

# The Quartzlight

A Newsletter of Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church

Highland and First Parish

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## Where Have You Seen God Lately

From time-to-time, I've asked you to think about where have you seen God lately? In a few weeks we will be starting up Sunday School. Think about being a Sunday School teacher and teaching and guiding our youth where to find God so that they too, may answer the question, "Where have they seen God lately?"

Where have I seen God lately, or as other times I put it, it's a God thing, was on Saturday, August 7th. I was officiating the wedding of a former youth. When he called last February/March to ask if I would officiate, I was dumbfounded. He disliked me so why in the world would he want me to officiate his wedding? Of course, I said yes. As the months passed and wedding preparations were well underway, it wasn't until a few weeks before the big day that I learned his bestman was another former youth who also disliked me. Thoughts...what am I getting myself into.

You see nine years ago the parents of the groom, another chaperone and myself took eleven youth to the 2012 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. They made our lives miserable and they knew it.

Fast forward nine years and we have two adult men who have grown up in recent years. It may have taken time, but one was getting married and the other one is a marine. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would be in this picture with the both of them. I did receive an apology on that Saturday for making my life miserable during that time, more so than it needed it to be.

God works in mysterious ways, when you think you haven't made a difference, when you feel you have let people down or didn't do your job correctly, or you felt you hadn't reached out to people enough, think again. It may take time, even years to see or hear that a difference was made.

In the words of the father of the groom, as they were discussing why me to officiate, the groom responded by "Who would have done it?" In other words who knows me, and who knows my heart well enough to officiate my wedding.

Peace,  
Pastor Sue

*All Churches will Worship in Sherman @ 10:30 on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

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*All Churches will Worship together at 8:45 in Jasper with Communion on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> for Rally Sunday*

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“Rally Sunday” is happening September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have Coffee after church and then work on some “projects”. We will enjoy a Free Will Luncheon with the proceeds to be split by all 3 churches for youth activities.

*As a Rally Sunday service project, we will be making appreciation banners for First Responders in Jasper and Garretson. If you would like to donate wrapped snack items (granola or protein bars, beef jerky, etc) you may bring these items to church and we will make sure they get to the First Responders.*

*If anyone has extra fleece fabric pieces of any size, we can use them for a youth Rally Sunday project. Please drop it off in the room behind the kitchen at Jasper ELC by September 12. Thank you.*

**Quilting** will resume on Monday and Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am.

**Confirmation** will begin on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 -8:00pm at Highland Church.

LUNCH BUNCH will be meeting again on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. We will meet here and then go to the Pipestone Livestock Sale Barn for lunch.

All women are invited to attend the Shetek Conference Fall Gathering! It will be held on **Saturday, September 18, 2021** at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, 14 Keeley Island Drive, Slayton, MN. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., with the gathering beginning at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$12 and this includes coffee and rolls, a yummy lunch, a morning of singing and fellowship, and an inspiring program from members of the Trinity Missions group (formerly known as Mission to Mississippi).

Offerings will be giving toward the ministry of Shetek Lutheran Ministries and Trinity Missions. We are looking forward to meeting in person once again!

**. Website and Facebook page. [jasperelc.org](http://jasperelc.org) – Jasper ELC – Feel free to post pictures and/or comments. Just remember to be kind.**

**Highland and First Lutheran also has a Facebook page. In Facebook, type First Lutheran Church, Sherman, SD.**

**If you want to be added to the “group” please let Pastor Sue or Nicole Stoterau know.**

**September 2021**

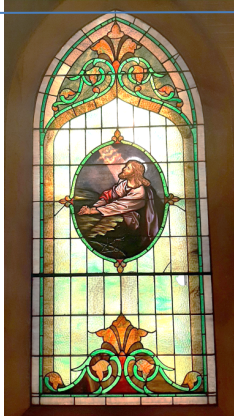


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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Continue the fun by checking out our fall retreats!



The stained glass window in the chapel will now shine with natural sunlight and also will be lit from behind at night.

## Events at camp!

(See [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) for more info)

### Mark your Calendar 2021

Leaf Art - September 19

Donor Appreciation Meal - September 19 (rescheduled)

Pre-Marriage Retreat - September 25

Make a Bug Hotel - September 25

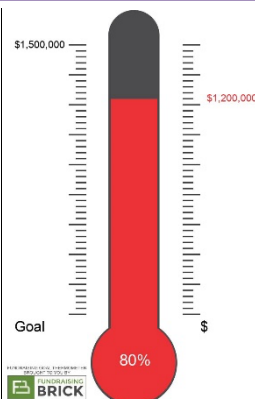
Toddlers and Trees - October 10

Orienteering - October 16

Octoberfest Retreat - October 22-23

Creepy Crawlies - October 29

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is restarting after a pandemic pause. So far, we've raised over \$1,200,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! More info. on our [website](#)



Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

**Jasper**

**September Birthdays**

Matthew Peterson	1
Alyssa Garcia	1
Tim Johnson	2
Taia Southichack (Martinson)	2
Carol Loll	3
Bruce Martinson	4
Brett Baerenwald	5
Russell Ellefson	6
Kevin Hunstad	8
Justin Miller	9
Bev Hunstad	11
Cayce Swenson	11
Andrew Madetzke	12
Josh Garcia	15
Ron Dengler	17
Carolyn De Jongh	18
Sonja (Miller) Garcia	18
Kawika Afelin, Jr	18
Michael Hunstad	20
Irene Sponheim	22
Lisa Petersen	23
Zack Kounkel	26
Megan Miller (Hunstad)	28
Shannon Magnuson	30

