

# September 2010



## THE MESSENGER

Newsletter for the Fisher-Bygland Lutheran Parish

### THIS MONTH

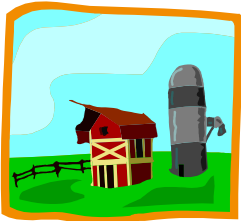
-September 1, 2010 - Fisher  
Council Meeting at 8:00 PM

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Council Meeting at 8:00 PM

-September 12, 2010 - Rally  
Sunday kick-off to the new  
Sunday School year

-September 19, 2010 - Town  
Hall Open Forum with Presiding  
Bishop Mark S. Hanson

-September 26, 2010 - Thank  
Offering & Blanket Sunday



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### A Note From Pastor Karen

#### Back to School

It is that time of the year again. It is the time for kids to go back to school, football and volleyball to start, beet harvest is just around the corner, and fall hunting seasons gear up. The wheat that I wrote about last spring as bright green shoots has turned to golden brown and been harvested. Another season has come and gone. It seems to happen faster each year.

Are you ready for back to school? Maybe it has been a long time since your days of studying, maybe you study regularly, either way, I would like to invite you back to school by offering Bible studies for adults. People of Faith Bible Studies is a series designed to explore Bible characters in the belief that the stories of God's people are also about us. These stories tell us who we are-and who God is for us. Each session focuses on a specific character in the Bible in a way that is appealing and fun. This series is a great way to build familiarity and understanding of the major characters in the Bible.

Our first study will be "A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat" about Adam, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob. The studies will meet Wednesdays, September 15, 22, and 29, at 7:30 PM at Fisher Lutheran and Thursdays, September 16, 23, and 30, at 10:30 AM at Bygland. Be a part of this exciting back to school time and join me for Bible Study. God bless all of you in this busy season.



# Parish News & Events

## In And Around The Community...

- ✓ **September 2, 2010 - Colorado Peaches** last delivery date. These are sold through the Grand Forks chapter of Youth For Christ as a fund-raiser. One case is \$29.00 and will satisfy your whole family for a week or more! Order by calling Cody Weckerly at 701-757-1726.
- ✓ **October 1, 2010 - ELCA Global Mission “Glocal Gathering” in Grand Forks.** The ELCA brings together experience and resources in global and domestic ministry under one roof, so leadership teams can build the skills needed to be a part of God’s mission, no matter where service happens. Contact Pastor Karen for more information.
- ✓ **October 28, 2010 - Women’s Pregnancy Center Fundraising Banquet.** A dinner and program will be held to raise funds for the center, at the Touch of Magic Ballroom in East Grand Forks from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. To attend or sponsor a table please call 701-746-8866.

## Email Glitches



Emailing has become a common form of communication for many of us. However, in an effort to protect computers, anti-spam filters can sometimes prevent “good” email from coming through.

When you receive an email, try to send a reply to the sender when you read it, that way the sender knows you received it. If no reply is made, the sender might want to try again by email or make a phone call to follow up.



## Call Committee Update

The Call Committee continues to make progress and maintain communication with both the synod office and the church councils. More information will be shared during the next several weeks.

## Seasons Cycle

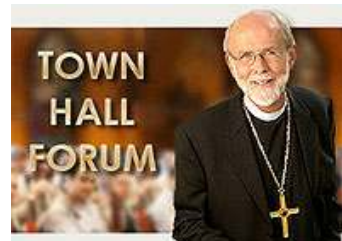


## So Do Marriages

All marriages experience seasons of Harmony & Joy alternating with times of Frustration and Disillusionment. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you new tools to weather the changes using deeper communication and love.

In an intimate retreat setting, away from the rest of the world, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. You’ll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals beginning Friday at 7:00 PM and concluding Sunday at 5:00 PM.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 22-24 in Duluth; and November 19-21 in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 736-561-1575 or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).



## Town Hall Forum with the Bishop

If you could ask Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson one question about the ELCA, what would it be? Submit your question at the next on-line, Town Hall Forum on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 4:00 PM. Participation is easy and convenient: watch the event live from 4:00 to 5:00 at [www.elca.org/townhall](http://www.elca.org/townhall). Log in to post questions on-line. Post questions using Facebook Connect. Tweet about the event using hashtags #ELCA and #Bishop Hanson. You can also view open captioning.

