



Country Chronicles  
July 2022  
Cannon River and  
Cross of Christ Lutheran  
Parish, ELCA



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**Reflections: From Your Interim Pastor Dan**

I love this time of the year! Lake City Water Ski Days and other community celebrations are calling people together, the corn is growing so rapidly with the heat of the past weeks, the kids in my neighborhood are out of school and on their bikes, and all plant life is so green.

My friend brought me some fresh strawberries she picked this week. Nothing is better than fresh strawberries. It reminds me of the “Fruit of the Spirit” the Apostle Paul names in Galatians 5, “Love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” The Spirit is nurturing the sweet fruit that reflects the core of our Lord Jesus right here in our midst. Christ is obviously present here in Word, sacrament and in the life of your community.

I cannot believe that I have been honored to be with you as your Interim Pastor for the past 8 months. Time has flown by. Cannon River and Cross of Christ Lutheran have been showing me what the “Fruit of the Spirit” looks like. Your Christ-Spirit of authentic love for each other and the world in need, your joy in worship, your passion to lift up the neighbor in times of crisis, and your laughter have shown me what the Apostle Paul describes as living evidence of Christ in your midst. “The Fruit of the Spirit” is so evident in your loving community of faith in so many ways! No wonder why my time with you has been such a blessing to me.

The Call Committee has begun the interview phase of their work. Our loving, faithful God is preparing a pastor who will serve you for the coming years. My prayer is that this fortunate pastor will be able to nurture all that I celebrate in your beautiful community of faith. Please keep the Call Committee's work in your prayers!

This is a very exciting time in the history of Cannon River and Cross of Christ Lutheran. You have so many things to celebrate! There are so many gifts of grace that are already here and coming your way. Thanks for many ways you reflect the Fruit of Spirit the Apostle Paul describes in Galatians 5.

Blessings of all the sweet "Fruit of the Spirit" be yours today and in the coming weeks!

Pastor Dan

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# Cannon River News

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## Attendance

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	21
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	17
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	14
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	38

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## Financial Report

	Income	Expenses	Net
Jan	\$2,435	\$3,638	(\$1,203)
Feb	\$2,445	\$3,853	(\$1,408)
Mar	\$2,707	\$4,751	(\$2,544)
Apr	\$3,370	\$3,415	(\$45)
May	\$2,323	\$4,674	(2,351)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$12,780</b>	<b>\$20,333</b>	<b>(\$7,553)</b>

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## Cannon River Council Rotation for July

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	David
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Shawn
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mark

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## Can You Help?

Cannon River is in need of black, hardcover Bibles. We are currently accepting donations of new or gently used Bibles. Please check around your home, thrift stores or garage sales. Our goal is to collect 12 black Bibles. There is a collection table at the back of the church.



Thank you!

## **Annual Bonfire Worship**



The date for the Annual Summer Evening Worship, Picnic and Bonfire is tentatively set for Saturday, August 13.  
More information to follow.

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Cannon River Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
June 9, 2022

The Cannon River Lutheran Church Council met on June 9, 2022. Present were Interim Pastor Dan Nordin, Bill Bodin, David Fremouw, Mark Hartman, and Michelle Sandeen. Absent: Shawn Klahr and Sharon Niebur.

Prior to the start of our Council Meeting, Council met with Cross of Christ Council members and Call Committee members representing both congregations. Call Committee Co-Chairs Ellen Hartman and Jim Gustafson went over the Ministry Site Profile for both churches. After the review of the Ministry Site Profile, Council members from both congregations met separately to discuss the profiles. A motion was made by Mark Hartman, second by David Fremouw, to approve the Ministry Site Profile for Cannon River Lutheran. Both Councils met again and Interim Pastor Dan Nordin briefly explained the call process.

The Cannon River Lutheran Church Council meeting was officially called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Interim Pastor Dan led us in devotions.

Minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting were read. Motion made by Michelle Sandeen, second by David Fremouw to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes.

Treasurer's report for the month of May was read. Motion by Mark Hartman, second by David Fremouw to approve the May treasurer's report.

**Old Business:**

Michelle commented on the Welcome banners/flags for the lawn in front of the church. Michelle and Sharon looked at numerous church signs. An option besides a banner or flag is to put "All are welcome" in the "white space" on our current sign. Discussion will be held in the future once a new pastor is on board.

