

# EAGLE'S WINGS

The monthly newsletter of  
**Eagle and Siloam United Methodist Churches**

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Greetings and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! My hopes and prayers are that you are enjoying your summer and getting some well deserved rest and relaxation. Perhaps you have had a chance to get some traveling, swimming, boating or fishing in; and my hope is that you are experiencing God's grace and joy as you find time to rest from the busy world.

In last month's Pastor's letter, we talked about vacations and I shared an article from the United Methodist magazine "Interpreter" which gave an analogy about vision and a vacation. The article explained that it's just plain foolish to pack up and get into your car to go on a vacation when you have absolutely no idea where you want to go and had not done any planning for it. That's just plain foolish because you don't know if you have enough money, if your car is in good mechanical shape, what road construction you may run into or any other number of various problems you could experience. The article also went on to explain that many people do things in life without any sense of where they are going – they have no vision; and in the same way many congregations are guilty of the same thing, they fail to develop a shared vision or sense of a preferred future. And without vision, all the planning in the world will not get them anywhere.

Recently, the Vision Committee at Eagle United Methodist church had the congregation take a Vision Survey which did two things; it gave us an idea of where the congregation is, and it showed us a shared vision of where the congregation wants to go. Now for the Body of Christ at Siloam UMC, please don't think that this talk of vision is OK for a larger church like Eagle UMC, but doesn't apply to a small congregation like you, because it does! In many ways both congregations have slowly been discovering who they are as a Body of Christ, what God's purpose is for their existence and what they should do as God's ambassadors to the world around them.

So let's take another look at vision or the shared preferred future for our church. It's important to know what we want to do, but we will never get anything done if we don't know where we are at the beginning. In the article from the Interpreter, the beginning or starting point is called a congregation's *current reality*. Current reality is everything there is to know about the congregation, the building and the community that surrounds it; and understanding current reality requires that the church council pay close attention to, among other things, how both the members and the community view the church. You see, understanding current reality is the first necessary step in developing a vision.

Now Eagle UMC has a Visioning Committee to help develop a Vision Statement that will be developed from the interviews of our community leaders and the Vision Surveys that the congregation had completed, then after a statement has been drafted, it will be presented to the congregation for fine-tuning and approval. At Siloam UMC, (Because of our small size) we will begin to form our Vision Statement through the Church Council.

So I encourage both friends and members of Eagle and Siloam UMCs to come to the Church Council meetings as we continue to discuss the current reality of our congregations and discover a shared vision for each individual congregation. Your input is needed as the congregations tweak, understand and internalize a preferred future and then finally take ownership of it. *You see a shared vision is utterly irresistible... and if we plan and act on that plan, whatever we can envision together for the glory of God, we will attain.*

**May God bless your summer, in Christ's love,**

**Pastor Bill**

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## July Lectionary Readings

July 4, 2004

2Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11

July 11, 2004

Amos 7:7-17a

Psalms 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 18, 2004

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 25, 2004

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

### **July Birthday's**

- ✓01 Wendy McElroy ✓07 Diane Teuteberg  
08 Alex Koehler ✓09 Zach Mueller  
5 Amanda Teuteberg ✓17 Lori Kugel  
✓23 Jim Langreder ✓29 Jacob Mecca  
✓29 Jackie Kuel

### **July Anniversaries**

16 Glenn & Karen Furst

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### **Eagle Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to share the presence of God to all people by Nurturing each other in Faith and Christian Love, by providing opportunities for growth through Worship, Christian Education, Community Outreach, and Faithful Witness.

