

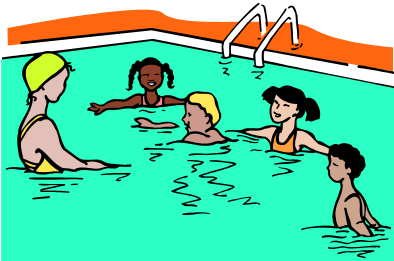
Lighthouse of Iowa

June 2013

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.---Jeremiah 10:23

The summer I was twelve, I came up with the grandiose idea that our family needed a swimming pool. "Mother, is it all right if I build us a swimming pool?" I asked, with shovel in hand. I was sure that a pool full of blue water would delight her.

My mother smiled and said, "Okay. Why don't you build it right over there." She pointed to the back corner of our half-acre yard. I grabbed a hammer and four wooden stakes, driving each one into the ground to set up my boundaries. Then I stepped back. I could visualize our pool with all the neighborhood kids splashing water at one another.



I was excited when I started to dig, but the ground was hard. I jumped on the shovel to drive it into the dirt. I strained my back, my arms and my legs for every clod of dirt I moved. Thirty minutes later, I had accomplished so little that the man next door asked if I was digging for worms. I worked a

while longer, all the time looking at those stakes that seemed miles away. Then I decided that I had miscalculated the size of the pool. I moved the stakes in to about half the original distance.



In another half hour, I was moving my stakes closer again. By sundown I had dug a hole three feet by two feet and eighteen inches deep. I decided that it didn't need to be an inch bigger and dragged the hose to my pool. When my mother came to check on me, I was sitting in my mud hole with only one ambition left: to rest my aching muscles.

"When will our pool be finished?" my mother asked.

"It is finished," I said glumly.

As I think back on that experience, I realize that my personal ambitions have often been like that pool. I start out with fantastic ideas of what my life will be like. Then after I've been digging for a short time, I start moving in my stake.

Our dreams for life will tarnish if we're too unrealistic. We need to let the Lord direct us before we start hammering in our stakes.

Lord, let my life's plans and dreams be guided by You.

---Brian Miller

Vandalia Weekend Meeting

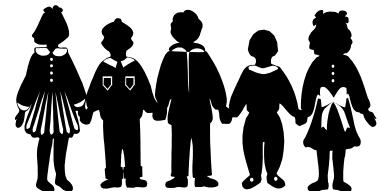
June 8 & 9, 2013

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Meals served between services each day. Recreation is planned after Saturday evening services. For housing, contact Joy Cummings, 515-210-2397, mdmdcc@msn.com or Brittney Dowdy, 515-729-1925, brwessel@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School



Dean Avenue

June 9-14 with John Lee

Sunday, June 9:

John will speak at both services

Weekday children's classes:

9:30-11:15 a.m.

Weeknight services: 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill

June 16-21 with John Lee

Sunday, June 16:

John will speak at both services

Weeknight classes:

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa
For information call—Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Due to health issues with several in our congregation, we have decided to permanently discontinue Wednesday evening services.

Clarence Van Egdome has been unable to attend services. He has a hip that is painful due to arthritis and is unable to eat much so he is also very weak. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers as he struggles with these

ailments, along with the liver cancer.

Carl Bennett continues to be on oxygen full time.

Norm Riekens has been struggling with thyroid medication issues, which has left his muscles very weak. Hopefully he will improve as the medication gets straightened out.

Visitors this past month were Bruce, Sue, and Leah

Schreck and Teresa Groves.

Brian and Tammy Schreck and family attended the Memorial Day meeting at Murray Road.

June Birthday
9 – Ashley Schreck 

June Anniversary
2 – Carl & Evelyn Bennett 

Dean Avenue

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.
Location—2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa
For information call—John McNeece, (515)263-9428 or Don Warren, (515)967-5650

Shirley McNeece visited her daughter and family in Texas.

Peg Warren visited her sister, who is not well, in Arizona.

Several of our congregation went to sing for Peter Hawthorne at his home. He really enjoyed this and sang along with us. He is now in the care center behind Lutheran Hospital, Room 306, for therapy to get stronger.

Jessica Strable graduated from Southeast Polk on May 26th. Her open house was Saturday, June 1st at the home of her grandma, Bev Hayes.

Visitors this month were: Bill, Sarah and Bryan Charlier, Morgan Coe, Jasmine Arroyo, Ashley Fitzgerald, Jean Van Egdome, Jackie and Avery Carr, Valerie Hawthorne, Lauren Shediwy, Angelina Warren, Carlton Keary, and Mary Keary.

Mary Lou Allen continues to be in constant pain. She is going to a new pain center, but is not any better so far. Please pray for her to have some relief.

