



June Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- June Men's Shelter Collection
- June 6: 9am-3pm 2026
Northeastern Iowa C3
(Creative Collaborative
Congregations) at St Paul
Lutheran in Waverly
- June 14 - Funeral Planning
with Paul Van Gorp, from
Richardson's Funeral Home
- June 16 - Fredsville's Day for
Summer Library Lunches with
the Dike Public Library
- June 21 - Father's Day

hello
SUMMER





June 2026



Birthdays

Alex Nank - 2
 Ellie Opoien - 2
 Sawyer Loger - 4
 Zach Adelmund - 7
 Jeremy Mounce - 7
 Tessa Yearous - 7
 Reid Nuss - 8
 Jodi Bergmann - 9
 Sierra Loger - 10
 Karl Nielsen - 10
 Amanda Bakker - 13
 Chuck Christensen - 15
 Sara Ohrt - 15
 Jason Hines - 16
 Tate Hermann - 17
 Alex Six - 17
 Kailie Petersen - 18
 Mallory Petersen - 18
 Jeanne Thuesen - 20
 Jolene Depping - 21
 Mark Faust - 21
 Ryanne Shoemaker - 21
 Dan Crotty - 23
 Karissa Foust - 24
 Sharon Hemmen - 25
 Jake Lutgen - 26
 Emma Opoien - 26
 Colton Foust - 28
 Eric Staker - 29
 Charlotte Opoien - 29

Anniversary

Karl & Brandi Nielsen - 4
 Bert & Linda Feuchtwanger - 11
 Mike & Lori Cain - 15
 Jerry & Sue Green - 15
 Nathan & Amanda Bakker - 23
 David & Carlene Stage - 23
 Justin & Abby Brekke - 25



Prayer List

- Carol Andersen
 - Recover from fall
- Deana Peters
 - (SIL of Jana and Cory Hermann)
 - Breast Cancer Treatment
- Catherine Petersen
 - For health and peace

These names were received by the church from the individual or their family and have consented to have their names released to the Fredsville congregation. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office (319-989-2065) to be included in our weekly prayers or contact Pastor Lee.

Pastoral Pondering ... Small Moments Matter

Each week during worship I invite my younger, shorter friends to join me for Kids Time at worship. I like to stand so that we can move around while we talk. I will admit there are times when we are all eye to eye, a privilege of being short. Kids Time is always fun because we never know what may happen. One Sunday we talked about keeping people we love close even when they are far away. We have pictures to remember, phones that connect us. Maybe we think about people we love when we wear their favorite color. Jesus tells us Love keeps us connected. The Holy Spirit is as near as right here, in our hearts. *John 14:15-21*

Each week I ask our younger friends how they would like to pray. They come up with fun and creative ways to hold their hands as we invite the congregation to pray with us in the same way. This time (*shown below*) we chose a “frog pose” for prayer. While no one else physically joined us, we prayed together as a family of faith.



Small moments, like these, matter in community. It is important to talk with kids about Jesus on their level. It is important to ask kids what they think, their perspective is unique. It is important that we model faith practices like praying together. Kids learn by seeing us and practicing faith with us. The memories we create in these small moments matter in our life together. This ministry moment created a lot of memories that will keep us jumping for joy reflecting the Love of Jesus.

May the Peace of Christ be with you always...



Pastor Lee

Q & A
By Sue Green
The New HVAC Units in the Sanctuary
June 2026



The white air conditioning units have been replaced in the Sanctuary. Reading about them won't be as interesting as reading about the graduating seniors or the new council members that have been my last two Q & A topics. However, since we like to be comfortable and be able to hear when worshiping, it is good that we learn about these new HVAC units. I would like to thank Pastor Lee for answering my questions.

Q: Why did they replace the AC units in the Sanctuary?

A: The old Air Conditioning units were more than 20 years old. The piping was deteriorating and had caused moisture leaks inside on multiple occasions. These units were loud when in operation and made it difficult to hear. These units also consumed more power than a newer unit.

Q: What is the function of the new AC units? How many new units were installed?

A: The new units are able to Heat as well as Cool. We replaced four indoor units in the Sanctuary and the four outdoor units that they work with. We also installed two new ceiling units in the Gathering Space to replace the present two units. These will work with one new outdoor unit that replaced two units on the roof. This reduces the weight on the roof and uses less power for the same results.

