

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream June 27th

“From the Past Will Come Our Future”



Sundays this Summer starting June 27 continuing through August 15 (except for July 4th), worship and sermons will be around the theme "*From the Past Will Come Our Future*". We will focus on the stained-glass windows that were saved from the former Methodist Church building that now hang in the Fellowship Hall. We will consider one stained-glass window per week, reflecting on the symbol in the window and what inspiration it may hold for us today. The worship series will culminate on August 15th focusing on the large, beautiful *Tree of Life* stained-glass window on the front of Seward United Methodist Church.

Worship is at 8:00am and 10:30am each Sunday. Both services are available via live stream. Come as you are! All are welcome!

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

July 4th Worship Schedule

With July 4th falling on Sunday this year and lots of the Seward 4th Festivities planned for the day, we have made a couple of adjustments to our Sunday morning schedule:



- 7:30am -- Community Worship at the Bandshell -- Rev. Mary Kay will offer the message, the SUMC Praise Team will provide the music
- 8:00am -- NO in person worship we will premier a Virtual, Pre-Recorded Worship on Facebook and YouTube
- 10:30am -- Simple in person worship at SUMC -- a prayer and communion service

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- June 29th - UMW Leadership Meeting - 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall
- July 1st - Yoga Class – 9:00am in the Parlor & UMYF Room
- July 1st - FoodNet – 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Best "Bang for your Buck" Food Deal on July 4th

Come and enjoy the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall at the Mighty Fortress Evangelical Lutheran Church (6th & Bradford) across from Civic Center. Sit down and relax. Have a hot dog with extras and enjoy a cold beverage or coffee for one dollar! Rest room facilities are available.

All proceeds will be used to support the Community Food Bank operated by the Blue Valley Community Action.



2021 Fresh Fruit Sales – Utica Lions Club



The Utica Area Lions are again selling Colorado peaches and pears. They are \$40.00 for a 20 pound box of peaches and \$30 for a 20 pound box of pears. You may order half boxes. Please contact a Utica Lions member or one of the following:

- Sandi – 402-534-4791
- Ardee – 402-534-2281

Orders will be taken until July 23. If you get an answering machine, be sure to leave your name and phone number. They will notify us when to pick-up orders at Seward United Methodist Church (around September 1st).

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!



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



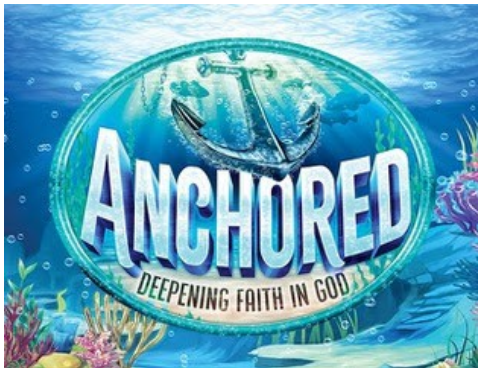
In June, we served 118 family units that impacted 289 individuals. Thank you to our amazing team of

volunteers this month—*Juanita Hill, Randy Halder, Jane Pallat, Linda Eberspacher, Jeff Sugden, Jody Pelan, Lori Shriner, Sherry Menze, Deb Snell, Sue Imig, Franklin Hronik, Lyra Walsh, Zach Walsh, Aden Troyer, Xander Foulk, Melanie Collister-Foulk, Cade Bartels, Terri Siebert, and Pastor Jen Davidson.*

We continue to welcome additional volunteers, especially those that can lift 10 pounds or more! Thanks to individuals, organizations, and businesses for your 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!](#)