Margaret Warren has the shingles, and is not reacting well to the medicine. Please pray for her and Don.

June Birthdays
1 – Margaret Warren
4 – Marla Fetters
5 – Chloe Prenosil
13 – Jean Van Egdome
17 – Tammy Fitzgerald
23 – Janice Sellers
29 – Don James
29 – Frank Meek 

June Anniversaries


5 – Matt & Mary Dobberke
25 – Don & Margaret Warren
29 – Ron & Karma Sharp

Fairview

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Location—22nd & Orange St., Clarinda, Iowa

For information call—Richard Negley, (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley, (712)542-2972

We are all thankful and appreciative of some warmer weather and good health to get the crops in!

Richard Negley was under the weather for a few days, but is feeling better now.

John Lee joined us the weekend of May 17th – 19th, and presented several great lessons. Those who were able to attend

enjoyed a fish fry basket dinner on the 20th (fish provided by Jack Swisher).

Other visitors this month were Shirley Warner; Mary Swisher-Smith, Alex, and Aubri; Paul and Dasha Negley, Timber and Minka as well as Dasha's parents, the Vandovas from the Czech Republic; Zoey, Beau, and Kemper Gilmore.

June Birthdays

22 – Janet Negley

27 – Neil McCoy



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—10985 44th Lane, Prole, Iowa (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa on Hwy. 92)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

Randy and Laura Teghtmeyer worshiped with us while visiting Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer.

On May 5th, Megan Stevens attended services while visiting her cousin, Jordan Bown. Miles Wood also visited that morning.

Pam Deckler's cousin, Kathy, attended services while spending time with Pam.

Neal Warren met with us on Wednesday, May 8th while Peg was traveling.

Sharon and Justin Stevens worshiped with us on May 12th.

Britt Trusty, a friend of Tanner George, met with us for a Wednesday service while he was in the area visiting.

Al and Marlene Bown traveled to Illinois to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Verity Woody, from Lewis and Clark Community College.

Cassidy Phillips graduated from Martensdale St. Mary's High School as Valedictorian May 19th. An open house was held in her honor the evening of May 18th.

Joshua Soard graduated from Clark High School in Osceola on May 19th.

We had several visitors the morning of May 19th. Steve and Cerine Proudfit and their daughters, Madison Hermon, Ashley and Chantelle Schreck, and Brett Jackson were in the area to help Cassidy Phillips celebrate her graduation. Doug and Roger Bown visited their parents, Dick and Phyllis Bown.

Drew and Courtney Teghtmeyer and Tracy Penick went to Missouri to visit family.

Duane and Mary Proudfit, Dave and Christy Henderson, Cassidy and Bethany Phillips, and Kyle and Jordan Bown all attended the Memorial Day

Meeting held by the Murray Road Congregation in Lee's Summit.

June Birthdays

4 – Kyle Bown

4 – Tracy Penick

10 – Phyllis Bown

12 – Fred Bown

21 – Al Bown



June Anniversaries



12 – Fred & Marlene Bown

13 – Zach & Jenna Wheeler

29 – Bill & Marta Weeks

Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa ♦ Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Tyler Brady moved home from school for the last time. He has completed all of his classes at the University of Northern Iowa, and in the fall he begins student teaching before he acquires his diploma and teaching license. He was on the Dean's list six out of eight semesters at UNI. He will be student teaching at Hoyt Middle School for eight weeks, then he will complete his student teaching at Southeast Polk high school. He will graduate with honors in December.

Betty George passed away on May 18. We will miss this dear sister in Christ. Funeral services were held May 22nd at the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ.

Our recent visitors were: Tom and Marilyn Allen from Nixa, Missouri; Kevin Waits; and Pat Schriber, who has been visiting with the

Turnquist family.

Shea Hermon, Bruce and Suzanne Harvey, and Miles Wood were sick during the month. Laura McClurg and Mike Warner are both having back problems. Don Gustafson had open heart surgery; they repaired a heart valve and double bypass. He is doing well. Tom Brady had gall bladder surgery May 28th.

Nels and Marj Turnquist were in Indiana attending the funeral of a cousin.

Sharon and Justin Stevens were at Martensdale visiting.

Joyce Ingle was in Missouri visiting with her family.

Shirley Warner attended the graduation of her granddaughter in Bedford. She attended services at Clarinda.

Rodney and Alena Ingle, and Maddy Hermon attended the Memorial Day weekend meeting in Lee's Summit,

Missouri.

Jamie Ingle was in Michigan attending a cousin's wedding.