There is a little work left to do on the annex door, and the ballast was replaced downstairs.

**New Business:**

A few items that were brought to the attention of Councilmember Niebur are as follows:

There were questions surrounding the sewer back-up from a few years ago. The sewer back-up was repaired and pumped.

The restroom signs are positioned too low to be seen when the basement is full of people. It was suggested that we look at getting bigger "restroom" signs.

A few dead mice were found in a drawer in the kitchen. Currently there are a few mouse traps located throughout. It was suggested that we look into an electronic sound box to help keep mice from entering the church.

Another question arose whether or not there should be a defibrillator on-site. Sometimes we have large crowds for funerals and the church is located several miles from town. Michelle is going to talk to the Emergency Management Services Chief in Cannon Falls to inquire on defibrillators and bring the information to the August meeting.

The outdoor worship service will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for details in the Chronicles.

Our next meeting will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Cannon River.

A motion was made by Mark Hartman, second by David Fremouw to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Sandeen

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## **Call Committee-Update**

June was a busy month for the Call Committee finalizing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). Cross of Christ and Cannon River Call Committees met and compared their MSP's. Each Call Committee presented their MSP to their Church Councils for approval. On June 12th, each Call Committee presented their MSP to their congregation for approval. The MSP was approved and presented to Pastor Barb Streed on June 12th for submission of potential candidates from the synod, and the interview process will start.

The Call Committee thanks for your continues support and prayers.

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# Cross of Christ News

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*We are called by the Spirit to be a lasting presence in our community,  
faithfully sharing the Word of God through worship, fellowship and  
service to our neighbors.*

***Faithful through Generations***

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Assistants for July 2022

**Readers**

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Hill
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Slingsby
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Fjetland
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dean Dinndorf
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Open-someone please fill in</b>

**Greeters**

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Fjetland
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oscar & Janet Daley
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ken & Joan Slingsby
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Meyer
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Open-someone please fill in</b>

**Altar**

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Millie Niebeling
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	- Kelley Mittelsteadt
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	- Cathy Nemcek
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	- Joan Slingsby
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	- Yvonne Nelson

**Attendance**

<b>Council Person</b>	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	37
Joan Slingsby	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	51
	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	28
<b>July Ushers</b>	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	31
Kelley Mittelsteadt, Jim Gustafson		

**Kitchen Person**

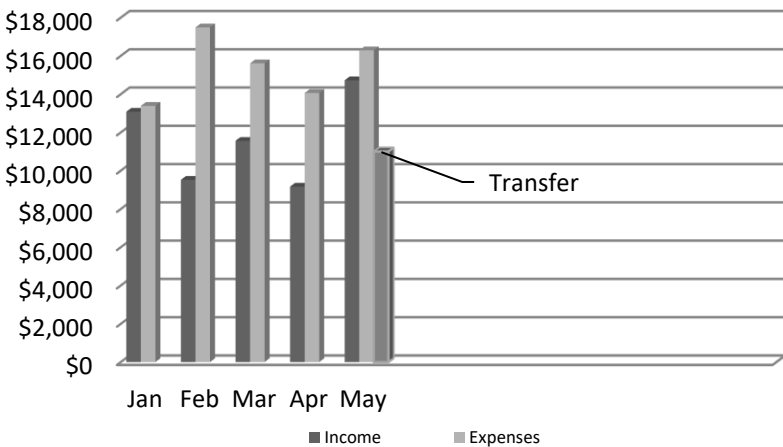
Cathy Nemcek

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# Cross of Christ Financial Report

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
Jan	\$13,081	\$13,386	
Feb	\$9,524	\$17,486	
Mar	\$11,558	\$15,609	
Apr	\$9,166	\$14,062	
May	\$14,722	\$16,289	\$11,000
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$58,052</b>	<b>\$76,833</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>

## 2022 Income/Expenses



## Financial News:

Our churches have been fortunate in recent years to have pastors that have agreed to compensation well below the synod guidelines. We cannot expect that trend to continue. According to synod guidelines, a pastor with 10 years of experience should be compensated around **\$25,000 more than we were paying Deacon Todd** just two years ago. This pastoral compensation would increase our monthly expenses by over \$2,000. Even without this added expense, we have already developed an \$18,000 deficit since Jan. 1.

