

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream June 20th

Summer Travels, Summer Heat

During these dangerously hot days, I give thanks for air conditioning! Having had heat stroke twice, I am much more susceptible to heat. When these hot days come, I focus on staying hydrated and staying cool. Come to think of it, that's a good game plan for any day -- staying hydrated and staying cool! What about you? What are your go-to tips for getting through the high temperatures?

What about those of you who love summer... what do you love about it? What do you look forward to each year? Come summer, this is what I am thankful for in addition to air conditioning: often a slower pace, Coke Icees, Sonic frozen limeade, fresh watermelon, July 4th fireworks, the occasional postcard from a friend traveling, seeing vacation photos on Facebook, and the promise that fall will follow the summer heat.

Drink plenty of water. When you travel, send me a postcard at the church and I will add it to the bulletin board by my office door: Rev. Mary Kay Totty, 1400 N. Fifth Street, Seward NE 68434.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

Fellowship Volunteers Needed

Given the progress in getting the pandemic under control, we are all enjoying a return to regular activities and ways of being in the world -- including the return of coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings following each worship service.



Coffee fellowship volunteers are needed. You may sign up to host coffee hour on the clip board near the front door of the church or you may call Terri in the church office (402-643-4156) and she will get you signed up.

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- June 22nd - BBCDC Board Meeting - 6:00pm - Parlor
- June 23rd - VBS Planning Meeting - 6:30pm - Parlor
- June 24th - Yoga Class - 9:00am - Parlor & UMYF Room
- June 24th - Building Improvement Committee - 3:00pm - Parlor
- June 24th - FoodNet - 5:00pm
- June 26th - Sewing Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Calling all Middle & High School Youth!

This year, the Great Plains Conference is hosting a re-imagined [ONEevent](#), September 3rd - 5th, 2021. Youth will participate across Nebraska and Kansas at the five Great Plains camps. The event includes worship, workshops, and activities unique to camp - such as campfire worship. Youth from churches across the conference will come together to participate in these activities, share the love of God through service to local communities, and grow deeper in their faith.



If you or a youth you know is interested in participating in this meaningful experience, please contact the church office or Wess Robotham. Early bird registration deadline is July 1 - so we hope to hear from you soon!

Yoga Returns To Seward United Methodist Church



Beginning Thursday, June 17 at 9:00am Yoga Classes for all skill levels will be available at Seward United Methodist Church. *Om Shanti Studios* will provide an instructor and offer the classes. Students may purchase a pass for 8 classes for \$64 (\$8 per class). Another option is to attend as an occasional drop in and make a donation of \$5-\$8 when one drops in for a class. Cost of the classes are paid to the instructor by check or cash. The class will meet in the Parlor.

Pine Ridge Reservation Mission Opportunity

Several Seward churches are coordinating efforts to transport mattresses from the Concordia dorms along with summer clothing to the reservation in early July. Here's how you can help:

- Pray for the success of this mission project.
- Volunteer on Thursday, July 8th at 6:00pm to remove the mattresses from the dorm and load them into the truck. The task usually takes less than one hour.
- Volunteer to drive the truck and deliver the mattresses and clothing to the Pine Ridge Reservation - the weekend of July 9 - 11th.
- Donate clean, lightly used, summer clothing for men, women, boys, girls, and infants. Pre-made labels available in hallway at Seward United Methodist Church.
- Donate funds to the project to cover the costs of a truck rental and fuel, along with meals and the possibility of lodging for the drivers.



Drop off donations before July 2nd at two locations:

Faith Lutheran Church (245 N 2nd Street Seward, NE)

Tuesdays 10:00am – 1:00pm - call 402-643-6116 to confirm

Seward Foster Friend (421 Faith Lane Seward, NE)

Place items in the huge RED BOX in drive-way or call 402-540-3082 for more information .

Items Needed:

- Gently-worn Summer clothing should be sorted and placed in labeled plastic bags:
Pine Ridge Reservation / Re-Member - Men's - Women's - Boy's - Girl's - Baby's
- New and Gently-used gardening supplies and tools
- Personal Care Products - *soaps, shampoos, hygiene products, razors, toothbrushes, etc.*
- New in package socks and underwear for all ages and genders
- Twin sheets sets, blankets and pillows

Call Jeanne Gee with questions: 402-641-1072.

Volunteers Needed for Foodnet

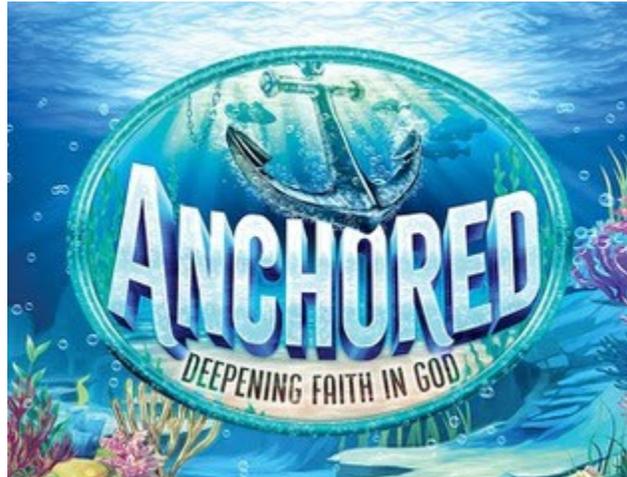
We continue to welcome additional volunteers, especially those that can lift ten pounds or more! Thanks to individuals, organizations, and business for generous donations. All donations are always welcome, due to limited refrigerator space if your donation is perishable, please contact us for coordinating those deliveries.

Thank you--We could not continue this ministry without all your support!

E.V. and Susan Walsh
Seward FoodNet Coordinators

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!](#)
Bright Beginnings