

August 2011

Gloria Dei Parish Caller

Eksjo * Houg lum * Strandvik

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

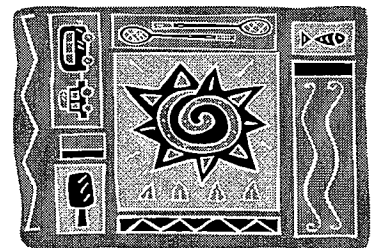
Grace and peace to you in the name of our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor Randy has been on vacation and will be back in his office refreshed and ready to go August 1st.

Dot has had lots of family visiting and is going back to Indiana/Michigan for a quick visit and to take the grandkids back but she will be back in the office August 9th refreshed and ready to work.

It's been pretty quiet here, nothing much to report but with fall comes lots of activities so watch your newsletter for upcoming events.

Hope you all have had a great summer and continue to have a safe one.



Take care and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Randy Whitehead

Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Parish

Upcoming Youth Opportunity

2012 Youth Gathering is returning to New Orleans. Will you Be There?

Sign up for more info by calling the Parish Office 238-5762

Your Council

Eksjo

Meets the 2nd Tuesday monthly 7:00 pm

Jay Brown President
Tom Kleven Vice-President
Melanie Hanson Secretary
Jeff Sanborn Treasurer
Marlene Johnson
David Larson
Mike Moeller
Holly Christianson
Tim Brandt

Houglum

Council meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

President: Bernie Rosman
Vice President: Darrel Montieth
Secretary : Marilyn Anderson
Treasurer: Lonna Musolf

Other Council Members:

Katie O'Connell, Morris Anderson,
Arlyn Anderson, Bev Montieth, and
Dorothy Rosman

Strandvik

Meets 10 am 2nd Saturday of March, May,
Aug, September, November & in January
after the annual meeting

Sherwood Olson President
Dorothy Harsh Vice President
Janet Dahlgren Secretary
Ila Mae Lindstrom Treasurer
Lyle Dahlgren
Bruce Jacobson

Parish Cabinet Representatives

Meets on the 4th Tuesday
January, March, May, August & October

Eksjo

Diane Midthune
Marlene Johnson
Ruth Lerud
Tom Kleven

Houglum

Bernie Rosman
Dorothy Rosman

Strandvik

Janet Dahlgren
Lyle Dahlgren

Houglum News & Notes

1ST TUESDAY/MONTHLY

Council meets April thru December

Houglum Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd at
6:30 pm. Please note time change.

Houglum is looking for a pianist since our organ
doesn't work. A high school student would be fine.
Our Services are at 8:30am. Please contact Bernie
Rosman at 218-238-5882 if interested!!

Strandvik News & Notes...

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Potluck Dinner following the service. Please join us!

OUR FAMILY BAR CODES

Strandvik is collecting bar codes again. For every 500 collected
we receive \$25 plus a \$25 coupon.

**Strandvik's Council Meeting is August 13th @
10:00 am.**

**Strandvik's Potluck will be on Aug. 7th after
the worship service**

Eksjo News & Notes

Eksjo Website www.eksjolutheranchurch.org

EKSJO COUNCIL meets 2nd Tuesday each
month. In August: Tuesday, the 9th @ 7:30 pm

Eksjo will have an important Sunday School
Meeting to discuss the next year on Wednesday,
August 17th @ 7:00 pm

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and runs thru August 4th. Time—6:00pm-8:30pm

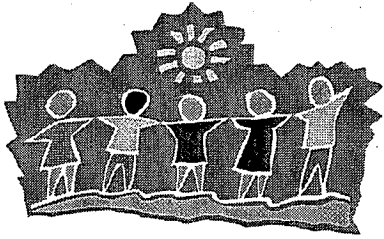
**Barnesville Potato Days August 26th &
27th, Eksjo Men's Group will be selling
sweet corn.**

Prayer concerns will be listed in the weekly worship
bulletin for up to one month and will then be
removed. Families can request names be to remain
longer, if needed.



Vacation Bible School Eksjo Lutheran Church July 31st — August 4th

Eksjo's Vacation Bible School starts July 31st and runs thru Aug. 4th. Come join us at Eksjo from 6-8:30pm for crafts, stories, and snack time. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend or two!!



