

# The TRUMPET

JUNE-JULY, 2007

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Boxholm, Iowa

Rod Meyer, Pastoral Associate  
Annette Peterson, Church Office Secretary

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## COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Thursday

JUNE 4 - 7<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

at Trinity

### "AVALANCHE RANCH"

Get ready for a wild ride  
Through God's Word!

The children will sample tasty  
treats at Chuck Wagon Chow,  
go on Wild Bible Adventures,  
make delightful creations in  
Cowpoke Crafts & Missions,  
have fun at Horseplay  
Games, & come together at  
Showtime Roundup!



### WAH-HOO!

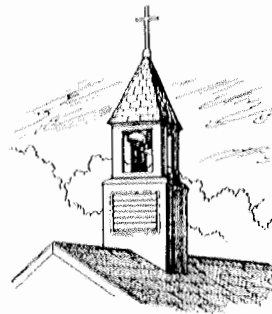
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### FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>



*... To all fathers we say  
"Happy Father's Day" for the  
happy memories, for the hard  
lessons lovingly given, for strength  
when we needed it, and for some-  
times showing us your soft side.  
Thanks for doing your best and  
for just being you.*



## WORSHIP WITH US

...each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

*Beginning Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>,*

Fellowship Hour will be

at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

This schedule will continue  
until July, 2008.

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I forgot my Lord in the summertime.  
Just the time I was needed most.  
I was not away, but on each Lord's Day  
I just failed to be at my post.  
I forgot my church in the summertime,  
As I lazily lay in bed.  
While the faithful few had my work to do,  
And I was spiritually dead.  
I forgot my offerings in the summertime,  
When He needed it most of all.  
While my cash I spent, I was pleasure bent,  
Just off duty for God until Fall.  
If the Lord should come in the summertime,  
When from my duty to God I am free,  
Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through  
If by chance, He should forget me.



## SUMMERTIME

It's happening again. Somebody put a wire flag in the yard. That means someone is going to come soon with at least one big machine & dig a hole—in the yard. But that could be relatively good news: if there are two or more flags, that means that they are going to dig a trench.

I **hate** trenches in my yard. (In some adult study, I evidently once stated the opinion that Christians shouldn't be practicing hate in any form. Since that time, I have reconsidered my stand. My studies indicate that if Job would have been afflicted with trenches in his lawn, he would have folded like origami. If the third plague would have been one of utility flags, Pharaoh would have let the Israelites go six months earlier. If Jesus would have given the rich young man the choice, "Go & sell all you have & give it to the poor....or utility companies could come & set wire flags in your lawn...", that young man would have liquidated his assets faster than an executive at Enron. I still believe that God would have us react to any earthly circumstance with love & understanding & forgiveness. Nonetheless, here I stand; I can do no other. I **hate** trenches in my yard...)

When I first saw the parsonage, the lawn was lush & verdant. (Actually, it was late October: the lawn was brown & covered with wet leaves, but that wouldn't do much to illustrate the story, would it?) It was not long however, before the flags appeared, & a trench was dug diagonally across the lawn for the sewer pipe—connecting the house to the 20th century, but sinking the sidewalk in the process & creating a no-grow zone for grass which exists to this day.

Then, last year, another infestation of flags—and the installation of FIBER OPTIC cables. I knew THAT was going to be bad news: the best thing ever associated with the word "fiber" was Grape Nuts, and even when covered with icy cold milk & topped with cane sugar & fresh fruit, Grape Nuts still bear a striking resemblance to pea gravel. The fiber optic people dug a diagonal trench across the yard which crossed the first one, forming an X of black dirt in the lawn which I assume can be seen with the naked eye from the space station.

And now, there's a flag in my yard, again. I'm not sure what this one is for; possibly, they are going to dig a hole for a telephone pole, or more likely in my case, a nuclear missile silo. That would be a bad thing.

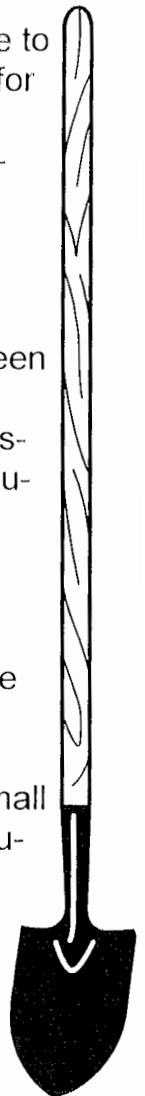
But probably better than another trench in my yard... I **hate** those.

