

Faith news

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALDA UNITED
AND WOOD RIVER FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCHES

JULY 2019

EMPOWERED:

A Twist In The Story - Pastor Trudy

With the past message series, we have been following the life of Peter. We followed him as he first met Jesus, experienced Jesus' miracles and his great proclamation that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. We also journeyed with Peter, through his failures to stay awake, his denial of Jesus and his restoration on the seashore. We often can see ourselves through the story of Peter.

We are going to enter a new chapter in the life of Peter. There is a twist in his story after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He lives a life EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit, where the impossible is made possible. Do we believe the Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us for such radical ministry? Do we believe the impossible becomes possible through the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Do we need a TWIST in our story? Join us over the next few weeks as we continue to hear the story of Peter in order to encounter Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

United Methodist Women

UMW unit meeting was Thursday May 23rd. There were 5 members present. President Mary Bilslend lead the business meeting. Upcoming events are:

June 3: Ruth Circle invite

June 27: UMW meeting - Nyadoar Williamson will share her story with us. Mary Ann will be hostess.

June 28 & 29: District officer's training in Scottsbluff

June 30: United Women Sunday with a speaker

July 26-28: Mission U in Kearney

Aug. 3: Annual Garage Sale Saturday - we will have rummage and serve lunch.

Heartland Disaster Recovery Group

Representatives from Howard, Hall, and Merrick counties have gathered to plan and set into motion a process to help individuals and families continue to find normalcy since the March 2019 flood. Newly minted bylaws mark the establishment of the Heartland Disaster Recovery Group.

The Heartland Disaster Recovery Group will coordinate recovery efforts to bring communities back to a new normal after they have been devastated by disasters in Hall, Hamilton, Howard and Merrick Counties. This group, still in its forming stages, has been meeting weekly for the past four (4) weeks.

Representatives have gathered from agencies and communities such as the Heartland United Way, Grand Island Community Foundation, Wood River Ministerial Association, American Red Cross, County Emergency Managers, Dannebrog Flood Coordinator,

Wood River Vision 20/20, Merrick Foundation, and Salvation Army. More organizations and representative will continue to be added to the group to reflect the communities and people in these counties.

The Heartland Disaster Recovery Group will rely on volunteers from a variety of backgrounds and communities to help facilitate the work of committees in the areas of behavioral health, volunteer coordination, funding, case management, construction, and unmet needs. The group will be collecting and distributing financial and resource donations for ongoing recovery work. To learn more, make a donation or find ways to be involved through volunteerism contact Elizabeth Troyer-Miller, Heartland Disaster Recovery Outreach Coordinator, at disaster@heartlandunitedway.org or reach out on our Facebook page.

CHRYSALIS

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

There, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Cor. 5:17

August 1-4, 2019 at

Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE

**MISSION: Empowering Leaders to be the
hands and feet of Christ**

Chrysalis is for high school students who have finished the 9th grade and it is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God

Grow in your faith by encountering the love of Jesus Christ. You do not have to be United Methodist to attend, youth from all denominations are welcome. If you are interested talk to Pastor Trudy and to get more information you can go to

<https://www.nebraskachrysalis.org/about/>

WR FUMC Giving Report

I thank you for your giving to the ministry and mission of Wood River FUMC. We continue to need your support with great outreach ministries in July. We have the Community Pool Party and Vacation Bible School taking place and it is the opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with children and families. We are also looking toward the future and praying about how God is calling us to reinvigorate our children's and youth ministry. Join us in ministry by giving faithfully and generously so we can Connect with God and others to impact the community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Budgeted Monthly Expenses: \$11,482.17

Offerings in May:

May 5 : \$1035.00

May 12: \$2070.50

May 19: \$1273.75

May 26: \$2787.00

Total given: \$7166.25

Offerings in June:

June 2: \$3280.00

June 9: \$1735.35

June 16: \$1038.00

June 23: \$1195.50

June 30: Not available
at time of printing

Total given: \$7248.85

Church Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed
7:30am-1:30pm

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PASTOR TRUDY ON VACATION 7:30 Ruth Circle <i>Julie Schellpeper</i>	2 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Bob & Jane Allan Ryker Summers</i>	3 9:30 Bible Study	4 	5 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Krystal Babel James & Julie Thompson</i>	6 <i>Kyle Schultz</i>
7 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	8 →	9 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle	10 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 WR Worship Committee Meeting	11 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group	12 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Larry & Carrie Powers</i>	13 2:00 Donna Burr Shower <i>Ed Price</i>
14 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship 6-8 WR Pool Party <i>Kortni Burnett Barry McCoun Doug & Marilyn Denman</i>	15 5:30-8:30 WR VBS	16 12:00 Alda Meet & Eat 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle 5:30-8:30 WR VBS	17 9:30 Bible Study 5:30-8:30 WR VBS	18 5:30-8:30 WR VBS 7:00 Alda Solutions Group	19 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting	20
21 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship	22 <i>Justin & Brenda Paulk Megan Leeper Paul Barker</i>	23 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>John Hillis</i>	24 9:30 Bible Study <i>Nora Hypes Linda Thompson</i>	25 7:00 Alda Solutions Group 7:00 UMW	26 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting	27 UMW Mission U in Kearney <i>Andrew Watts Dale & Georgene Smidt</i>
28 9:30 WR Worship 5:00 Alda Community Block Party <i>Bruce & Cindy Howe Paul & Rhonda Barker Jenna Rauert</i>	29 <i>Jennifer Reeder</i>	30 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Bob Almquist</i>	31 9:30 Bible Study <i>Rhonda Sidders</i>			

WOOD RIVER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ages Pre-K through 5th grade

July 15-18, 2019 ~ 5:30-8:30pm

(Supper 5:30 & VBS 6-8:30pm)

Please bring a white t-shirt for each of your children on Monday!