Q: What should we call the new AC units?

A: The new AC units should be called HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) Units. Those in the HVAC industry call them "mini-splits".

Q: Did the original units also supply supplemental heat?

A: The old units in the Sanctuary only provided Air Conditioning. The new Sanctuary units will both Heat and Cool. They will provide supplemental heat in the spring and fall. They will not be able to heat the Sanctuary in the coldest part of winter. We will still be operating our boiler to supply winter heat. The old units in the Gathering space did both Heat and Cool. The new units with both Heat and Cool will provide better efficiency down to lower outdoor temperatures. In the coldest parts of winter, we will still use the electric heat in the Gathering space.

Q: What is the primary heat source in the sanctuary?

A: The primary heat source in the Sanctuary is the hot water heat from our boiler.

Q: Where did the money come from to pay for the new HVAC units?

A: The money for this project came from the Building Fund.

Q: When were the new HVAC units installed? How many were on the crew?

A: The new Heating & Air Conditioning Units (HVAC) were installed starting on May 4 through May 11. The team from Mike Fereday Heating & Cooling consisted of two people most days, with one day having three people present.

Q: Will I notice a difference with the new HVAC units?

A: The new HVAC Units in the Sanctuary are much quieter than the old units. All four units could run on high and make less noise than just one of the older units. Plus, we will be much more comfortable during worship, VBS, and other events in the sanctuary.

Q: If the new HVAC units had a favorite Bible verse, what would it be?

A: Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, then day and night shall not cease."

Thank you, Pastor Lee for taking the time to answer my questions and to provide photos of our new HVAC units in the Sanctuary! It will be wonderful not to hear the "roaring" of the old AC units. That "roaring" made it difficult for many to hear the worship service in the summer time. Thanks also goes to the Property Committee who made getting the new HVAC units purchased and installed, a priority.

FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

Date: Sunday, May 24; Following Worship

Attendance: Pastor Lee Gable, Linda Nielsen (Treasurer), Wanda Nielsen, Tony Norton, Roy Stefan, Amy Camarata, Keene Petersen, Amanda Bakker, Jodi Bergmann, Gary Koenen.

Absent: Abby Brekke

Call to Order: President Amy Camarata called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pastor opened with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Nielsen presented the financials.

As of April 30, 2026

- General Fund: \$71,701.65
- Building Fund: \$55,554.54
- Memorial Fund: \$15,766.06

Secretary's Report:

- Previously reviewed and approved by the Council via email.

Old Business Discussed:

- HVAC update: 6 units have been installed, 4 in the sanctuary and 2 in the gathering space. These units are much quieter and will help with keeping the humidity down. During installation of these units, further maintenance issues were found on a different unit. We are working with the contractor to address these, so our HVAC system is working properly.

New Business Discussed:

- Roof update: there is a crack on the edge of the roof where it meets the gutters. Still waiting on the contractor to provide an estimate of what that repair will entail and cost. The parsonage roof does show some wear from hail, but no repair is needed at this time.
- A VBS planning meeting is set for Tuesday, May 26th at 6 pm. Will need to get volunteers lined up for another successful VBS event, watch for emails to come.
- An update regarding the pollinator garden was provided. Some plants did not make it through the winter and Earl May is working with us to get some of those plants replaced. Plants from the cemetery garden have also been donated to the pollinator garden.
- This summer/fall there will be a 2-part series on Funeral Planning. The first part will be with Paul from Richardson Funeral Home on June 14th and the second part will be with Pastor Lee. A private planning meeting can be requested with Pastor Lee as well.

Updates and Upcoming Reminders:

- A member concern was brought up regarding an area of the roof and eve spout needing repair and painted. It was mentioned that the property committee is aware of this as well and will be addressed by that committee.

Pastor Report: A full Pastor's report is available as an attachment in the Secretary's Notebook.