Life provides more than enough challenges to drive us over the edge. One of the implied promises of a life in Christ is that, in the long run, it doesn't matter that the lawn is slowly being transformed into a giant rumble strip. This house or plot or planet—none of these is my home. I won't be home until I'm home in Christ.

Not long ago, a book advised us, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff—And It's All Small Stuff". Jesus did a better job of communicating the same concept some twenty centuries ago, when He told us, "See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire [NOTE: This is evidently how they used to kill grass before the advent of utility companies...rod] will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? . But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

This day, it's a wire flag in the yard...

rod



# Women of the ELCA

## JUNE BIBLE STUDY

“Act Boldly for Mission”  
-with the message of Jesus

## JUNE ALTAR FLOWERS

Linda Swanson, Mary Krakau,  
Kim Larson

Wednesday, June 6, 2:00 p.m...... **RUTH GROUP** at the home of Irene Westfall;  
Devotions: Annette Peterson; Lesson: Marie Bengtson, Roll Call: Verse on prayer

Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m...... **“The Christian Woman Speaks”** on Ft. Dodge Radio

Monday, June 11, 9:00 a.m...... **Church Cleaning Day**... come and help!

Wednesday, June 13, 2:00 p.m...... **GENERAL MEETING**; Bible Study –  
Hostesses: Linda Swanson, Mary Krakau

Wednesday, June 20, 2:00 p.m...... **LEAH GROUP**; Hostess: DeLoris Lundvall;  
Devotions: Doris Peterson; Lesson: Mary Ann Haleen; Roll Call: Your father

Saturday, June 23..... **Western IA WELCA Convention**, Humboldt

Monday, June 25, 7:30 p.m...... **MIRIAM GROUP**; Hostess: Cheryl Meyer;  
Devotions: Linda Swanson; Lesson: Rhonda Nelson; Roll Call: Show and Tell



## JULY BIBLE STUDY

-As followers of Jesus we are sent out like “The First Evangelists”

## JULY ALTAR FLOWERS

Marie Bengtson, Annette Peterson, Rhonda Nelson

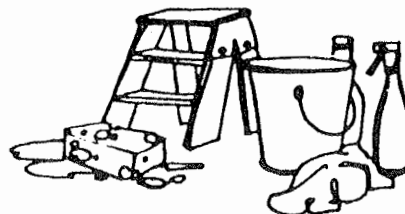
Thursday, July 5, 2:00 p.m...... **RUTH GROUP** at the home of Elaine Kauffman;  
Devotions: Irene Westfall; Lesson: Elaine; Roll Call: Verse on Faith

Wednesday, July 11, 2:00 p.m...... **GENERAL MEETING... Birthday Party**  
Bible Study with Pastor Rod; Hostesses: Marie Bengtson & Annette Peterson

Wednesday, July 18, 2:00 p.m...... **LEAH GROUP**; Hostess: Doris Peterson at her Home; Devotions: Doris; Lesson: Janet Reutter; Roll Call: Your favorite flower

... **NO MIRIAM GROUP MEETING IN JULY**.....

The summer months are here and our schedules continue as usual. We do not go to the Ogden Manor for worship in June or July. There will be Vacation Bible School from June 4 through June 7. Thank you to those who are helping in any way and to Marie Bengtson, Mary Krakau, Linda Swanson and Janet Reutter for offering to bring cookies. The annual Garage Sale will take place on June 2. We will have a church cleaning day on Monday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m.



There were 60 registered guests at our Guest Day on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We all enjoyed hearing Erma Juergensen tell us about buttons and show us the many different kinds. The Western IA Synodical Convention will be held at Humboldt at Our Savior's Luth. Church on June 23. Marie, Viola, and Gwen have signed up to attend. You can still go and I have registration blanks to send in if you would like to attend. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual convention and the theme is "Celebrate Our Wholeness in Christ."

July brings our Ice Cream Social and information will be coming about that. In September our Bible Study will be "Blessed to Follow" –the beatitudes as a compass for discipleship. Jesus' words give us direction on how we should live as Christians. Just as God blessed all creation in Genesis, so does Jesus bless us and turn us around to be blessings to others.