**September Anniversaries**

Curtis J. & Diane Johnson	2
Brandon & Laura Gates	7
Dave & Pastor Sue Grinde	17
Steve & Kristine Swenson	19

**First and Highland Parish**

**SEPTEMBER**

6-Tom Elverson
7-M'Lynn Christensen
8-Benton Howe
12-Miles Howe
14-Paige Ahrendt
18-Aiden Johnson
19-Mike Stoterau
24-Beverly Howe
27-John Howe

**If you see lights in the church left on, please turn them off. Thanks**

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Anyone interest in joining the community "Tuesday Morning Bible Study" group is more than welcome. Bible Study begins at 9:30 and lasts about an hour or so (depends on who is inclined to stay and visit for a while). Masks are mandatory and we are seated approximately 6 feet apart.

Comfort and Peace go out to the families of Julie Johnson, Buella Johnson, Marsha Jandl, Mavis Grae and Alice Rogen.

The Southern MN Regional Legal Service has brochures on the table in the narthex offering Legal Advocacy for Older Minnesotans. As part of the MN River Area Agency on Aging, they offer free legal help to people 60 and older in social and economic need. Please feel free to take a brochure.



**YEA!!!!!!**

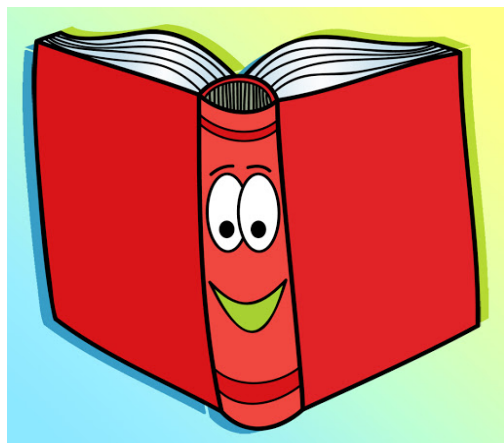
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See you then.

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Congratulations to our members that were married recently.

Mitch & Alexis Duncan  
Andy & Ashley Madetzke  
Nathan & Emily Haraldson



***COME AND  
VISIT OUR  
LIBRARY....  
EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME***

Over a number of years, one of my favorite writers of faith-based novels has been Kim Vogel Sawyer. We have a number of her books already, but are adding two more new ones.

The first is *A Silken Thread*. For readers who love a heartwarming romance and a rich historical setting comes a tale of a young woman with a heavy burden, the International Cotton Exposition, and the pursuit of true love.

Eighteen-year-old Laurel Millard, youngest of seven children, is expected to stay home and "take care of Mama" by her older siblings, but Laurel has dreams of starting her own family. Operating a silk loom at the Atlanta Exposition will give her the chance to capture the heart of a man wealthy enough to take care of Laurel and any children she might bear, as well as her mother.

Langdon Rochester's parents have given him an ultimatum: settle down with a wife or lose his family inheritance. At the Exposition, Langdon meets Laurel. Marrying her would satisfy his parents's command, she would look lovely on his arm for social events, and in her besotted state, he believes she would overlook him continuing pursuing rowdy adventures with his unmarried buddies. Langdon decides to woo Laurel.

Willie Sharp is not well-off and must take on an extra job at the Atlanta Exposition as a security guard. When mischief-makers cause trouble in the Women's Building, Willie is put in charge of keeping the building secure. He enjoys visiting with Laurel, who seems like the little sister he never had, but his feelings for Laurel change to something much deeper. Can Willie convince Laurel that he can give her better life--even with so little to offer?

The second Sawyer novel added is *From This Moment*. A lost ring brings together two wounded souls--a youth minister haunted by the past and a spunky church custodian--in this heartwarming romance.

Growing up in the foster care system, Jase Edgar always dreamed of one day starting his own family. But his fiancé's untimely death shattered his plans. Moving to Kansas and serving as a youth minister should be a fresh start, but he can't seem to set aside his doubts about God's goodness long enough to embrace his new life.

Newly-appointed church custodian, Lori Fowler is battling her own challenges. Her strained relationship with her father and her struggles with overeating convince her she's not worthy enough for love. When an Amish weaver enlists their help locating the owner of a ring found among the donated clothing she uses as fabric, Jase and Lori find themselves drawn to each other. But will they be able to release the past and move forward from this moment into a joyful future?

Add Kim Vogel Sawyer to your list of authors to read and enjoy.

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*Bittersweet* by Cathy Marie Hake is set in California just prior to the Civil War. What is happening in the East and the election of Abraham Lincoln as President seem quite far removed from their lives, and yet these people are aware of the threat of war looming between the North and the South.

The McCains and the O'Sullivan families have been long-time neighbors and close friends. Laney McCain has unabashedly had her sights set on Galen O'Sullivan for years. And though Galen has treated her as nothing more than his best friend's pesky tag-along sister, Laney dares hope that now is the time he will open his eyes and truly recognize the woman she's become. But the arrival of Ishmael and Ivy Grubb, squatters on the O'Sullivans' land, diverts Galen's attention. Though the Grubbs are crass and uneducated, Galen shows mercy and allows them to stay in exchange for help around the farm. But it becomes a decision he lives to regret. Sometimes the journey to love is truly *Bittersweet*.