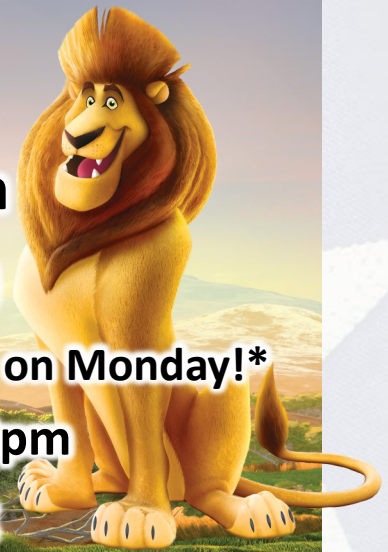
Safari Celebration Finale: Thursday 8:00pm

Please register at woodriverumc.org

For more information, please contact:

Melanie Frear @

308-583-0104 or 308-379-3182 or fearcnr@gmail.com

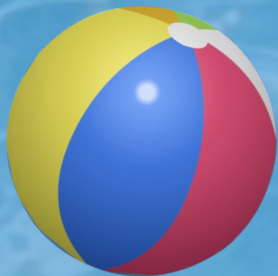


Community **POOL PARTY**

Sunday, July 14th, 6-8 pm

Wood River Aquatic Center

FREE ADMISSION



**Plan to attend this pool party open to the entire community!
Bring a friend and let's enjoy the fellowship of our neighbors!**

PARISH NURSE - Mary Bilslend

Already searching for things to keep the school students busy during vacation? Here are a few suggestions:

1. Learn some words of a new language.
2. Paint. Inside or outside.
3. Take a class online.
4. Bake cookies or brownies.
5. Fly a kite.
6. Play board games.
7. Make a scrapbook
8. Start a journal
9. Go to the beach.
10. Go fishing.
11. Binge watch a show on Netflix.
12. Start a bucket list and cross off one item every week. These don't have to be big things.
13. Learn to rock climb
14. Catch up with old friends.
15. Have a picnic.
16. Meditate or do yoga
17. Learn a new instrument.
18. Discover new music.
19. Complete a puzzle.
20. Visit a museum.
21. Go to a comedy show
22. Build a card tower,
23. Reorganize and/or redecorate your room.
24. Marathon the entire Harry Potter series
25. Play with a pet. Teach it a new trick
26. Start a blog.
27. Go for a bike ride.
28. Teach yourself how to juggle.
29. Take a bubble bath.
30. Go to a farmer's market
31. Exercise.
32. Become a tourist in your own town, neighborhood or state.
33. Color
34. Spend time with family and friends.
35. Most of all, enjoy all the time you have off not worrying about studying, homework and bedtime....

Enjoy your summer and remember to thank God for all the blessings and find at least 3 things a day to be thankful for.

Ruth Group of UMW

Ruth Group of UMW met Monday, May 6, with four members in attendance. President Susie Powell conducted the meeting. She presented a review of the studies that will be presented at this year's Mission u. The Spiritual Growth Study will be based on the book of Mark. The other study will explore the 150 year history of United Methodist Women. The Prayer Calendar was presented by Susie. The prayer focus for May was the Laos Methodist Church. Prayer concerns were lifted and Susie offered prayer for those names. Following the business portion of the meeting, Renae Graham presented the lesson titled, 'Lowering Stress with Gratitude'. Linda Thompson served as hostess for the evening.

On Monday, June 3, the Ruth Group hosted its annual potluck, with members of the Rachel Group as honored guests. There were twelve ladies in attendance and an abundance of delicious food. Following the meal, each person talked about her favorite song – why it was her favorite, what memories were attached to the song, special stories about the song. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Ruth Group thanks Rachel Group for sharing the evening.



**ALDA UMC
Community
Dinner Church**

July 28 - 5:00

**OUTDOOR BLOCK PARTY WITH MUSIC,
CHILDREN'S GAMES,
GRILLED HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS
Everyone is Welcome at this FREE Event!**

202 Pine St, Alda

Alda Meet & Eat - July 16


At the Alda church, every third Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon, come enjoy a meal and fellowship with others in the community. All are welcome and bring a friend!

Gold Ring

A gold ring was found in the church. If you think it might be yours or might know who it belongs to, please contact the office. 583-2716

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Trudy for the memorial service for Florence and to my church family for the cards and expressions of sympathy. Also, to the ladies who helped and provided the lunch. ~Dianne Thompson and families



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