Potato Days

August 26th & 27th in Barnesville, MN. Eksjo Men's Group will have a booth and be selling hot ready to eat sweet corn. Mark your calendars and come enjoy the best sweet corn around! If you can help that weekend see a member of the men's group!



St. Peter's Lutheran Church PORK SUPPER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2011

Serving 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PRICE: Adults \$7.00,

Children 6-12 \$5.00,

5 and under FREE

(take-out available)

MENU: pulled pork on a bun, potato salad, corn on the cob, beans, beverage and home-made dessert

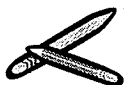
Friendly atmosphere and smiling faces!

Located - 5 1/2 miles south of Audubon on County Hwy #11 and 1/2 mile east on County Hwy #6.

Handicap accessible!

REACH's Annual School Supply Drive

REACH is currently collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year which will be distributed to families in need. Last year, over 60 students in REACH's service area received assistance of this kind, and so your donations of paper, scissors, erasers, pencils, markers, rulers and new or gently used school bags are greatly appreciated. Please bring your contributions of school supplies to either the REACH office at 421 5th St, Hawley, or to our REACH Reusables Thrift Store at 208 6th St, Hawley by Friday, August 12th. Contact the REACH office at 483-3145 if you have any questions.



School Supply Give Away

The giveaway will be on Thursday, August 18th from 11:00 - 4:00 at the REACH office. Please share with families that may benefit from this program. We are also looking for donations of school supplies. Thanks! Jessica

Jessica Claeys, MSW, LGSW, LCSW

Family Support Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

REACH, Hawley, MN

218-483-3145



Calling All Eksjo Kids It's Time to Register for Bible Camp!



Families can choose to send their children to any week, but here are the dates when car-pooling will be more coordinated and more of our kids will be there. Families may register by picking up a form at Eksjo or by going online to—www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com.

You are responsible for the deposit of \$100 for full & half week camps and \$ 25 for the half-pint day.

Scholarships are also available through Pathways for early applicants who have financial need by calling 218-751-4208. After registering your child, please notify the church office.

Half-Pint Camps	Entering K—2	July 15
Elementary Mini Camp:	Entering grades 2-3	July 13-15
(wed-fri)		
Elementary Classic	Entering grades 4-5	August 7-12
Middle School Classic	Entering grades 6-7	July 24-29
Jr.High Classic	Entering grades 8-9	July 31-Aug 5
Wet & Wilderness	Entering grades 7-9	August 7-12

Senior High Students, Grades 9-12, have a variety of programs to choose from: Mission on the Homefront, Faith Paddlers, or Houseboat.

We will try to help coordinate rides. Children can choose one person to be a “cabin mate”, but they each need to put the other person’s name on their registration form.

Eksjo is hoping to pay about one-half of the cost for camp for each child who is a member of Eksjo.

Eksjo is offering Camperships to Bible Camp (50% of cost) - please contact the Parish Office as soon as you register your child at any Bible Camp.

Church Directories

Olan Mills will be doing photographs for new church directories October 4th thru the 8th of 2011. More info will follow as we receive it.



Eksjo's Fair Trade Coffee Project

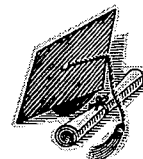
Put your faith into action by supporting Eksjo's Fair Trade Coffee Project. By purchasing organic fair trade coffee, tea, nuts and chocolate you are supporting small-scale farmers in countries like Uganda, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka and Peru, as they earn a fair price, provide for their families and care for the environment. Check out the display in the basement. New items are Chamomile tea – known for calming the mind and promoting restful sleep; and Green Tea with Jasmine- great for the immune system. Products on display are priced and payment is through the honor system by placing your money in the envelope on the display table. Prices are significantly less than Starbucks or other coffee chains. Save money and support Lutheran World Relief's Coffee Project. Thank You

Scholarship Applications

The Scholarship Committee at Eksjo is now accepting applications for college scholarships. They can be picked up at church or at the Parish office.

The deadline for turning in scholarship applications is September 18th.

Please return your completed applications to the office or to Janee Dehler by the above date.