Whether or not you have a question to ask, be a part of the nationwide conversation with other ELCA members about issues that matter to all of us. Here’s your chance to make your voice heard!

# Bygland News

## Adopt-A-Highway Day



Come out and join us on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM for the Adopt-A-Highway Program. This is the Minnesota Department of Transportation's public service program for volunteers to pick up litter along Minnesota highways. It enables those that participate an opportunity to make a personal contribution to a cleaner environment. We now have 1.8 miles south that extends from the church to Mile Post 16 and the other being the section of roadway 2 miles north that extends from the church to Mile Post 19.8. It usually takes us a little over an hour to complete our assignment. Might be a little more time with the addition of our new section, dependent upon the number of volunteers we have. For those of you who are willing to participate, please dress accordingly in long sleeves/pants, heavy shoes and light colored clothing. You may want to consider wearing bug spray and/or sunscreen as needed. Also bring along a bottle of water and a pair of gloves. Please plan on arriving to the church on time, in order to view the Adopt-A-Highway safety instructions DVD and to get outfitted in a safety vest. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly Wavra at (218) 893-4261. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Thank You!



A "BIG" thank you to all of the Bygland Lutheran Church Community for supporting the 3rd Annual Rummage and Vendor sale to support the Sunday School. We had a nice turn-out and the funds raised will be put to good use in our program. A special thanks to the following volunteers for their time and effort with the sale (whether it was moving tables, sorting rummage, providing bars, cleaning up after the sale, etc.): Ardis Maney, Jim & Marsha Ketrang, Becky Moe, Barb Short, Phil & Arlet Phillips, Eric & Becky Egeland, Jeff Millar, Dennis Jenson, Holly & Kent Wavra, Pam Robertson, Carol & Ozzie Moe, and Eileen Wurden. A special thanks to all of the vendors who participated in our day: Brenda Kovar (Pampered Chef), Jane Bushaw (Norwex), Jane Martinez (Creative Memories), Julie Helling (Lia Sophia), Myrna Evenson (Jockey Person to Person), Alice Anderson (Tastefully Simple), Cheri Pagnac (Memory Works), Pam Robertson (Miche Purses), Jodi Hedl (UpperCase Living/Hand made tutu's), and Yvonne Jones (Hand made tutu's and hair bows). Also an extra special thank you to Kent Wavra for creating and donating all of the signs; Becky Conati for your special touch in the weekly messenger, and to the ARC Upper Valley for picking up our unsold donations. We are very grateful to everyone who donated items to our sale; who pitched in to help; and to anyone I may have missed mentioning "THANK YOU." Our program benefits from our fundraising greatly, last year we were able to purchase new holiday costumes for our program. On behalf of the Bygland Lutheran Sunday School ~ "Thank You!" and "God Bless You!"

## Quilting

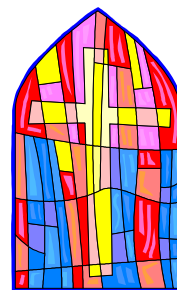


Quilting at Bygland this month will be on September 1 and 15, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## Book Club



Members of the Book Club will meet on September 23, 2010 to discuss THE LOTTERY (Patrician Wood). We will meet in Ardis's gazebo at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome!



*God is like Bounty...  
He is the quicker  
picker upper..Can  
handle the tough  
jobs... And He won't  
fall apart on you!*

*God is like Bayer  
Aspirin...He works  
miracles!*

# Fisher News

## WELCA September Events

September 8, 2010 - Meeting

September 18, 2010 - Fall Cluster Gathering at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston

September 22, 2010 - Circle

September 26, 2010 - Blanket Sunday and Thank Offering

## New Addresses



**Art Tinkham** has moved from the Pines to Maples Good Samaritan building. His new address is as follows: 2122 River Road NW, Apt M109, East Grand Forks, MN 56721.