- Graduates were blessed on May 3rd during worship and given their quilts. Pastor participated in DNH Baccalaureate which was held at the Reformed Church of Stout on May 13th.
- Continued pastoral care through services at Westview Estates in Reinbeck, home/phone call/hospital visits. Do not hesitate to let Pastor know of your pastoral care needs.
- Confirmation held their Wrap-up Party on April 29th. There is already interest in a kick-off party for confirmation in the fall. Tuesday Bible study continues at Fredsville's Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor continues to be very involved with various meetings, conferences and committees. To highlight one networking event, Pastor met with a Decorah Pastor and learned that he served a CA congregation that has a Fredsville connection.
- Lutheran World Relief sent a representative to thank Fredsville for our contribution to their work. The rep, Pastor Brian, used to be at Pastor Dena's home congregation.
- The Clothing Closet has had some appointments and drop-ins that Ashley has been assisting with.
- CFU has sent, upon Pastor's request, the last four months of solar energy graphs and are available for those that are interested.
- Youth continue to be involved in many events and pastor is still attending those as he is able to. One of our youths invited Pastor to the 8th Grade Promotion, how great is that!? He attended the Fredsville grad parties and a few in the Hudson community as well.
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church has called a new pastor, Ron Poe. Pastor Lee has been in contact to transfer care of an up-coming wedding.

Closing Prayer: Council concluded the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

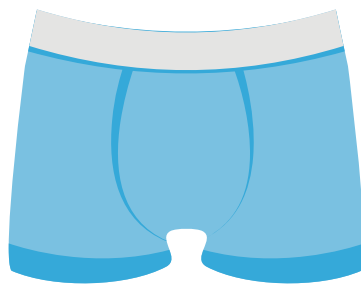
Next Meeting: Sunday, June 28th, 2026 – Following Worship

Respectfully Submitted: Amanda Bakker, Council Secretary

**DURING
THE MONTH
OF JUNE**



The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



Requested Items

Men's underwear (all sizes)

Lotion

Men's Body Wash

Powder Coffee Creamer

Shampoo



COLLECTION

Let's join together to share kindness and generosity with others in need.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Fredsville Endowment Committee Spring Grants

The Fredsville Endowment Committee met on April 7th of this year and the following charities were selected for receiving grants.

Americans for Independent Living \$1,500	Camp EWALU \$5,000	Cedar Valley Hospice \$1,000
Children's Cancer Connection \$2,000	Christmas in Grundy County \$500	Dike Community Food Pantry \$1,000
House of Hope \$2,000	LSI in Iowa \$2,000	NE Iowa Food Bank \$ 2,000
NewAldaya Lifescapes \$ 10,000	New Hartford Comm. Church Food Pantry \$1,000	Peoples Community Health Clinic \$2,000
Salvation Army - Family Center \$1,000	Salvation Army - Men's Shelter \$1,000	Salvation Army - Women & Children Shelter \$1,000
ThreeHouse \$2,000	UNI Panther Pantry \$1,000	

College Scholarships

Application Due Date for Fall Graduates – June 30

Once again Fredsville Lutheran Church is providing scholarships for college students. For any student that is in the situation of graduating this coming fall they are eligible to get a scholarship for the fall semester. There are several requirements to qualify, please see the application form for the complete set of requirements. The application form is due by June 30. It is available from the church secretary and it is also online.

For any student not graduating this fall the due date for those applications is September 30. If you have any questions, please **contact the church office**.