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### **CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS**

107.7

106.7

102.5

105.3 (The Fish)

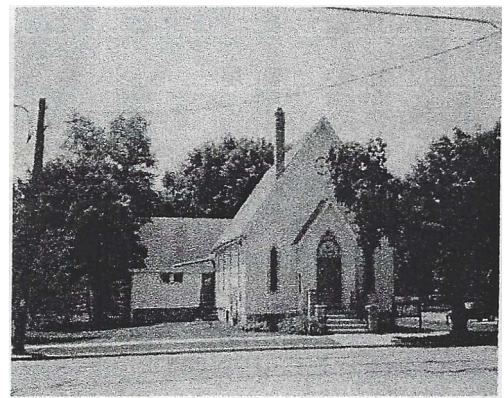
Please try one! You will enjoy the spiritual lift. Like vitamins supplement your daily diet, Christian radio supplements your faith along with the local church

### **SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Thursday Worship Service at 6:30pm.

Sunday Worship Service at 8:30am.

Since summer is a time of well needed vacations, we hope this will make Worship easier for your summer schedule.



## **EAGLE UMC'S PRAYER CHAIN**

MABLE FINNEY	594-2378
MYRTLE BOHLMAN	594-2670
BETTY ENRIGHT	594-2867
ELOISE HALL	594-2716
CLAIRE JOSTEN	495-8445
KAREN SAGERT	594-3233
HARRY BOWEY	594-2486
PASTOR BILL	594-5292

When you have a prayer request, please call Mabel Finney and she will start the prayer chain. If you cannot reach Mabel call the next person on the list and they will begin the request. Please do let the request end be sure you always get a hold of someone. The prayer chain will pray for the request for as long as necessary.

***Thank you.***

### **Pastoral Care**

***If you are in need of Pastoral care please call the church office and leave a message***

***In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Bill's cell phone at 262-224-2581***

To e-mail Pastor Bill [buschbb@netwurx.net](mailto:buschbb@netwurx.net).



## **FINANCE**

Eagle UMC Budget

4 week budget \$6,532.00

4 week amount given \$4,123.10

Minus \$2,408.90

(5-23-04 through 6-13-04)

Thank you!

## JULY STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but the foolish devour all they have."

(Proverbs 21:20)

Three couples have been meeting monthly for dinner or an outing for many years. At Christmas, the couples typically exchange gifts. But last year, they decided they were giving gifts none of them really needed. One of the men suggested they make a charitable gift instead.

Now, through what they call the "Third Ticket" or the Extra Chair", each couple places the cost of an extra ticket to the show or play or the cost of an extra dinner in a jar each keeps at home. If they go out to dinner and the cost is \$20 apiece, each couple puts that amount in the jar. If they go to a play and the ticket is \$30 to \$40, each couple puts that amount in the jar. Even if they just meet on the spur of the moment for a quick lunch at \$5 apiece, they go home and put an extra \$5 in the jar.

Their motive is to save regularly in order to make a substantial charitable gift each year and to remind themselves each time they go out that there are so many people in the world who are in need.

At the end of the first year, their "Extra Chair" saving provided \$3,000, which they divided between their church's shared connectional giving (apportionments) and 3 extra mission funds – one in their local community, one in a nearby state, and a world hunger organization. They reported, "it was the best Christmas gathering the 6 of us have ever had!"

Perhaps we can use their idea to start saving for our own Christmas miracles this year!

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation 750 Windsor street Ste 305, P.O. Box 620 Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620 1-888-903-9896 or <a href="mailto:wumf@wumf.org">wumf@wumf.org</a>
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*Many things may capture your*

*Eye-let faith in God capture your heart.*

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32

## Church Circuit Picnic

This past year, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church has set churches into groups or circuits. Our circuit is having a picnic on Saturday August 21 at the Village Park in Palmyra to help us get to know each other.

**The picnic will start at 4:00pm with worship following. We are also looking for singers to participate in the joint worship, call church office for more information.**

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## Book Spotlight

**Abram's Daughters Series**

**By: Beverly Lewis**

Follow the powerful saga of 4 Amish sisters through 3 generations in Gobbler's Knob, PA. In *The Covenant* and the *The Sacrifice*. The 3<sup>rd</sup> volume will be out this month.

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**The Passion of Jesus**

Meditate on the true events that inspired Mel Gibson's *The Passion*! Matthew Price's book collect fact, hymns & sermons about Jesus' crucifixion. The CD features Bach's "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" and other classical gems.