June Birthdays

- 2 – Beverly Hayes
- 15 – Bob Flack
- 23 – Dan Pritchard
- 23 – Josh Conner
- 24 – Tricia Brady
- 24 – Jamie Ingle
- 28 – Mary Gearhart
- 29 – Sophia George
- 30 – Randy Spinney



June Anniversaries

- 2 – Don & Wanda Burkman
- 8 – Carroll & Betty Warren
- 9 – Bud & Mary Alice Fillman
- 26 – Nels & Marj Turnquist



Vandalia

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.
Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.

Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

We hope you can attend our weekend meeting on June 8 and 9. See the front page for details.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan; and Morgan Cummings attended a weekend meeting in Indiana.

Our visitors last month included: Dawn Mikus; Jason Dowdy; Jason and Staci Miller and Allison; Vanessa Groves; Kevin Waits; Denise Drake, and sons Max and Jack; Maryanne Homan; D.D. and Donna Russell; Bruno and Greta Fiorentin; and Kyndrick Knisley.

Derek and Amy Ingle, Brighton and Caleb vacationed at Clear Lake.

Lynnette Dowdy visited family in Missouri.

A wedding shower was given in honor of James and Laura Dowdy.

Bobbi Duckstein had some surgery on her face and is recovering well.

Alan and Shonya Klein and family attended the weekend meeting in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Cameron Burkman was hit by a car while crossing the

street on his way home from school, and he had broken bones in his leg and foot. We are all relieved that he had no other serious injuries.

June Birthday

29 – Lori Cole



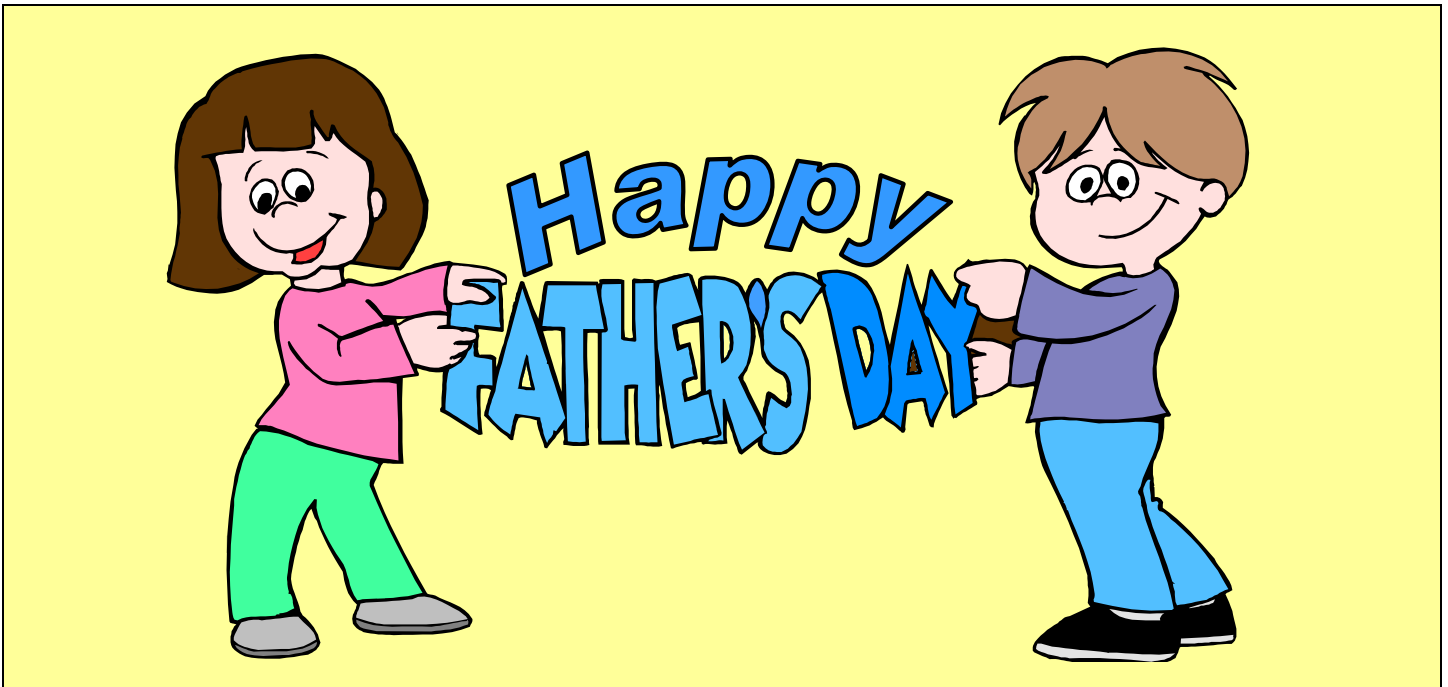
June Anniversaries



1 –Doug & Lisa Fiorentin

2 – Michael & Joy Cummings

29 – Charles & Angela Ingle



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