In May, **\$11,000 was transferred** from the Money Market Account to the checking account to offset the deficit. This transfer is shown



in the 3<sup>rd</sup> bar under May in the graph. The \$11,000 originated as parsonage rental income. We plan to continue to transfer \$1,000/month of parsonage rental income to the operating fund, but this is only a portion of what we need to cover our operating costs.

The **Simply Giving Program** allows you to have your church offering automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, biweekly or monthly. Please contact Rebecca Peterson for help with setting up scheduled donations through Simply Giving, your bank, or other financial institution. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has scheduled giving to Cross of Christ, whether it be through Simply Giving, your bank, or other organization.

Prepaid **Kwik Trip cards** are available through Julie Schreifels. A portion of your purchase price comes directly to Cross of Christ. It is a very easy way to support your church!

If you make any purchase on **Amazon.com**, you can designate .5% of your order to come to Cross of Christ by using **smile.amazon.com** instead, and designating us as the recipient. Thank you!

**Thrivent members**, remember that you can designate your earned Choice dollars at any time throughout the year. Cross of Christ greatly appreciates these donations, which go to the Building and Grounds fund.

The next Finance meeting will be **August 3, at 7 pm** at church. Detailed reports of income and expenditures are always available upon request.

Rebecca Peterson, Treasurer  
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## Kwik Trip Cards

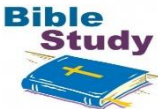


Help support our Building Maintenance Fund by buying Kwik Trip scrip cards. The cards can be used to purchase anything at Kwik Trip from gas, groceries and car washes to anything else they sell.

Available in **\$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100**. You pay the amount of the card being purchased; the church makes 5% of the sales and another 10% for non-fuel purchases made with the cards. The **next order** will be put in on **Tuesday, July 12** and will be available at the church by, July 17. **If you would like to order cards and are not on the regular order list, please email [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)** or 507-990-7024. Thank you to those who have ordered Kwik Trip Cards. Julie Schreifels

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## WELCA Bible Study



WELCA Bible Study Tuesday, July 12th at Cross of Christ in Dahlen Hall. 9:00am . Bring snacks for a Picnic like lunch in Dahlen Hall. Pastor Dan will lead bible study.

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## Contemporary Worship Practice

Please join us for our next practice on July 10th after the church service.



## Missions

*Some call it Mission work . . . it's also called "Loving Others"*

### Family Fare Store Receipt Collection

*Please* continue to save your Family Fare store receipts! Both Cross of Christ and Cannon River churches are collecting receipts and participating in this great mission outreach. Remember that only the store receipts are valid; no e-receipts.



*To date, our collection totals \$79,062*

*When* the receipts total \$150,000, we will receive a check for \$1,000 which will go to Feed My Starving Children. We have already reached this goal three times, and are now on our fourth collection. It's amazing what a little shopping can do!

**Shop, bring your receipts to church** and we will support children who are hungry!

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## Shoe Away Hunger



**A single pair of new or gently used shoes**, for someone in need, can have a big impact. Every pair of shoes collected offers affordable footwear for someone in need; those proceeds enable **Shoe Away Hunger** to buy groceries for those who are hungry through **Feeding the Future** programs and services.

This amazing program offers a simple and meaningful way for you to join with us as we work together to eliminate hunger **"one sole at a time."**

Here is how you can help!

- Look for the Shoe Away Hunger box in the back of the church.
- Donate your footwear including sneakers, casual shoes, winter boots, sandals and heels; **remember, new or gently used.**
- Please tie or band them together.
- Your donations will be taken to Schuler Shoes where they are picked up by Shoe Away Hunger.

Thank you for your support!

The Mission Committee

## Youth and Learning News

### Sunday School Activities

July 5 6:30 pm – Learning and Youth committee meeting

July 10-14 5:30 – 7:30 - Vacation Bible School

**Mission:** The Sunday School will continue to support Gabby and Jacob John, from Tanzania. The coin banks are in the back of the church. The next turn in date for the banks will be July 14<sup>th</sup>..

**VBS Planning July 5<sup>th</sup>** – Most of the July 5<sup>th</sup> Learning and Youth committee meeting will be dedicated to planning VBS. Come join us!