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**Vacation Bible School**

EUMC will be hosting our very own VBS this summer. If you would like to be a part of this outreach please call the church office as soon as possible at 594-2111.

July 12 – 15 from 1:00 to 3:00pm

**Even if you could supply treats!**

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## Do you shop at Sentry?

If you do could you please save all you register receipts and bring them to the church. We have a can at the back of the church to place them in. Sentry gives the church a portion quarterly when we tally the receipts and return them. All funds from Sentry are put into the general giving fund.

Thank you.

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## Child of God

### Ottawa Lake Picnic and Service

Hosted by: Bonnie Rowlett

We had a wonderful time at Ottawa Lake Campground. 23 people enjoyed playing games, walking on the beach and eating a delicious dinner. After the picnic we joined 45 campers plus our 23 in a lakeside Worship service. Pastor Bill blessed the service with a time of communion.

And God blessed us with a beautiful day. Thank you, Bonnie for hosting this activity.

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## Do You Shop At Pick 'n Save?

The church is one of the charities you can pick with the Pick 'n Save Advantage Plus Savers Club? All you have to do is complete the application at any Pick 'n Save and put in the church number which is 191400. One of the great advantages is that you can chose more than one charity. If you have not already done this would you please consider completing a new application? All the funds received from Pick 'n Save are put into the general giving fund. If you are at the store and you don't know the church number the courtesy counter has a listing of all the charity numbers.

Thank you.

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*Pray as your ought, and you will live as you pray. God will create a new spirit in you and will revive your enthusiasm for living!*

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, yes I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

## Eagle United Methodist

07-18-04	8:30am Worship @ Old World WI
07-24-04	8:30am Men's Breakfast
07-29-04	6:30pm Trustee Meeting
08-02-04	7:00pm Church Council
08-26-04	6:30pm Trustee Meeting
08-28-04	8:30am Men's Breakfast
09-12-04	Sunday School Begins
09-25-04	8:30am Men's Breakfast
09-30-04	6:30pm Trustee Meeting
10-04-04	7:00pm Church Council
10-23-04	8:30am Men's Breakfast
10-28-04	6:30pm Trustee Meeting
11-01-04	7:00pm Church Council
11-06-04	Beef Dinner
11-18-04	Trustee Meeting
11-24-04	Thanksgiving Service
11-27-04	8:30am Men's Breakfast
12-06-04	7:00pm church Council
12-11-04	10:00am SS Practice & Lunch
12-12-04	8:30am SS Program
12-24-04	10:00pm Christmas Eve Service
12-30-04	6:30pm Trustee Meeting
01-03-05	7:00pm Church Council

Pray for our government, peace, justice and God's will regarding military conflict in the Middle and Far East.

**Also, let's pray for those in the armed forces that are connected with our congregation during this time of conflict.**

Rett Baldwin	Zachary Holbus
David & Heather Berg	Adam Ballie
Tim Beck	Matthew Hall
John Hall	Tom Byal
Benjamin Holbus	John Kuehl
Dan Bennett	Jon & Suzanne Kristof
Rick Jordan	Tim Loucks
David Overstreet	Eric Peterson
Doug Loucks	John Pflugrad
Josh Calvin	JoAnn Schedler
Jessie Szombathelyi	Tony Whitaker
Jenni Sawyer	Nathen Trussoni
Scott Merriner	John Wilson
Jon Rutschky	

## Men's Breakfast

Join us for fellowship and bible study on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00am.

*All men are invited to join us!*

**EAGLE & SILOAM  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS**

**NEXT COLLECTION**

July 1 & 4, 2004

When donating to the food pantry by check please make them out to EUMC and write Food Pantry in the memo portion. This will enable our Financial Secretary to credit you along with your usual giving to the church.

Thank you.

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**United Methodist Youth**

This summer EUMC will be putting together a youth council. Any youth or adult interested in being a part of the UM Youth needs to contact Pastor Bill.