Dates to keep in mind: September, election of officers

September 12, Twin Lakes Fall Retreat

September 26, Dayton Oaks Retreat

"Keep a green tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come." (Chinese Proverb)

-Women of the ELCA President, *Gwen Scheetz*



**KNOW'ST THOU AMERICA**

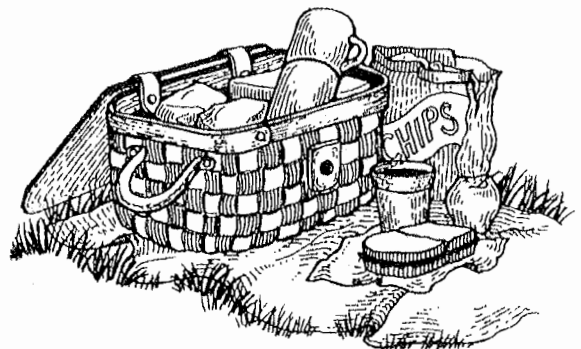
**Know'st thou America?  
We call the world to see  
The greatness of America that is and is to be!  
Know'st thou the glory of what we can achieve  
When we for one another in liberty believe?  
When human worth stands foremost,  
The chiefest of all good,  
And democratic principle is clearly understood?**

**Know'st thou America? With spirit unconfined  
In joyous self-surrender we stand for humankind!**  
-Victor E. Southworth

*"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."*  
-Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

—MATTHEW 5:9



**The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.**  
-*Psalm 29:11*



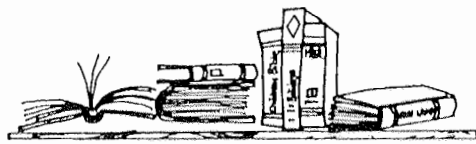
### Council Meeting

The TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL met May 8, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Pastor Rod, Larry Fatka, Roberta Clausen, Randy Reutter, Larry Krakau, Randy Lehman, Andy Ross & Marie Bengtson.

- Pastor Rod led devotions from Luke 24 and prayer.
- The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given; Income: \$5,575, Expenses: \$5,329.03; Balance: \$3,778.38
- The financial secretary reported income of \$15,078.78; last year to date--- \$18,247...\$3,168.72 less than last year!
- Music & Worship reported Confirmation Sunday will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The congregation will give Bibles as gifts for Confirmands. Randy Lehman will present the gifts.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> is designated as Companion Synod Sunday.
- The Christian Ed. Committee announced that Sunday School ends May 13<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School will be June 4 - 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Property Committee announced new handicapped parking signs installed.
- Old business was review of By Laws; If 2 meetings held and no one from one Council, permission to make decision without that member. Need to audit book. Maybe annual meeting of Countryside. Time of Joint meeting maybe regular Worship in September then joint meeting and potluck in evening - see if better Attendance. Identity Heartland Coop changes to Countryside Ministry. Take out clause of Coop Council .
- Motion carried to make new Photo Directory Sept. 14-15.
- Garage Sale June 2, 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. Set up at 6:00 p.m. on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Rod's vacation June 7 to 21<sup>st</sup>. Rod has arranged pulpit supply.
- Meeting adjourned with all praying The Lord's Prayer.
- Marie Bengtson, Secretary

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### New Books



### Church Library

"Places of the Bible  
A Photographic Pilgrimage"  
(A Life Time Inc. Special)  
donated to the Library by  
JoAnn Eddy

"The Angels of Morgan Hill" by Donna Van Liere (the author of The Christmas Shoes) Two families from two ways of life share the mysteries of Christ's love as a small mountain town is turned upside down in 1947 when the Turners become the first black family to move there. Jane Gable discovers that angels are all around us, every day, in the most extraordinary and ordinary ways.

-Norma Henrichs, Librarian



## The Most Beautiful Flower

The park bench was deserted as I sat down to read  
Beneath the long branches of an old willow tree  
Disillusioned by life with good reason to frown,  
For the world was intent on dragging me down.

And if that weren't enough to ruin my day,  
A young boy out of breath approached me,  
all tired from play.

He stood right before me with his head tilted down  
And said with great excitement,  
"Look what I found!"  
In his hand was a flower, and what a pitiful sight,  
With its petals all worn—too little rain,  
or too little light.

Wishing he'd take his dead flower and go play,  
I faked a small smile and then shifted away.

But instead of retreating he sat next to my side  
Placed the flower to his nose and  
declared with surprise,  
"It sure smells pretty and it's beautiful, too.  
That's why I picked it; here, it's for you."

The weed before me was dying or dead.  
Not vibrant of colors: orange, yellow or red.  
But I knew I must take it, or he might never leave.  
So I reached for the flower,  
and replied, "Just what I need."