John Berry Concert

We are getting close to reaching our goal for the upcoming John Berry Concert on September 11th.

We still are in need of a few sponsors at the 100 dollar level. Sponsors will have premium seating!

Contact the Parish office or Mel Hanson if you have any questions.





19th Annual

Pumpkin Fest 2011 Craft and Trade Show

This year the show will be held on September 24th from 8 am - 2:30 pm at the Lake Park Fire Hall. There is room for about 40 booths with each booth space size being 9.5 ft. long and 4 to 5 ft deep. The cost will be \$15.00 for one space and \$10.00 for each additional space you need. Checks are not cashed until after Pumpkin Days. Please make checks out to the lake park Pumpkin Fest. Also indicate the type of craft or product on your registration to help us with the set up of vendors. We require that you pre-pay with registration. Registration forms & more information is located on your churches bulletin boards. If you are in need of electricity it will be on a first come first serve basis.

The doors will be open at 7:00 am on Saturday for you to set up. Please make sure you bring your own tables. Tables will not be provided, chairs are very limited. If you have asked for electricity please bring the necessary cords. We have been asked to have all vehicles park on 3rd street. If you have any questions or concerns contact Dorothy at 218-238-5882 . Dorothy's email address is: cknitmfg@tekstar.com. Please send your registration forms to:

Dorothy Rosman

%Pumpkin Fest Craft and Trade Show

19267 Lee Lake Road

Lake Park, MN 56554



*****Registration forms are located on your churches bulletin boards or by calling the Parish Office*****

TeachHaiti News

The following groups will continue to support their TeachHaiti child for the school year 2010-1011: Sunday School, Youth Group, Kindred Sisters , Men's Group, and WELCA.

Could you also support a child? For \$30/month you could change a life. Please prayerfully scrutinize your family budget for a way to re-route \$30 each month. Send your donations to : TeachHaiti, P.O. Box 1173, Detroit Lakes, MN. 56502-1173
Thank you for helping to make a difference.

Eksjo Vacation Bible School

Our Sunday School is on summer break but keep your ears and eyes open for Vacation Bible School news.

Vacation Bible School at Eksjo is being held July 31st thru August 4th. Time: 6:00 pm—8:30 pm.

A Sunday School planning meeting to discuss the 2011-2012 school will be held Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend this important meeting!!!

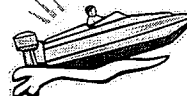
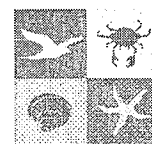
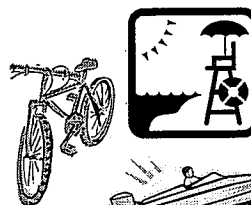
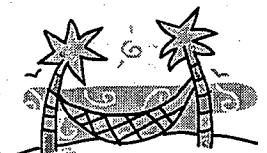
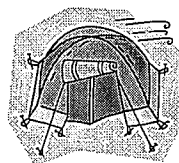


Remembering Those Serving in the Military and/or Peace Corps

Our churches are family units. Together we are very proud of and concerned for those who are serving our nation and our world in these service organizations. We would like to list all of the men and women connected to our parish congregations and possibly provide a mailing address for each so that parish members can send a note of thanks or encouragement from time to time. If you have a parent or sibling, a child or grandchild in the military or Peace Corps, we would very much like



Happy Summer To All



Nursing Home Ministry

Please remember our faithful brothers and sisters in area nursing homes & care facilities, in prayer and with visits or cards!

Hawley Manor
923 5th St, Hawley, MN 56549
Myrtle Rian
Esther Luthi

Viking Manor
Wallace Jacobson
317 1st St NW
Ulen, MN 56585

Bethany Homes
201 University Dr. S
Fargo, ND 56501
Solveig Bodin

Sunnyside
16561 US Hwy 10
Lake Park MN 56554
Elaine Larson
Aldwin Anderson
Evelyn Swanstrom

*Anyone New? Please contact the
parish office with this information.
Thank you!*

Join the F.B.I. - Elementary Youth
Kindergarden—6th grade
After School Bible Club
Wednesdays, 3:30—5:00 pm
Eksjo Lutheran Church
FBI is on summer break.
See everyone in the fall.
Have a great summer!

