!"

The story stopped me in my tracks. God is right here? Right in the midst of my deep and debilitating anger? It stopped me all right. I stopped concentrating on how angry I was and started searching for God in the midst of it.

I'm not over being angry. That kind of anger is hard to deal with and I have not been able to just walk away from it. But I can tell you that my blood pressure has come down. I have a sense of calm about it. And, perhaps most importantly, my eye is on finding God in that anger rather than concentrating on the anger itself.

If God is in our emotions, like anger, then isn't God also in our grief, our depression, our joy, our suffering, our peace, our envy, our greed, our thanksgiving? Think of the emotions you have experienced just today or even in the past week or month and see if you can "find" God in this game of "hide and seek" that God is playing with us.

You might get stopped in your tracks like I was. And it may change entirely what you do with your emotions when you know God is in them.

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Gretchen

WORSHIP LEADERS

June 2 Diane Lukins
June 9 Jim Brown
June 16 Greg Manning
June 23
June 30 Marcia Brown

SONG LEADERS

June 2 Jim and Marcia Brown
June 9 Jim Brown
June 16
June 23
June 30

OFFERTORIES

June 2 The Choir
June 9
June 16 No Commitment Choir & Medora Richards
June 23 Trumpet, Terry Anderson
June 30

KIDDIE KEEP

June 2 Amy Klann, Mae Stocks; Back-up: Kris Morgan
June 9 Kris Morgan, Chase or Chance Richards;
Back-up: Kristie Tobin
June 16 Cassie Leckwee, Allie Gorton; Back-up: Adrienne Tritt
June 23 Kris Morgan, Rose Heins; Back-up: Amy Klann
June 30 Cindy Leckwee, Mae Stocks; Back-up: Cassie Leckwee

USHERS

June 2 Kristie and Jason Tobin
June 9 Dan and Deanne Richards
June 16 Marcia and Jim Brown
June 23 Tom and Adrienne Tritt
June 30 Richard and Vonda Lee Schmidt

GREETERS

June 2 Mike and Kris Morgan
June 9 Rich and Vonda Lee Schmidt
June 16 Dan and DeAnn Richards
June 23 Herb Damsteegt and Gale Nelson
June 30

ACCOMPANISTS

June 2 Rana Hughey
June 9 Audrey Kohn
June 16 Rana Hughey
June 23 Jean Mulcahy
June 30 Audrey Kohn

COUNTERS

June 2 Beanie Ludlum and Sandy DeSelle
June 9 Marcia Brown, Greg Manning
June 16 Dawn Salzman and Rick VanFossen
June 23
June 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!

We'd like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday. If your birthday is in June and your name is not listed, please let the office know the date of your birthday so that it can be entered in the computer.

6/7 ALLIE GORTON
6/9 RILEY LECKWEE
BAILEY LECKWEE
6/13 MARK DESELLE
BEN HUGHEY
6/18 ABBY GROVES
6/19 JARED BAUER
LINDA DAMSTEEGT
6/23 TOM BENDER
6/26 TRAVIS DRAKE



SERMONS AVAILABLE

Written and audio versions of Pastor Gretchen's sermons are now available on the church website: www.lodipresbyterianchurch.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

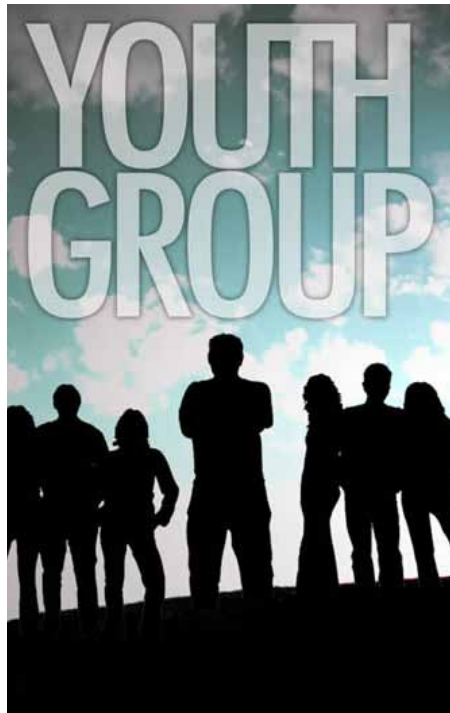
Deadline for all newsletter articles for the July newsletter will be Thursday, June 20, 9 a.m.. If you would like an article in the newsletter, you can e-mail the Church office at office@lodifpc.org or leave it on the desk in the church office.

JUNE 2013 YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Hello fellow Christ-Lovers!

