

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream May 30th

Updates from the CDC

Thursday, May 27th, I participated in the Four Corners Health Department's community update. Vaccines are still available in our community. Seward County has about 38% of the entire population vaccinated so far. Vaccinations are available through the Seward's Memorial Health Care system. We have made significant progress since last November when more than 900 patients statewide were hospitalized with Covid. Now that number is 73.

Four Corners Health Department does recommend that anyone who has NOT been vaccinated, wear a mask when inside and particularly when it is crowded inside or out.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- May 31st - Office and Bright Beginnings Closed for Holiday
- June 2nd - 1:30 - 3:30pm - UMW unit meeting - Fellowship Hall
- June 3rd - 10:00 - 11:00am - Bible Study - Fellowship Hall
- June 3rd - 3:00 pm - Building Improvement Committee - Parlor
- June 3rd - 5:00 - 6:00pm - FoodNet
- June 3rd - 6:30 - 7:30pm - Team 1 MOW - Parlor
- June 6th - 7:00pm - Gather and Grow Meeting - Zoom

New Bible Study with Jan Davidson

James 1:19 tells us "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry." Our three-part Bible study June 3rd, 10th and 17th Thursdays at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Jen will focus on the listening skills necessary to live into this verse. We're all taught to speak, first as toddlers and often in speech classes in school. Seldom are we taught the skills necessary to be an active, present listener. Join us in June to delve into the art and skills of listening.

Pentecost Sunday Thank You

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, to everyone who made Pentecost such a delightful celebration. Wess and Shannon Robotham decorated the sanctuary, and Cindy Butzke made our festive spirit sticks. Alex Sick led a group of young dancers in liturgical movement which added to our experience of the scripture lesson (Thank you, Alex Sick, Lilly Hastings, Anna Hastings, Layla Luebbe, and Gavin Robotham -- y'all rocked!) May the Spirit fill us and guide us!



Seward Rotary Club Honors Two of our Members

Saturday, May 22nd, Gail Brand and Marla Jisa were honored by the Seward Rotary Club. Gail was awarded the Service Above Self award for outstanding service in our community.



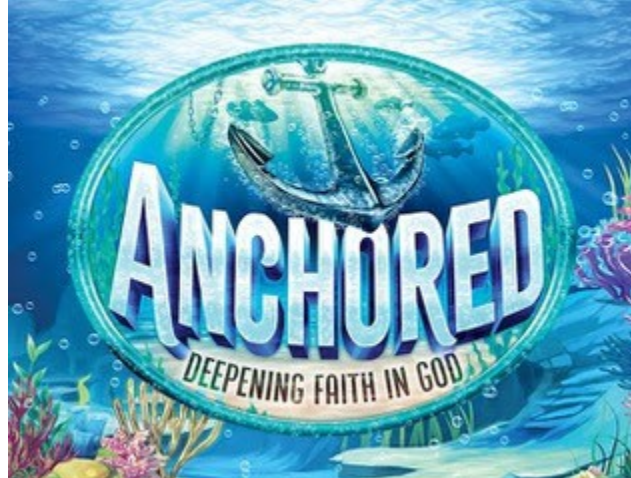
Marla Jisa was awarded the Wayne Tanderup Award for her service in adversity.

Methodist on the Move Survey

In order for Faith Community Nursing/Methodists On the Move to gauge our church family's physical and emotional wellness, please complete the [online survey](#). Your responses are valued and appreciated.

Vacation Bible School Will be the Week of July 26-30th

We are so excited to be planning and preparing for Vacation Bible School this summer! This year, we have an underwater theme, encouraging all who participate to deepen their faith in God. Our main Bible point this year: God is faithful. "Give thanks to God, for God is good! God's faithful love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34). The curriculum is prepared for all ages, preschool - pre-teen.



VBS is hosted in coordination with Seward United Methodist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and will take place the week of July 26-30, 2021 in the evenings. A meal will be provided for all children/families that choose to participate before each night's activities begin. Children will experience God's faithful love through Music & More, Deep Bible Adventures, Sea Crafts, Anchors Away Play, and Coral Reef Closings.

As we continue to prepare, we are in need of volunteers! There are numerous ways in which volunteers make VBS a success. We need shoppers, decorators, meal prep chefs, station leaders, and crew leaders. If you are available, willing to help, and have a heart for children, please contact Wess Robotham to volunteer or [register online](#)!