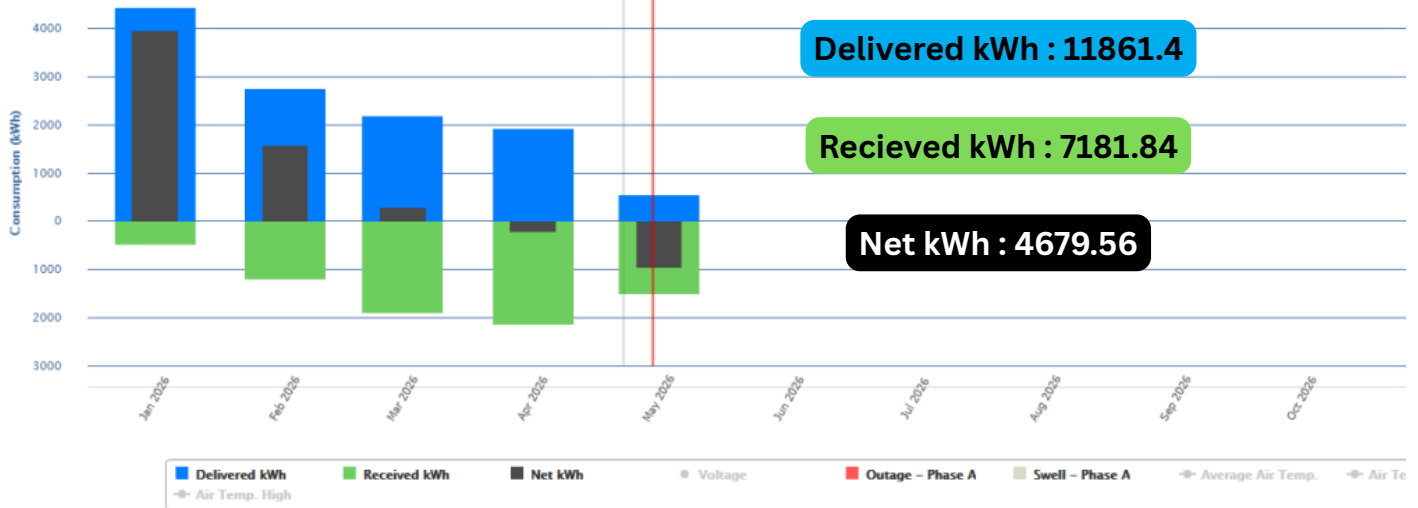
SOLAR UPDATE

Consumption Graph



Serviced Totals (x40)
 Delivered kWh : 11861.400
 Received kWh : 7181.840
 Net kWh : 4679.560

Meter 1-74656: Entire history ending 2026/12/31
 Click anywhere on chart to drill down into the calendar month



This summary reflects the delivered kWh (energy used from the grid - blue), Received kWh (solar energy sent back to the grid - green), and Net kWh (Delivered minus Received - black). Across the first four months of 2026, our system has shown a steady seasonal rise in solar production. April was the first month where we sent back more energy than consumed. May shows an increase in the amount we sent back.

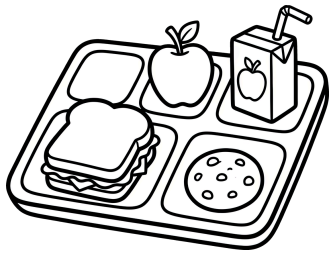
Sunday, June 14

FUNERAL PLANNING

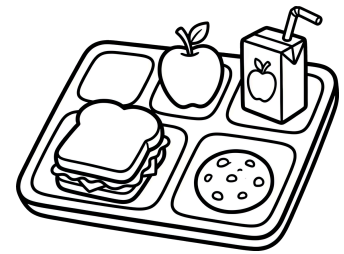
**Death, Greif, and Funerals can be difficult.
 Planning ahead helps make this time a bit easier.**

Guest speaker Paul Van Gorp, a local funeral director, will aim to empower attendees with tools and resources, emphasizing thoughtful preparation to honor loved ones wishes and ease the emotional burden of funeral planning.

FREDSVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Meals on wheels



The community's summer Meals on Wheels service begins June 1! We have 12 people who will be receiving meals. If you would like to help out any of our cooks or delivery people please see the list below.

Monday, June 1 Cook(s): Jean Loger Delivery: TBD Menu: Breakfast Casserole with Sausage & Cheese	
Wednesday, June 3 Cook(s): Sue Green & Wanda Nielsen Delivery: Pat Pruisner Menu: Ham Loaf	Wednesday, July 15 Cook(s): Linda Feuchtwanger Delivery: Pat Pruisner Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches
Wednesday, June 10 Cook(s): Linda Nielsen Delivery: Pat Pruisner Menu: Tater Tot Casserole	Wednesday, July 22 Cook(s): Linda Feuchtwanger Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: Meatloaf
Wednesday, June 17 Cook(s): Karol Boike Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham	Wednesday, July 29 Cook(s): Elaine Folkerts Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i>
Wednesday, June 24 Cook(s): Sue Green & Wanda Nielsen Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: Lasagna	Wednesday, August 5 Cook(s): Jean Loger Delivery: Jannan Marx Menu: Hamburger Gravy and Mashed Potatoes
Wednesday, July 1 Cook(s): Jean Loger Delivery: Amy Camarata Menu: Creamed Chicken on Biscuits	Wednesday, August 12 Cook(s): Mary Carithers Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i>
Wednesday, July 8 Cook(s): Linda Nielsen Delivery: Amy Camarata Menu: Spaghetti	Wednesday, August 19 Cook(s): Mary Carithers Delivery: Angie Norton Menu: TBD <i>Shared with St. Gabriels</i>

*More Updates to Come

Thank You Notes

Dear Fredsville Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$2,000 on 5/11/2026 to Children's Cancer Connection's General Camps! Your gift means so much to us, but it means even more to the more than 830 families in Iowa served by CCC who are affected by childhood cancer.