A meeting will be scheduled in June sometime so Watch for more information in an upcoming bulletin.

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**Summer Bible Study**

Beginning June 21, 2004 at 1:00pm P. Bill will lead a summer Bible study Secrets of the Vine. The study book is \$2.99 and the book is \$5.99. Please call the office if you are interested in joining us! 594-2111.

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**Spaghetti & Fettucine Dinner**

July 10, 2004

3:00 to 7:00pm

*Please watch for the sign-up sheets to be passed and sign in to help for this summer fundraiser!*

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*To trust in God means you move ahead  
With your heart when your head says  
It can't be done.*

*So you, by the help of your God, return; observe  
Mercy and justice, and wait on your God  
continually. Hosea 12:6*

**Vacation Bible School Supplies**

Please watch for the clipboard that will be passed at the services. There are some things we need and it would wonderful if you could sign up and bring 1 or 2 items.

Thank you!

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**Summer Reading for Grownups**

Why should kids have all the fun?

Three no-cost ways to have a  
book-wise summer

See orange brochures in the back  
of the Sanctuary.

Sign up for one or all of the programs.

Contact Alice Baker Library

820 E. Main Street

Eagle WI

262-594-2800

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**Church Council Meetings**

Did you know if you are a member you have a voice and a vote at all of the Council meetings?

Well you do! If you are just a friend you have a voice and we would love to hear all of the voices in the church!

Please plan to join us for the next Council meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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**New Computer**

The new computer was ordered and it has arrived!

We will be saving all the information from the old computer then set up the new one and make the transfer.

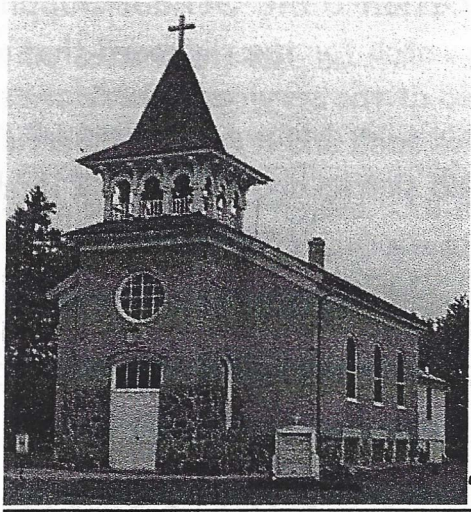
Thank you again to all who donated to the fund. It will be wonderful when it is set up and ready to run.

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Problems are opportunities in disguise.

Those who are sad now are happy.

God will comfort them. Mt 5:4



### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

4	Vern Behselich
7	Ronna Raschka
10	Gail Benjamin
15	Amber Lurvey
16	Kelly Colburn
19	Greg Raschka
25	Lou Pitt
27	Mary Erikson
28	Stewart Calkins
7	Jeff and Pam Colburn
10	Randy and Cindy Bowey
25	Gordon and Karen Erikson
29	Ken and Lori Butts

### **Calendar of Events**

11	Sun.	Communion	Worship
11	Sun	Leonelda Collection	Worship
11	Sun.	Coffee Hour	11:30 am
17	Sat.	Church Brkfst	8 am
17	Sat.	Church Council Mtg	9 am
25	Sun.	Coffee Hour	11:30 am

### **Life's Garden**

To plant a garden for daily living, plant three rows of peas: peace of mind, peace of heart, and peace of soul.

Add four rows of squash: squash

gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling and squash selfishness.

Add four rows of lettuce: let us be faithful, let us be kind, let us be patient and let us really love one another.

And no garden is complete without turnips: turn up for meetings, turn up for service and turn up to help those in need.