But instead of him placing the flower in my hand,  
He held it midair without reason or plan.  
It was then that I noticed for the very first time  
That weed-toting boy could not see, he was blind.

I heard my voice quiver; tears shone in the sun  
As I thanked him for picking the very best one.  
You're welcome," he smiled,  
and then ran off to play,  
Unaware of the impact he'd had on my day.

I sat there and wondered how he managed to see  
A self-pitying woman beneath an old tree.  
How did he know of my self-indulged plight?  
Perhaps from his heart,  
he'd been blessed with true sight.

Through the eyes of a blind child, at last I could see  
The world was not the problem; the problem was me.  
And for all of those times I myself had been blind,  
I vowed to see the beauty in life and  
appreciate every second that's mine.

I held that wilted flower up to my nose  
And breathed in the fragrance of a beautiful rose  
And smiled as I watched him,  
another weed in his hand,  
About to change the life of an unsuspecting old man.

The author of this poem is unknown, but what is known is the power of kindness. How often do we just get too lazy to be kind, and even become so apathetic that we are incapable of recognizing the kindness in others? It can be a challenge to see as though "through the eyes of a blind child", but isn't it well worth the effort?



## To Be

Each day I'm happy just "to be"  
To watch the morning sun  
Bring light and life to fill the earth  
With wonders, one by one.

I love the warm sun on my face,  
And sand between my toes;  
To hear the birds in joyful song,  
As gentle breezes blow.

For sunny days and velvet nights  
That settle on the land,  
To be with friends, for happy times,  
With family close at hand.


When day is done, to watch the sun  
Edge the clouds with gold  
And know tomorrow, once again,  
Life is mine to hold.

Just simple words and quiet thoughts  
Bring content to me,  
To count my blessings one by one,  
I'm thankful just "to be."


—Sallie A. Hinds



# JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. GARAGE SALE
3 The Holy Trinity 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (White) 9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour	4 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 4 - 7 here at Trinity 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	5 	6 2:00 p.m. Ruth Group at Irene Westfall's	7 Pastor Rod leaves on Vacation (June 7 - 21 <sup>st</sup> )	8 8:30 a.m. "The Christian Woman Speaks" On Ft. Dodge Radio.....	9
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY	11 9:00 a.m. Church Cleaning Day	12 7:30 p.m. Church Council	13 2:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA General Meeting	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day (Green) 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour	18	19	20 2:00 p.m. Leah Group	21 Pastor Rod returns from Vacation.....	22	23 Western IA WELCA Convention, Humboldt
24 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Pork Loin Dinner at Faith Luth., Harcourt	25 7:30 p.m. Miriam Group	26	27	28	29	30

# JULY 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Aid Association for Lutherans/Lutheran Brotherhood officially renamed Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - 2002 (Green) <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Hour <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship/Holy Communion	2	3 Independence Day 	4 <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Ruth Group at Elaine Kauffman's	5	6	7
8 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Hour <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY	9	10 <b>7:30 p.m.</b> Church Council	11 <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Women of the ELCA Genral Meeting	12	13	14
15 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Hour <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship 3:00 p.m. Pastor Rod at Dayton Care Center	16	17	18 <b>2:00 p.m.</b> Leah Group at Doris Peterson's	19	20	21
22 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship at Faith Luth. <b>11:00 a.m. Countryside Ministry Worship</b> <b>Service at Dolliver</b> , followed by a Potluck dinner – (no service at Trinity)	23	24 .....Newsletter preparation.....	25 .....	26	27	28 <b>5:00 to 7:00 p.m.</b> ICE CREAM SOCIAL
29 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Green) <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Fellowship Hour <b>10:30 a.m.</b> Worship	30	31				

**HOSPITALIZED** since the last newsletter:  
Richard Freeman

**CONGRATULATIONS** to A.J. and Nicole Shute on the birth of a daughter, **Marissa Ann**, on Friday, April 27, 2007 in Albert Lee, MN. Grandparents are Rick and Kim Bengtson. Marie Bengtson is great grandmother!