Confirmation

All Confirmation students please remember this summer

Don't forget to sign in at church when you come to worship. Also, look at your Acolyte schedule, if you are unable to be at church and you are scheduled to acolyte please find a replacement.

Note: If you haven't signed up for a confirmation class time for next year please stop by the Parish Office this summer and sign-up.

Lutheran Social Services

Do you provide the primary care for family members who are elderly, disabled or chronically ill? We are committed to keeping you strong. Many times individuals don't realize that they are all worn out from caring for others and may have begun to neglect their own well-being. Non-medical, in home respite care services are provided for family caregivers (caring for those age 60 and over) so they can take a break. Cost is based on a sliding fee. Caregiver discussion groups provide support, education and resources for caregivers.

If you would like to be a volunteer, are a caregiver, or know of a caregiver who would like a break, call today for more information about your local Caregiver Support Program. Tara Giese, Lutheran Social Service MN Caregiver Support & Respite Program Manager
218-233-7521 or 1-800-488-4146

**Augustana
Lutheran Church**
Sun., July 31st, 10:30 am
"Kathie Brekke &
Gospel Blues Band"
lead Sunday worship.

Following the
worship service there
will be a light lunch!

Breaking Bread Together

Our Parish ministry to the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Moorhead needs volunteers! Our Parish serves dinner on the 4th Monday each month for 12-15 people who are working to rebuild their lives. **The sign up sheet is on the fridge at Eksjo** or you can call the church office to sign up to serve, 238-5762. Thank you for servant hearts.

Please take a look at the new sign up sheet for 2011 on the fridge downstairs at Eksjo. Thank you to July volunteers Janet and Rick Olson.

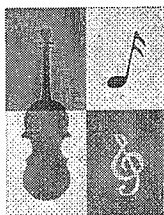
MUSIC AND PICNICS IN THE PARK 2011

Each Tuesday throughout the summer (June 7-August 30), there will be free music concerts at the City Band Shell in Washington Park at 7:00 p.m. Prior to each concert, there will be a picnic style meal from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This is run by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.** A suggested donation of \$5.00 for adults will benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Community Connections Series of the Holmes Theatre.

The concert schedule for the summer is as follows:

- August 2 - Purple Pam Steel Drum Band
- August 9 - Ulen Centennial Band
- August 16 - Patrick Murphy
- August 23 - Tim Eggebraaten
- August 30 - Lakes Area Community Concert Band

****If you would like to volunteer to help with the food, please contact Roger Lee at 847-7324****



Prayer Chain

We believe in the power of prayer! Our prayer chain is confidential. Please call Mary Jo at 238-6060 if you have a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain. We take email, too! Email Mary Jo at cupajo28@hotmail.com or the office, gloriadei@loretel.net to be included.



Women's Studies

Eksjo's Eunice Bible Study

We will no longer be meeting on a regular basis.

Meetings to be announced in the bulletin insert or monthly newsletter.

Eksjo's Kindred Sisters

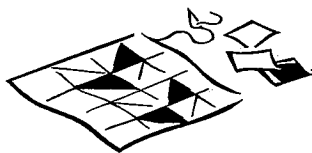
Usually meet on the 4th Saturday of the month @ 8:30 am for breakfast and fellowship/Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at Eksjo.

This month we meet on Saturday, August 27th @ 8:30am. We will continue our study in our new book "Calm My Anxious Heart" By Linda Dillow.

Calling all quilters and wanna be's

Eksjo quilters meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30—8:30 pm. We have also begun meeting one Saturday a month from 10 am—3 pm, with a break for potluck lunch. If you enjoy sewing or want to learn, this is a great opportunity. Still can't make it and want to help? We also have bundles of quilt squares you can take home to sew at your leisure and bring back.

We meet next on August 1st and August 15th @ 6:30pm



August Choir Schedule

The Choir is taking a summer break now. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for practice times starting in the fall.



THANK YOU

The Paul Olson Family would like to thank DeeAnn Wolfswinkel, Lisa Kirsch, and Kaylee Kirsch for helping serve the coffee and cake for Lyla Olson's birthday and the graveside services of Paul Olson held at Eksjo on June 30th. Thank you!