For more than 35 years, Children's Cancer Connection has connected Iowa families affected by childhood cancer by providing opportunities that encourage relationship and strengthen community. CCC's flagship program, Camp Heart Connection (CHC), is a year-round program consisting of six specialized camps designed for children and families impacted by childhood cancer. These Camps include Oncology and Sibling camp, a weekend-long summer camp; Spring and Summer Day camp, where kids ages 5-12 spend time with friends at the Jeff and Deb Hansen Home for Hope and throughout the Des Moines metro; Teen camp, a week-long retreat designed for teenagers; and Family camp where the entire family can join the fun!

Camp Heart Connection offers transformative experiences that foster, connection, healing, and joy for all participants. Your generous gift helps more than 460 individuals attend Camp Heart Connection at no cost to them. Through Camp Heart Connection, long-lasting connections are made with others who truly understand what they are going through. The laughter at camp, the relief of a parent finding understanding, the strength of a child knowing they are not alone, your support makes all this possible.

Gratefully,
Jenny Harmeyer
Director of Development

Dear Members of Fredsville Lutheran Church,

On behalf of everyone at NewAldaya Lifescapes, please accept our sincere appreciation for your generous gift of \$10,000 received in May 2026. Your support has had a profound impact on the individuals and families we serve each day.

Because many of our residents depend on Medicaid, contributions like yours are essential in helping us cover the difference between reimbursement rates and the actual cost of providing high-quality care. Your generosity plays a vital role in ensuring we can continue to meet these needs with compassion and excellence.

Through your partnership, you help bring our mission to life -- enhancing the quality of the life for those in our care through personalized services in a home guided by God's love.

We would be honored to share more about the difference your gift is making. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like additional updates or opportunities to engage further with our community.

Thank you again for your generosity and for your continued support of our work. We are grateful for your partnership, and look forward to strengthening this relationship in the years ahead.

With gratitude,
Dawna Scheff, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

Worship Readings, Prayers, & Introductions from SundayandSeasons.com

Sunday, June 7 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Green

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Genesis 12:1-9** - Abram's journey in the promise
- **Psalms 33:1-12** - Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! (Ps. 33:12)
- **Romans 4:13-25** - The promise to those who share Abraham's faith
- **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26** - Christ heals a woman and raises a synagogue leader's daughter

Sunday, June 14 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Green

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Exodus 19:2-8a** - The covenant with Israel at Sinai
- **Psalms 100** - We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. (Ps. 100:3)
- **Romans 5:1-8** - While we were sinners, Christ died for us
- **Matthew 9:35–10:8 [9-23]** - The sending of the Twelve

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Sunday, June 21- Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Green

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Genesis 21:8-21** - The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael
- **Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17** - Have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant. (Ps. 86:16)
- **Romans 6:1b-11** - Buried and raised with Christ by baptism
- **Matthew 10:24-39** - The cost of discipleship

Sunday, June 28 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Green

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- **Jeremiah 28:5-9** - The test of a true prophet
- **Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18** - Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)
- **Romans 6:12-23** - No longer under law but under grace
- **Matthew 10:40-42** - Welcome Christ in those he sends

June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bible Study 9:00 am	3	4 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 9am-3pm 2026 Northeastern Iowa C3 at St Paul Lutheran in Waverly
7 Worship 9:30 am	8	9 Bible Study 9:00 am Pillowcase Dresses 12:00 pm	10	11 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	12 Fancy Fingers 9:00 am Pastor's Day Off	13
14 Worship 9:30 am Funeral Planning with Richardson's Funeral Home 11:00 am	15	16 Bible Study 9:00 am	17	18 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 Worship 9:30 am <i>HAPPY Father's Day</i>	22	23 Bible Study 9:00 am	24	25 Quilters 9:00-11:30 am	26 Pastor's Day Off	27
28 Worship 9:30 am Council Meeting	29	30 Bible Study 9:00 am	<p>Looking Ahead Vacation Bible School August 2nd-5th Snowball Mountain Challenge Find your Strength in God</p>			