This past month has been pretty quiet for the youth group. We have been talking about being proactive and getting out there in life and doing something to help others. During the weekend of May 18, the youth and I slept at the fairgrounds in participation with Shantytown. God had blessed us with fantastic weather, great leadership, and upbeat music. During this weekend, we didn't only spend time with those from our church but we were also in the company of the Lodi Methodist, First Lutheran, Baraboo Presbyterian, and the Knights of Columbus. It was wonderful to watch the youth from our churches bond and build new friendships. But most of all, the amazing work they did for others in need was a great thing to witness. As part of Shantytown, the youth are to get pledges to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. The money goes towards the next new house. Once the totals were counted, the whole group made over \$2,000 for the cause, \$970 of that was from our church alone. The amazing part is that the kids raised this money knowing that there would be a matched donation so all together we raised \$1,940! What an amazing job our youth did for others.

Speaking of raising outstanding amounts of money, our Mission Trip team did some amazing things as well. First off, on behalf of the Mission team, I want to thank all of you who donated both items and time to our



group. We appreciate it more than any of you know. During that weekend, we had amazing weather and a wonderful turn out. Over the course of the weekend, our group managed to raise \$1,437 to pay their way to Belleville, Ill., this summer. Second, we want to thank all of you who donated to the ransom of those "terrible" people who kidnapped our pastor. If it wasn't for you we might still be Gretchen-less. Because of your efforts we were able to get \$366.33 for the return of our beloved Pastor Gretchen.

Over the past month our youth have worked together so amazingly they were able to do big things. I believe that the kids are realizing that as long as you have prayer and each other anything is possible. Thank you again for everything this congregation has done to help further our youth program. It can only grow from here.

God Bless!
Cassy VanFossen, Youth Director

Upcoming Youth Events

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The mission trip will soon be here and we will be loading up the cars to make the six hour drive to Belleville, Ill. Since this will be soon approaching, we will have one more meeting before the day of departure. Our final meeting will be June 16 at 3 p.m. at the church. We will be passing out t-shirts and going over a few final details before leaving that following Saturday. I am requiring that all who are participating attend this meeting and any parents who have any questions or concerns to be present as well.



DINNER HOSTS

I have a sign-up sheet for dinner hosts so please keep your eye on the bulletin board, and please sign up! Just remember this is never limited to just youth group parents; anyone is welcome to be a part of our Sunday night craziness!



JUNE 2013

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>May 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>July 2013</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30 31</p>							1	
<p>Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Communion Sunday, Senior Sunday</p> <p>(SCRIP Orders Taken)</p> <p>Fellowship, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Group, 5-7 p.m.</p>	2		3	<p>AA/Al-Anon Meetings, 7:30 p.m.</p>	4	5	6	7	8
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<p>Father's Day</p> <p>Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p>(SCRIP Orders Taken)</p> <p>Fellowship, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Mission Trip Youth Group Meeting, 3 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Group, 5-7 p.m.</p>	16	17	18	<p>Session, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>AA/Al-Anon Meetings, 7:30 p.m.</p>	19	20	21	22	
<p>Youth Group Departs For Mission Trip, 8 a.m.</p> <p>Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p>(SCRIP Orders Delivered)</p> <p>Fellowship, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m.</p>	23	24	25	<p>Newsletter Mailing, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>AA/Al-Anon Meetings, 7:30 p.m.</p>	26	27	28	29	
<p>Worship Led By Mission Trip Youth, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School For All Ages, 10:30 a.m.</p>	30			<p>Lodi Clergy Meeting, 11:30 a.m.</p>				<p>Youth Group Returns From Mission Trip, 5:00 p.m.</p>	

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Phase 1 and 2 are almost complete on the windows. TMH Masonry has some additional caulking left to do. Fundraising needs to continue as we have a \$5,000 donation to match. If we get the matching amount, we can hopefully go to Phase 3. We also need volunteers to help with mowing the grounds this year. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. The gas and lawn mowers will be provided. If a child under 18 wants to volunteer, please check with me. Thanks and God Bless!

Paul Ammann

SCRIP UPDATE

As of May 19, 2013, the SCRIP program has earned \$998 for our church operating budget. Thank you to all of you who are participating in the program. It is easy and painless once you get into the habit, and it really benefits the church.

An order form is always a part of this newsletter. Look it over. Remember SCRIP orders are taken the first and third Sundays each month, and they are delivered the second and fourth Sundays. Martha Ammann is now the person to see with your orders. If you have questions or do not see a retailer on the list, please ask her or Marcia to help you out.

THANK YOU....