Happy Birthday August

- 1 Janelle Crabtree
- 1 Myrtle Rian
- 2 Sheldon Johnson
- 3 Ron Mattson
- 3 Kelly Myers
- 4 Lucas Gage
- 4 Jonn Rikhus
- 6 Deloris Evenson
- 8 Darrell Gunnarson
- 8 Amy Porter
- 9 Shane Harris
- 9 Richard Olson
- 9 Isaiah Ruhl
- 10 Jayda Swegarden
- 11 Karen Feldt
- 12 Angela Hanson
- 12 Joe Iverson
- 12 Lonna Musolf
- 13 Paige Hollatz
- 13 Marilyn Mounger
- 14 Keagan Block
- 14 Kimberley Gunnarson
- 14 Jamie Kaiser
- 14 Joelle Mattson
- 14 Mason Nelson
- 15 Sharon Schmitt
- 16 Brian Dahlgren
- 17 Muriel Swenson
- 17 Chase Zeller
- 18 Jay Brown
- 18 Bailey Mattson
- 19 Beverly Iverson
- 19 Lynn Sanborn
- 20 Westin Munson
- 21 Kylie Hanson
- 21 Tony Passanante
- 21 Trystin Lanigan
- 22 Sydney Porter
- 24 Carol Clark
- 26 Conner Nelson
- 27 Tanner Christianson
- 28 Lori Wixo
- 29 Melanie Hanson
- 30 Drew Harris
- 30 Jessica Komrosky
- 30 Andrea Pollock



Happy Birthday, to you...

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Vacation Bible School starts today, July 31st @ Eksjo. 6:00-8:30pm	1 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School @ Eksjo	2 6:30 pm Hougum Council Meeting 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School @ Eksjo	3 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School @ Eksjo	4 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School @ Eksjo	5 Pastor Randy's Day Off	6
7 8:30 am Hougum 9:45 am Eksjo 11:15 am Strandvik Potluck at Strandvik after the worship service.	8	9 9:00 am Northside Terrace Bible Study 11:00 am, Pastor's Text Study In D.L. 7:30 pm Eksjo Council Meeting	10	11 10:00 am Sunnyside Worship	12 Pastor Randy's Day Off	13 10:00am Strandvik Council Meeting
14 8:30 am Hougum 9:45 am Eksjo 11:15 am Strandvik	15 6:30 pm Quilting @ Eksjo	16	17 7:00 pm Sunday School Planning Meeting @ Eksjo for the upcoming year. Please plan to attend!	18 2:00 pm Hawley Manor Worship	19 Pastor Randy's Day Off	20
21 8:30 am Hougum 9:45 am Eksjo 11:15 am Strandvik	22 6:00 pm Dorothy Day House	23 7:00 pm Parish Cabinet Meeting	24	25	26 Pastor Randy's Day Off Barnesville Potato Days Eksjo's Men's Group is selling sweet corn	27 8:30 am Kindred Sisters Bible Study @ Eksjo Barnesville Potato Days Eksjo's Men's Group is selling sweet corn
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August Worship Schedule

8:30 Houglum 9:30 SS 9:45 Eksjo 11 SS 11:15 Strandvik

Readers	Houglum	Eksjo	Strandvik
Aug 7	Darrel Montieth	Keven Anderson	Lyle Dahlgren
Aug 14	Durell Dux	Janet Olson	Bruce Jacobson
Aug 21	Dorothy Rosman	Val Alland	Duane Olson
Aug 28	Marilyn Anderson	Paul Aamodt	Dorothy Harsh
Acolytes	E (7) Payton Block & Walker Charboneau (14) DeForrest Nelson & Jessie Swegarden (21) Elise Whitehead & Tabatha Anglin (28) Joseph Peterson & Samuel Whitehead H Trystin Lanigan		
Altar Guild	E Carol Rikhus & Lisa Kirsch S Dorothy Harsh		
Colors:	August 7, 14, 21, & 28 — Green		
Ushers			
Houglum	Darrel Montieth		
Eksjo	Jay Brown — Head Usher, Alan Newton, Mike Moeller, & Danny Alder		
Strandvik	Don & Dorothy Harsh		