

# August 2010



## THE MESSENGER

Newsletter for the Fisher-Bygland Lutheran Parish

### THIS MONTH

-August 7, 2010 - Bygland community rummage sale

August 25, 2010 - Bygland picnic at 6:30 PM

-August 26, 2010 - Book Club meets at Ardis's gazebo at 7:00 PM

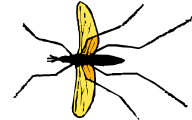


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### A Message from Pastor Karen...



#### Mosquito Bites

When did you last have a mosquito bite? Living on the Northern Plains, mosquitoes are an unwelcome part of our summer experience. Mosquito bites usually just produce an annoying itch, but they can be dangerous. They can lead to encephalitis and West Nile virus, both which can be life threatening. But for people in tropical and sub-tropical regions of the world, mosquito bites are most dangerous because they can spread malaria.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, in 2008, an estimated 190-311 million cases of malaria occurred worldwide and 708,000-1,003,000 people died, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa. The **Lutheran Malaria Initiative** is part of a comprehensive international effort to reduce infant and child mortality by two-thirds and reduce overall incidences of malaria in Africa by 2015. The initiative mobilized U.S. Lutherans in the global fight against malaria and is a movement led by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Lutheran World Relief. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is made possible through support from the United Nations Foundation.

Christ calls us to work for justice, peace and healing in the world. By joining with Lutheran churches and partners in other countries, we can help communities lift themselves out of poverty. With proven strategies to fight malaria, we can make a real difference in the fight against this terrible disease. **Together we can help restore health and inspire hope for millions of people.**

For just \$10 you can provide a family with a mosquito net. Mosquito nets are the first defense against malaria. You can gift your gift through your congregation, simply mark Mosquito net on your check or envelope. You can also give online at [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts) and click on mosquito nets in the right column.

I pray that your next mosquito bite only results in an annoying itch. As you are scratching, I encourage you to help millions of people whose lives are put in danger by the same kind of bite, one mosquito net at a time.

In Christ, Pastor Karen

# Parish News & Events

## In And Around The Community...



- ✓ **August 5, 2010 - Bridal Shower** for Heather Johnson (fiancee of Jared Altepeter) will be held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Fisher at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.
- ✓ **August 7, 2010 - Bygland Community Wide Rummage and Vendor Sale.** This event will be held from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Bygland Lutheran Church, with proceeds going towards the Bygland Lutheran Church Sunday School. Set-up: Sunday, August 1, 2010 right after church (should be about an hour) - Volunteers needed to move tables and chairs/ carry down early donations. **Drop Off Donations:** Thursday, August 5, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. **Final Day to Drop Off Donations:** Friday, August 6, 2010 from noon to 3:00 PM. **Sale Day:** Volunteers will be needed at 3:30 PM to take-down the sale and pack up unsold items for donation to a local charity. Donations will be accepted anytime and may be placed in the upstairs room of the Sunday School wing in the room marked "Rummage Sale Donations" up until Sunday, August 2, 2010. If you have any questions regarding making a donation or volunteering, please contact Becky Egeland at 218-891-2261 or Holly Wavra at 218-893-4261. Please make sure all donations are clean. Please do not donate chemicals, broken items, or large appliance (unless otherwise approved).
- ✓ **September 12, 2010 - Tentative** Fisher and Bygland Rally Sunday.
- ✓ **September 25, 2010 - Bygland** Adopt a Highway day.



## ELCA Global Mission "Glocal Gathering" - Grand Forks

Connecting Global and Local

### What's different about this event?

The ELCA Global Mission Gathering 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.

Register for the upcoming event to that will start on Friday, October 1, 2010 at 2:00 PM and close on Saturday, October 2, at 5:30 PM. The event will be held at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks. RSVP by September 25, 2010. Gather a team so that you are able to gain more from the event through sharing information from each of the skill-building workshops.

For more information see Pastor Karen or call 1-800-638-3522.

## Red Hawks Night Out



Our local Thrivent chapter is sponsoring the annual Thrivent Financial Night at the Red Hawks on Thursday, August 19, at Newman Outdoor Stadium. The game will start at 7:02 PM and the event will include a pre-game picnic starting at 6:00 PM. All Thrivent Financial members and their guests are invited to attend. This event is open to all Lutheran. (You do not have to be a Thrivent member in order to attend)

Tickets are just \$7.00 per person and include the picnic supper and reserved seating admission to the game. Tickets must be paid for at the time of reservation and are non-refundable. **Deadline for pre-ordering tickets is Wednesday, July 28, 2010.**

Make checks payable to "FM Red Hawks" (not Thrivent) and send to the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans office at 3303 Fiechtner Dr. S, Suite 100 Fargo, ND 58103 by Wednesday, July 28, 2010. Tickets will be available for pickup at the gate on game day.

If there are still tickets still available after the deadline, tickets may be ordered/picked up at the Thrivent office in Fargo on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Trudeau at 701-478-7151 or email her at [lisa.trudeau@thrivent.com](mailto:lisa.trudeau@thrivent.com)

## Call Committee Update



The Call Committee continues to communicate with the synod office regarding the call process. No new developments at this time.

# Bygland Council Minutes



The Bygland Congregational Council met on July 14, 2010. Members present were Pastor Karen, Roger Krostue, Dennis Jenson, Marsha Ketring, Alan Halvorson, Randy Moe, Holly Wavra, and Ardis Maney.

Vice-president Holly Wavra called the meeting to order, and Pastor Karen led us in devotions. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved as read.

## Old Business:

We are still acquiring bids for shingling the parsonage.

The call committee is completing final work on the synod reports.

## New Business:

One of the sump pumps is making strange noises. Alan will check into it.

Pastor Karen explained the new fees for marriage licenses in Minnesota and how it will affect pre-nuptial counseling. Basically the only change is the fee.

The church picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 25, at 6:30 PM.

Roger Krostue will take care of repairing the broken brick column in the south cemetery. He has contacted a bricklayer, and the work will be done soon.

Council members commented on how nicely the mowing and the church cleaning is being accomplished.

Pastor Karen hopes to lead another Bible study this fall and questioned the council members as to what day and time would work best. Please provide your opinions to Pastor Karen or a council member.

Jon will arrange for pulpit supply for July 25 and August 1 when Pastor Karen will be on vacation.

Council members will not meet in August.

On motion by Randy, seconded by Dennis, the meeting was adjourned and we closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardis Maney, secretary

## Quilting at Bygland- July 7 and 21, 2010 at 9:00 AM



## Book Club

Members of the book club will meet on August 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in Ardis's gazebo, to discuss ON AGATE HILL (Lee Smith) New members are always welcome!



**Fisher WELCA** meets on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

## Colorado Peaches!

The Grand Forks chapter of Youth for Christ is holding its annual fund raiser this summer, selling fresh and fabulous Colorado peaches. If you've ever had these peaches, you know how great they are; huge, sweet and juicy! Scheduled truck delivery dates to Grand Forks are August 12, 19, 26, and September 2. Pre-order on-line at <http://www.yfc.net/Brix?pageID=23178> or call 701-757-1726. The cost is \$30.00 per case. If you can't eat up a whole case, find someone to share it with!

