

Church with a View

Union Prairie Lutheran Church
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I am a reader. In addition to watching TV and going to movies, one of my favorite ways of enjoying myself is reading books. There is a whole genre of books called, "beach reading," books intended not so much to challenge the mind but to give us a good story to read while kicking back on a beach.

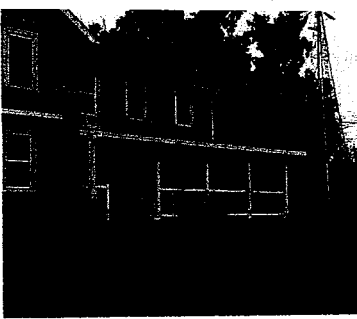
A good story needs a good plot. A plot is sequence of actions by which the story plays out, usually with conflict between an antagonist and a protagonist. It builds to a climax, and then is resolved, either happily or not.

But there are other kinds of plots. A plot can be a conspiracy, people coming together to gain some much-desired end. Or a plot can be one person's scheme. A plot can be a carefully devised plan, or a quickly developed seizing of opportunity. In the HBO TV series "Game of Thrones", many different people plot to take control of the fictional Seven Kingdoms of Westeros. In the Netflix TV series, "House of Cards", a Congressman named Francis Underwood plots revenge on his political rivals who have thwarted his ambitions.

Our Bible conveys to us a great plot on the part of our God. It begins with God creating a great and good world, and placing all kinds of creatures in it, including human beings. Those beings err, disobeying God, and bringing sin and eventually death into God's good world. Things get worse and worse until God decides He has to start all over. He floods the world, saving a small remnant in an ark built by Noah. Sadly, sin creeps in again soon enough, so God decides to create a new people, beginning with Abraham and Sarah, hoping they will live well and walk in his ways. Unfortunately, they and their descendants sin in various ways, and God has those descendants sent into slavery in Egypt. After a time there, God sent Moses to rescue those slaves from Egypt, and gives them a Law to live by. But that Law didn't fix things either, neither did setting the people up in their own kingdom. At last God sent his own Son to be born in Earth. Only then was sin put under control. People still sinned, but through the death and resurrection of Christ, sin and death do not win, God does.

However you spend your summer by a wooded lake, in front of a TV screen, or with a good book in your hands, remember the story of God's salvation. Remember the love that caused God not to give up on you, but to die for you.

May peace of God's promise be with you,
Pastor Paul Thompson



Church on the Farm

You are invited to church on the Holmen Family Farm.
Sunday, July 31, 2016, 10am Service with Potluck to follow.
Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to pass.

Mark, Becky, Ryan and Carter are the Fifth Generation to live on this beautiful land. First settled in the early 1800's by the Lausteun's from Norway.

There has been many changes on this farm. Buildings were raised and then torn down. There has been some weddings, births and sadly some deaths. But we are bringing new life to this family farm with our heard of Beef cows and calves, our passel of Pigs, a couple of beautiful Aussie's (Rose & Madi), and our newest family member, Lily the bunny rabbit.

Root Beer Float Stand

Just wanted to highlight all we need for the Buffalo Bill weekend starting Friday 5th and August 6&7th

We are having the 1919 Root beer float stand again this year for the Union Prairie Youth Scholarship fund.

We would love donations towards the ice cream cups we need to make the floats. We order 1,000 vanilla cups and 48 swirl flavors.

That alone runs about \$ 335.00, then we need 4 kegs of root beer at \$70.00 a keg. In the past years I have gotten 2 donated.

We are getting skin on wieners and buns at Sam's. there is a \$70 charge for the refrigerated trailer rent, \$75 booth rent for the 2 day event.

So any donations to help pay for the expenses would greatly be appreciated. Our paper product supplies are okay this year.

Donations help towards the expenses for the ice cream, root beer, hot dogs, buns.

(I thought the year everyone donated for the church meatball supper helped greatly towards those expenses).

So if you are not able to help us, we could use donations towards the expenses, thank you.

Having confirmation students, and graduates future and past to help also.

You can send donations to: (Checks can be made out to:
Union Prairie Youth Scholarship Fund)

Ruth Olson 31188 Grit rd, Lanesboro MN 55949

Help is needed to take 3 tables to the booth Friday afternoon or early evening.

Needing 3 long tables either from church or the community center, the trailer needs to be picked up in Preston and delivered to the park,

Plugged in to get cold. The cord needs to be strung throughout the shelter so no one trips on it or shuts off the cooler.

Friday morning someone needs to meet Northern beverage when they deliver the 4 kegs to the High school cooler for storage until Saturday morning. Steve will bring the freezer to be plugged in Friday night also, to be good and frozen for the weekend.

Setting up the booth will be Saturday morning at 8am, to hang banners, menus, get coffee going, the hot dogs cooking. Help is always welcome, many hands make it go faster. Each day ice is needed be gotten at S&A food shop, they usually donate part of the ice for us, ice cream will need to be filled in the freezer each day, and the keg needs to get on ice and hooked up ready to go each day.

Saturday and Sunday shifts: we will need 1- adult cashier, 2- 3 workers for each shift

8-11 Early shift help set stuff up in booth each morning.

11-2

2-5:30(also help take the stuff down at the end of each day)

If anyone is interested in doing 2 shifts is appreciated also. being this is our only fund raiser over buffalo bill days, we hope

Many will volunteer to take some shift so make it all go smoothly.

Sunday after we close, we need the help to clean up and take tables back, box up all the items, if a full root beer keg is left, needs to be kept cold, until delivered back to Rochester to pay the bill to northern Beverage.