*The best thing to spend on your children is your time.*

*Children need models more than they need critics.*

*No other success can compensate for failure in the home.*



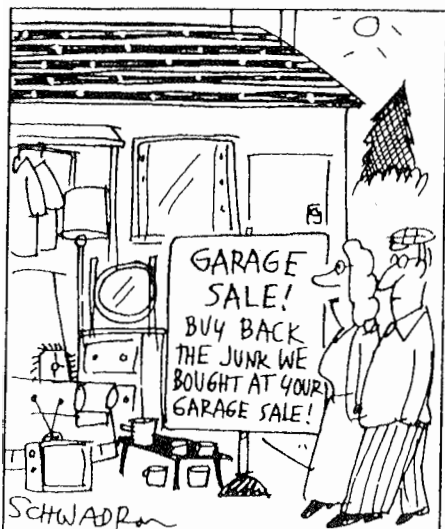
... Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

*-Exodus 20:12*

... The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

*-Theodore M. Hesburgh*

*There's a wide-eyed little fellow  
Who believes you're always right.  
And his ears are always open,  
And he watches day and night.  
You are setting an example  
Every day in all you do  
For the little boy who's waiting  
To grow up to be like you.*



*Joy is that deep settled confidence that God is in control in every area of my life.*

— PAUL SAILHAMER

**A Measure of Our Love and Faithfulness:**  
**(Giving) (Attendance)**

Sun., April 29:	\$1,091.00	57
Sun., May 6:	691.00	45
Sun., May 13:	537.00	64
Food Pantry: \$6 and 4 bags of food		
Sun., May 20:	363.00	49
Sun., May 27:	193.00	44

**LAY READERS FOR JUNE**

- 3 Mary Krakau
- 10 Brenda Anderson
- 17 Rhonda Nelson
- 24 Carolyn Ross



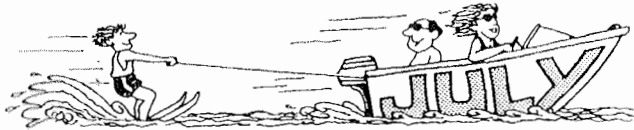
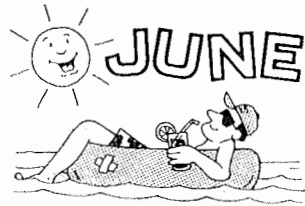
June 3 Communion Ass't: Andy Ross  
Stewards: Dan & Elaine Kauffman  
Head Usher for June: Ken Peterson  
Helpers: Rich Larson, Shorty Peterson  
July 1 Communion Ass't: Marie Bengtson  
Stewards: Mike & Dustine Peterson  
Head Usher for July: Randy Reutter  
Helpers: Bob Nelson, Andy Ross  
Altar: Norma Henrichs, Irene Westfall, Annette Peterson  
Church Treasurer: Larry Fatka  
Financial Sec: Larry Krakau  
Bulletins: Annette Peterson, Ken Peterson

**Lawn mowing for June and July:**

- June 3 – Andy Ross
- June 10 – Chuck Swanson
- June 17 – Neil Anderson
- June 24 – Mark Blair
- July 1 – Randy Lehman
- July 8 – Rich Larson
- July 15 – Larry Fatka
- July 22 – John Freeman
- July 29 – Bob Nelson

*We do not have the right to do as we please, unless we please to do what is right!*

**...God doesn't look for medals or diplomas, just scars.**



## BIRTHDAYS

- |      |                |      |                  |
|------|----------------|------|------------------|
| 6-2  | Barry Anderson | 6-22 | Katelin Peterson |
| 6-8  | Faye Reutter   | 6-22 | Diane Smith      |
| 6-13 | Paige Garcia   |      |                  |
| 7-3  | Roy Clausen    | 7-16 | Randy Reutter    |
| 7-3  | Dylan White    | 7-18 | Roger Howard     |
| 7-4  | Sue Fatka      | 7-19 | Richard Freeman  |
| 7-7  | Marie Bengtson | 7-22 | DeLoris Lundvall |
| 7-9  | Janet Reutter  | 7-24 | Helen Nibel      |
| 7-10 | Larry Fatka    | 7-30 | Elin McFarland   |
| 7-10 | Linda Swanson  | 7-31 | Scott Larson     |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |      |                           |
|------|---------------------------|
| 6-12 | Ken and Annette Peterson  |
| 6-23 | Mike and Dustine Peterson |
| 6-26 | Carl and Linda Peterson   |
| 6-27 | Randy and Denise Lehman   |
| 7-7  | Randy and Janet Reutter   |
| 7-20 | Bob and Helen Nibel       |

\*Congratulations to Bob & Helen  
on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

You are invited....  
to a  
**COME & GO BRIDAL SHOWER**  
for

***Tony Johnson & Heather Balla***  
(son of Pastor Rod & Cheryl)

at Faith Lutheran Church, July 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
...Registered at Target & Younkers