Finally, a garden requires thyme: time for each other, time for family, and time for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. You'll have much fruit in your garden, because you reap what you sow.  
*Excerpt taken from Birds and Blooms: Sue Corner, Prudenville, Michigan.*

### **The Name Game**

Match the 20 birds in the 1<sup>st</sup> column with the group names in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column.  
(answers on the last page)

1. Quail	A. Ballet
2. Jay	B. Covey
3. Crow	C. Pitying
4. Falcon	D. Exaltation
5. Flamingo	E. Gaggle
6. Hummingbird	F. Murder
7. Lark	G. Conspiracy
8. Magpie	H. Watch
9. Nightingale	I. Rafter
10. Owl	J. Party
11. Peacock	K. Ostentation
12. Goose	L. Murmuration
13. Raven	M. Parliament
14. Sparrow	N. Host
15. Starling	O. Cast
16. Stork	P. Descent
17. Swan	Q. Tiding
18. Turkey	R. Stand
19. Turtledove	S. Mustering
20. Woodpecker	T. Charm

*Game taken from Birds and Blooms: Margaret Hidey, Sunland, California.*



### Time Flies

Many metaphors are used in literature to describe life's brevity. It is a dream, a swift runner, a mist, a puff of smoke, a gesture in the air, a sentence written in the sand, a bird flying in one window of a house and out another. Another symbolic description was suggested by a friend of mine who said that the short dash between the dates of birth and the dates of death on tombstones represents the brief span of one's life.

When we were children, time loitered. But as we get closer to the end of our lives, time moves with increasing swiftness, like water swirling down a drain. In childhood we measured our age in small increments. "I'm 6 ½" we would say, for it seemed to take so long to get older. Now we have no time for such childishness. Who claims to be 60 ½ ?

It's good to ponder the brevity of life now and then. Life is too short to treat it carelessly. IN Psalm 90, after describing the shortness of life, Moses prayed, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (v.12)

To make the most of our earthly existence, we must lose ourselves in the will of God (1 Peter 4:2). This we can do even when time is running out. It's never too late to give ourselves totally to God – *David Roper*.

*Taken from Our Daily Bread.*

***Lord, help us to redeem the time You give us every day – To take each opportunity to follow and obey.***

***Puzzle Answers: 1B; 2J; 3F; 4O; 5R; 6T; 7D; 8Q; 9H; 10M; 11K; 12E; 13G; 14N; 15L; 16S; 17A; 18I; 19C; 20P.***

### Let go, Let God

Each day we turn over another leaf, many times questioning the purpose of our very existence. But God has a mission for each of us, whether or not we're aware of it. He knows the when, where, and how. It could be a huge commitment or a little gesture but can only be accomplished by an act of surrender. Life on this planet takes on so many ups and downs. When we come down to the nitty gritty we all want and even try hard to hang onto "old stuff" fear, anger, resentment and grief. We harbor anxiety, pain and disappointment until we're physically and emotionally spent. Jesus asks us to surrender to Him and commit ourselves into His hands, but old ways are painfully hard to give up. God is ready when we "let go and let Him". When life for me was a deep valley of confusion and despair, God gave me a project to do. There were so many days when it could have been easy to give up, but God furnished the patience and strength for me to finish a three-month research and written study of the history of Siloam. Grief gave way to excitement and personal sharing with early Bible Christians whom I found a common peace. Yes, I was ready to quit a few times. Yes, it was more difficult than I thought, yet I knew It was healing for my heart and soul, turning sorrow to joy. Did I learn? Yes, to live with living in today's crazy world. No matter what it brings. Buried in each church is an important, precious legacy and struggles, commitments, disciplines, joys, and surrenders. This is the "stuff" of today, but if we choose to pick up the legacy and carry it into the twenty-fourth centuries. In certain we will please God and prepare our final victory.

*Luella*

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Have a happy a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July

### ***Worship Times***

#### Eagle United Methodist

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am

**Thursday Casual Worship Service 6:30pm**

Beginning June 10, 2004. The Saturday service  
will be moving to Thursday evenings at 6:30pm  
for the summer. Please join us!

#### Siloam United Methodist

Sunday Worship 10:30am