**Vacation Bible School** – July 10-14 5:30 – 7:30 This year we will be exploring Jesus’ Parable of the Sower. We will have fun learning some ways kids can care for God’s creation. Supper, singing, sowing seeds, spectacular crafts, skits and games. Contact

Julie if you would like to help with VBS.

Peace, Julie Schreifels

Sunday School Superintendent Cell 507-990-7024 email

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The next WELCA meeting will be **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Dahlen Hall.** We will review the Blood Drives, Fundraiser for Triennial, Taste of Welch and other things that people feel need to be

discussed.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our next drive will Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 pm and Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Come and donate blood-Save lives. You can register now at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> Let Julie know if you can help with the blood drive.

**LolaBird** We are happy to partner with LolaBird bedsheets to help the group of women and a teenage girl going to the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ in September of 2023. The proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of transportation and lodging. Also, to go towards the mission offering at the Gathering. **Click the link below to go directly to our LolaBird website to order today.**

<https://www.lolabird.com/fundraiser/cross-of-christ-lutheran-church-welca>

**If you need assistance ordering contact Julie Schreifels 507-990-7024.**

**Look for the display in the back of the sanctuary**

**Taste of Welch:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am-2 pm. We are going back to the old format of Lunch, Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Raffle. If you would like to donate a raffle item contact Kelley Mittelsteadt 651-764-9889. We will need worker for the lunch and bake sale and donations as well. Contact any of the officers to let us know how you will be helping with our mission fundraiser.

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** September 17, 2022 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester. The theme is Love one Another for love is from God (1 John 4:7). The convention's Love

Offering will be given to Safe Harbor Regional Navigator, SE MN Olmsted County Victim Services. Start collecting items on the list below. We will have a designated donation place in August. Suitcases or duffel bags, Backpack or tote bags, Clothing (gender neutral; various sizes), Shampoo & Conditioner (variety of types for people with different types of hair), Tie blankets supply sets (different patterns), Tampons, Bulletin boards (inspirational board material), Canvases (different sizes), Paint (Apple Barrel Acrylic Paint), Paint brushes (small sets to hand out to clients), Painting by numbers or jewel by numbers, Fidgets, Gel pens, Colored pencils Storage containers (small in size for storing art supplies or to hand out to clients for items)

**Future Events:**

**Days for Girls Group:** July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 -11:00 am  
Cannon Falls Senior Center

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> 12-6 pm and Friday,  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 2:30pm

**Women’s Day at Good Earth Village:** June 25,2022 9am -4 pm

**2022 SE MN Synod WELCA Fall Convention:** September 17,  
2022 Bethel Lutheran Church, Rochester

**Taste of Welch:** October 8<sup>th</sup> 9 am-2 pm

**Women’s Retreat 2023:** January 20-22, 2023 Cedar Valley Resort

**12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering:** Week of September 18, 2023 Phoenix,  
Arizona

**Officers: President: Julie Schreifels Secretary: Joan Slingsby**

**Treasurer: Jean Kehren**

**Kitchen Committee: Doris Gruber, Joan Slingsby, Jean Kehren,  
Janet Daley, Cathy Nemcek, Sandy Petrashek**

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Cross of Christ Council Meeting Minutes  
*Faithful Through Generations*  
June 9, 2022

*Present:* Joan Slingsby, Darwin Fox, Kelly Mittelsteadt, Ann Kulla, Anthony Nemcek, Oscar Daley, Jon Peterson, Interim Pastor Dan Nordin, and Deanna Gehloff *Also Present:* Rebecca Peterson

Prior to the start of our Council Meeting, Council met with Cannon River Council members and Call Committee members representing both congregations. Call Committee Co-Chairs Ellen Hartman and Jim Gustafson went over the Ministry Site Profile for both churches. After the review of the Ministry Site Profile, Council members from both congregations met separately to discuss the profiles. ***A motion was made and second to approve the Ministry Site Profile for Cross of Christ Lutheran Church -Motion Passed.*** Both Councils returned together again, and Pastor Dan briefly explained the call process.

Meeting was called to order by Council President Joan Slingsby and mission statement was read.

Agenda was approved and the May minutes were approved with the correction of council person of the month name change.