**Vivian Forseth** is now living in Crookston in the Nimens-Espegard apartments. Her address and phone number are as follows: 1700 Widman Lane, Apt 429C, Crookston, MN 56716. Phone 218-470-1020.

## Bridal Shower



There will be an open house bridal shower for **Sarah Marschall** on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Fisher Lutheran Church, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. She will be marrying Eric Friesner at FLC on October 16, 2010. Sarah and Eric are registered at Target and Bed Bath and Beyond. All are welcome!

## With Sympathy



Our sympathy goes out to the family of Danny Amundson, who died on July 15, 2010. His funeral was held at Fisher Lutheran Church on July 20, 2010.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Patricia Anderson of Fisher, who died on August 12, 2010. Her funeral was held at Sacred Heart .

Love and prayers to the family and friends of Todd Radi, who lost his hard fought battle with cancer on August 12, 2010. The courage and strength Todd, his wife Nichelle, and his entire family showed during their journey was inspiring to many. His funeral was held on August 19, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisher.

## Maintenance and Repairs



The summer of 2010 was indeed one filled with plenty of action. Many thunderstorms rolled through our area, including heavy lightening and rainfalls. Along with the storms came some unexpected maintenance and repairs at the church. Some many have heard the church bell going off early one morning, set off by a power surge during a storm. In early August, the water pump that operates the entire geothermal heating and cooling system went out of commission (not due to storms) and needed to be replaced. After many phone calls, consultations, and the shipment of a long-distance part, the new pump is now in and the air conditioning is working again.

## July 7, 2010 Council Minutes

Present: Scott Knutson, Bruce Newhouse, Tyler Grove, John McDonald, Gail Engel, Caroline Tinkham, Kelly Dregenson, and Pastor Karen Young Trenne.

Meeting was called to order by President Scott Knutson.

The Secretary's Minutes from May & June were read by the council members. A motion was MSC to approve them. The Treasurer's Financial Reports from June were reviewed and discussed. A motion was MSC to approve them.

Unfinished Business: The Parsonage Committee has al the bids for re-shingling the parsonage and the committee is reviewing them. The roof of the church has been tarred and repaired where there was a leak, and the relief valve on the water heater is leaking and needs to be repaired.

New Business: There was a motion to approve giving the Concordia Scholarship to Shiney Anderson again for the 2010-11 school year. MSC to approve.

Devotions were done by Pastor Karen and she reported on her pastoral acts in the month of June.

The next meeting will be September 1, 2010 at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Dregenson

# Youth News

## FISHER

### Youth Group



The Fisher Youth Group is planning a rock climbing event during the month of September. Watch the mid-week memos for more details!

### Rally Sunday



Rally Sunday is set for September 12, 2010 at the 11:00 AM Worship. We will have an Inspire service with special music, video, installation of teachers, and a blessing of our backpacks!

Please bring your school backpacks to worship that day, as Pastor Karen has a special blessing that will be done during the service.

Let's get ready for the new Sunday School year with fire and excitement! See you there!

## Confirmation Classes

Pastor Karen will be holding a meeting for all 7th, 8th and 9th graders and their parents on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Fisher Church. Confirmation classes will meet on Wednesday, September 22, and Wednesday September 29, at 6:00 PM in Fisher.

## BYGLAND

### Rally Sunday



Welcome back to the new Sunday School year! Rally Sunday will be held during the 9:00 AM Worship service on Sunday, September 12, 2010. There will be a blessing of the backpacks that day, so please bring yours to worship that day. Stay tuned for more information as the day draws near!

Let's fire up for all the great things that Sunday School brings!



## Faith & Fitness

Mind, Body and Soul



Faith & Fitness classes start on September 14, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston. Faith & Fitness All Levels Class focuses on full body fitness for women, and tones and conditions your whole body. This fun and exciting class includes full body strength, flexibility, cardio, balance and fat loss. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 PM on the 3rd floor of Trinity. The cost is \$30.00 for an 8 week program.

New this year is a "50 and Up" class for those over 50! This class starts September 22, 2010. For more information or to register, call Betty Finkenbinder at 218-289-0098 (NETA Certified Instructor).