On behalf of the Worship and Evangelism committees, we want to thank everyone for making the Friesland Community Men's Chorus feel so welcome in our church on Sunday, May 19. It was wonderful to see our sanctuary so full of folks enjoying the sounds of gospel harmony and hearing again the simple message of Jesus as Lord. Thank you for inviting so many guests to the service and for providing them with our own special measure of Lodi First Pres hospitality. The brunch table was filled to overflowing and so very appreciated by the singers and others who stayed to join in the fellowship. Thank you again to all those who contributed.

Marcia Brown

AMERICAN RED CROSS LODI AREA BLOOD DRIVE

The annual Lodi Area Blood Drive will be held Friday, June 7 from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 130 Locust Street, Lodi. All presenting donors will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of 12 Bucky Books, generously donated by the Bucky Book Company.

ROCK THE RESTORE EVENT

A fun night is planned for Friday, June 7 to raise funds for the Habitat ReStore and our affiliate. The event will be held at our ReStore in Baraboo, 1212 8th Street, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be music, raffles, door prizes and a Mexican taco bar. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$8 for youth 6 to 12, free for 5 and under. Plan to come and have a great time.

Marcia Brown

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT CONTRIBUTED EASTER LILIES TO ADORN OUR SANCTUARY.

THEY ARE:

Terry C. & Gretchen Lord Anderson
*In Memory of Oscar & Marguerite Anderson
and Tony & Mildred Lord*

Pam Odorizzi, Sandy DeSelle,
Diane Lukins
*In Memory of Harvey Lillemon
& David Johnson*

Rod & Bobbi Hanson
In Honor of our grandchildren

Justin and Allie Gorton
In Honor and memory of our grandparents

Jim and Dawn Salzman
In Memory of Cecil Salzman

Mike and Kris Morgan
In Memory of our grandparents

Kathy Markgraf
In Memory of Jim Markgraf

JennyRadl
In Memory of Robert (Bud) Radl

MISSION NEWS

MISSION THANK YOUS....

Hope House in Baraboo sends a thank you for your mission pledge of \$400. Hope House is a residential facility providing services to victims of domestic assault and/or sexual violence.

Lodi Valley Personal Essentials Center sends a thank you for your donations of kitchen and laundry products.

World Mission Church Support PC(USA) sent a letter thanking us for our continuing support of the peace-making efforts in the South Sudan with missionaries Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, who replaced Rev. Deb and Del Braaksma. South Sudan continues to be afflicted with violence.

The above letters and notes are on the bulletin board in the sanctuary.

If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday...

Isaiah 58:9b-10

The Yucatan Peninsula Mission team wants to enlist your help in constructing the school buildings located in the Mexican village of Leona Vicario. We need construction materials and your purchase of cement blocks for \$1 each will help us reach our goal. We have previously laid over 700 blocks and last year poured a floor using 5 gallon pails of cement brigaded from the mixer to the school structure. We have a goal of 1,000 blocks. There will be a contribution form in the June 2 bulletin. Please mark your check YPM Blocks in the memo space and sign the colored paper with your gift and name and we will laminate the papers and place in the new structure. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach mission.

Dorothy Richards

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More cards available. Please ask if there is something you don't see. Thanks Beanie

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Disney \$25.00	2.00%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Dressbarn \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Family Christian Stores \$25.00	9.00%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$
American Airlines \$100.00	8.00%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	GNC \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Home Depot \$100.00	**5.00%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	**5.00%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$25.00	9.00%		\$	iTunes® \$15.00	5.00%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9.00%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5.00%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	**18.00%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	**11.00%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.00%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.00%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Sears \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Boston Store \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4.00%		\$
BP \$100.00	1.50%		\$	Kwik Trip \$100.00	**9.00%		\$	Sentry \$10.00	3.00%		\$
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Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8.00%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	**17.00%		\$	Shopko \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	16.00%		\$	Shopko \$50.00	3.00%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Six Flags One-Day Admission Ticket \$32.00	8.00%		\$
Carnival Cruise Lines \$100.00	8.00%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Menards \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Subway \$10.00	3.00%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1.50%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Copps (WI only) \$50.00	4.00%		\$	Old Chicago \$25.00	6.00%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Cousins Subs \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5.00%		\$	TGI Friday's \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Toys-R-Us \$20.00	1.50%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6.00%		\$
Disney \$100.00	2.00%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.00%		\$
				Panera Bread \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.00%		\$

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL
(DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)**

10:15 a.m.

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Paul Ammann

Class of 2015

Beanie Ludlum
Dawn Salzman
Dorothy Richards

Dawn Salzman, Clerk of Session

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