Unfinished Business

\*Pastors report:

Dan touched base on the change of roll for him once the MSP's are submitted to the Synod and the Call Committee turns to the interviewing process

\*Building Vision Committee: A meeting is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

\*150 Year Church Anniversary Committee:

Ann provided a list of approximately 12 persons who are willing to serve on the committee. A meeting to get things going will be scheduled in June.

## News Business

\*July Council person – Joan Slingsby

\*Brass Bell Ringing:

It was suggested when ringing the bell, to ring approximately five times with a 5 second delay between rings.

\*Church Softball League:

The fee for The Church Softball League is \$275.

***A motion was made and seconded to pay the \$275 league fee. - Motion Passed.***

## Committee Reports

Finance: Rebecca gave a report of the current financials. During an earlier meeting at the end of May it was discussed to transfer funds from the council discretionary fund (which is mostly gathered from the overflow of the parsonage expense fund) and move \$11,000 into the operating fund to offset the current deficit. It was also discussed to use \$1,000 monthly from the rent monies to go into the operating fund. ***A motion was made and seconded make a one time transfer of funds from the council discretionary fund to the operating fund. -Motion Passed.***

***A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$1,000 monthly from the rent funds to the operating fund. -Motion Passed.***

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial secretary reports. -Motion Passed.***

Property Management:

Oscar replaced the hinges on the main sanctuary door, and it now closes properly. He has also moved a few loads of brush off the premises, mowing was completed again. Joan mentioned Sargents has returned and completed their job, including a pathway like ramp to the cemetery for funerals. Deanna has suggested purchasing a small carpet cleaner for easy clean up of messes or accidents. She presented Bissell's Little Green machine for \$79. ***A motion was made and seconded to move forward in purchasing the carpet cleaner. -Motion Passed.***

Worship & Music:

A meeting is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> following worship. The event



guidelines were reviewed. Under the custodial fees, an addition of a second fee in the amount of \$50, if more than one hall is used during any event at the church for overflow. ***A motion was made and seconded to approve the addition of a \$50 fee for overflow usage in a second hall during an event. -Motion Passed.***

Learning & Youth: A VBS planning meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. VBS July 10-14. Helpers are still needed, please contact Julie.

Missions: Karen Anderson will not be able to join us this year. The “*One Sole at Time*” shoe collection box is up at the back of church. Let’s fill it up!!

Stewardship: Temple talk by Bob Luhman will be held during worship on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel: All personnel reviews have been completed.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Lord’s Prayer was said.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Gehloff- Secretary

## **Ways to Give to Cross of Christ**

Thanks so much for remembering Cross of Christ with your financial gifts. Please remember to always include your name and any specific fund (e.g, Operating, Building and Grounds, etc.) with your donation. Donations with no specific fund listed will be considered 'Undesignated' with 14% going to the synod, 5% to our Building and Grounds, 3% to our Missions, and the remainder to our operating fund.

### **Mail a Check**

Our mailing address is:

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Attn: Treasurer

24036 County 7 Blvd.

Welch, MN 55089

### **PayPal**

If you use PayPal, you can easily send a donation to church. Search for [crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:crossofchristtreasurer@gmail.com), just make sure to change "Paying for an item or service" to "Sending to a friend" to avoid any service fees. Include the fund you'd like to donate to in the Notes section.

### **Simply Giving**

If you'd like to give recurring gifts, even temporarily, please consider signing up for Simply Giving, the form is attached. You can also set up automatic payments through most banks

### **Online Giving through Vanco**

Go to our church website at [cchurch.us](http://cchurch.us). Click on the menu in the top right corner, and select "Links."

Click on the link under "Giving Options," and follow the prompts. It will ask for your routing and account numbers.

### **Need Help?**

Please contact me if you have questions or trouble with any of these options. Thank you for remembering Cross of Christ during this difficult time.

Rebecca Peterson, Treasurer, Cross of Christ Church  
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**We need helpers for VBS**



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.



**Provide meals:** Jamie & Becky Fox <https://bit.ly/3ajgUYt>

Help with Activity Sites: World, Self, Community, Help where needed, Set-up/Decorations

Contact: Julie Schreifels 507-990-7024 [hjschreif@live.com](mailto:hjschreif@live.com)

**Join us on July 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm to plan this year's  
Vacation Bible School.**