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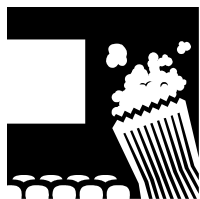
"For the vision is for the days yet to come." Daniel 10:14

Web: www.veldarose.org or Email: info@veldarose.org

May 26, 2011



Mega Movies Begins, Wednesday, June 1 9:45 am, Martin Hall



The hall will be transformed into a movie theater this summer as we welcome any and all to join us for FREE movies.

We will have some snacks and a great movie on the BIG screen! Parents can get a little break or stay for the show! Bring a friend...or lots of them...wear your Velda Rose t-shirt and get some Bible Bucks...join us for all 10 movies we have this summer! MORE MEGA FUN TO COME!

- June 1 "Clifford's Really Big Movie"
- June 8 "Ramona and Beezus"
- June 15 "Megamind"
- June 22 "How to Train Your Dragon"
- June 29 "Despicable Me"

Slime Time Live Mondays beginning, June 6 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Moore Hall

We are going to have a blast on Monday nights this summer with water wars, scavenger hunts, animal adventures and...well, just come and see for yourself!

All children through grade 6 are invited to join us for "summer camp without leaving town." We'll have fun and games, crafts and music each Monday night of the summer through August 8!

"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."

—Ralph W. Sockman

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PandaMania!

June 12-16 (Vacation Bible School)
5:30 pm, Dinner, Moore Hall
6:00 pm, PandaMania Begins



What happens when a pack of fun-loving panda bears invades a church? A WILD celebration of God's unconditional love!!

At PandaMania, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that God crafted each of us with his own loving hands! PandaMania will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life!

We have options for adults, too! (see articles in the newsletter). If you would love to share in this PandaMania adventure with Christ in helping that week, please contact Cindy Von Barga at cindy@veldarose.org, in the church office or go to www.veldarose.org and register to volunteer. Invite a child, grandchild or neighbor to join in the amazing fun!

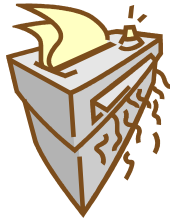
Please Save for PandaMania!

We would like to BORROW some items for our summer VBS...stuffed (or anything) PANDA, paper lanterns, oriental items, large silk plants...we also have a list of items to be donated. There is a board on the Patio on Sunday mornings with the items needed.

If you could help us with any of these items, please bring them to the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or the church office during the week by Sunday, June 5.

I. D. Safety

To help protect your identity, we will provide a free shredding service. Each Friday morning, 9:00-11:00 am, you may bring your papers by the office for shredding.



Papers for shredding **WILL NOT** be accepted any other time than these hours. There is not room in the church office to store papers throughout the week.

Common Conversation

There are times when Christians need to sit down and discuss the difficult questions of life. Pastor Stewart is inviting people to join him in conversations around the questions raised in Adam Hamilton's book "Why."

The group will **start on July 25, 6:00 pm, Martin Hall**. Books will be available in late June in the office if you want to purchase a copy then.

For more information, please call Pastor Stewart at 832-2111.

Study of Daniel

The Old Testament book of Daniel will be the subject of a women's study. **Linda Lewis** will lead the study and there will be an organizing **meeting on June 6, 2:00 pm in Martin Hall**.

Those interested are asked to attend or contact Linda at 214-5909 if you will be unable to make that meeting.

Sizzlin' Sermon Series

Once again we will have a "Sizzlin' Summer Sermon Series" to challenge our thinking. Pastor Stewart will present a series of six sermons dealing with "journeys" we find in the Bible. From the Hebrew scriptures to the Christian scriptures, people have been making journeys and we can learn a lot from those people.

The series will begin July 24 and go through August 28.

† Christian Symbols †

Ram

This Old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the "herd," as well as a sacrifice for people's sins. Jesus' sacrificial death was foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac's place, just as he provided Jesus, God's only Son, to take our place on the cross.



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"The 'Church'"



Like many people, I sometimes have a problem separating the idea of "church" from the building of the same name. It is too easy to simply think of a particular place whenever we hear the word "church" instead of understanding a wider meaning to that word. The church is often called the "Body of Christ," meaning that the people who follow Christ are the physical representation of Jesus here on earth. Yet, we also confuse that idea with the building where the "body" meets. In reflecting about my involvement with the church over the years, I have come to see that the idea of the "church" being confined to a building has become more prevalent and it has reached the point where we need to change our thinking.

The "church," as we have come to understand it as the Body of Christ, did not come about because of the need for another organization or because people needed to have a reason to gather. It came about to help us understand that the Good News we receive from Christ is not just something we are to add to our knowledge or our credentials, but it is something that is to affect our lives, the lives we live each and every day, or, as our youth are more likely to say, "24/7 – 365."

Being the "church" means that we are to live as Christ has shown us through his life and that is helping others. It means we are to represent God to the world through how we live. We aren't called to be Christians just one hour a week, but to make it part of our lives each and every moment.

We note that in the world around us there are religions noted for their observance of food laws, limiting what they will eat, as well as what they will or won't do on their Sabbath and holy days. There are other religions who are very visible about their daily prayer schedules. It is unfortunate to say but too often Christians are noted for going to a meeting on Sunday.

Velda Rose is a church that reaches out to the community with involvement in helping people in very real ways, but I am sure we can do more. We need to "rethink church," not just because the larger church has come up with a new idea but because it is how we are to live as Christians. We are a busy church but there is room to grow. In the months ahead we will gather and consider how we can do even more. Join me and bring your ideas.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart".

Pastor Stewart



Vows for April			
	General	Special	Attendance
3	22830.75	1399.00	1369
10	13076.50	559.00	1147
17	10742.75	542.00	1153
24	18545.92	1247.25	1455
Total	65195.92	3747.25	5124



UMOM Dinner
(United Methodist Outreach Ministry)
to be served by:
Tuesday, June 21
YOUTH MINISTRY
Tuesday, July 19
CHURCH STAFF
Tuesday, August 16
TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Join Us on Our Journey this Summer

The Youth invite you to join along on our Ministry experiences this summer by following along on our blog. The students will be sharing their experiences and we'll be posting pictures and videos of how God is using the youth to be the hands and feet and ears and hearts of Christ this summer.

You can find the link on the YOUTH page of the church website at www.veldarose.org or directly at www.veldaroseyouth.wordpress.com.

Childcare Is Always Provided

In addition to Sunday morning worship (7:50 am - Noon, Room C on Sundays), we are committed to providing childcare for **ALL ministry programs at the church through the week**. From unCommon Groundz, Coffee House, to United Methodist Women's Unit meetings and including all Bible studies and classes. You may bring your children and know that they are loved and cared for by Marilyn Orris and her crew.



Breakfast: 7:30 am
Tuesday, June 7
Wildberry Restaurant
4805 East Main Street
Mesa, AZ 85205

Caregiver Support Group Resumes September 6

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm,
Fitch Library

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm, Martin Hall

Canterbury Bell Choir

Resumes September 7

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Resumes September 7

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. Choir Room



Church Leadership

Rev. Minerva Carcaño, Resident Bishop

Rev. Bob Burns, District Superintendent

Pastors: Rev. Stewart Lewis, Rev. Bob Deits, Rev. Paula Latu, Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrer-Peacock

Cindy Von Barga, Director of Family Life Ministries

June Sermons

Hours of Worship: Sundays at 7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 AM, Sanctuary, New Community 9:20 AM, Moore Hall

June 5: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Let God,"* Acts 1:6-14

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"Are We There Yet?"* Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

June 12: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Let the Wind Blow,"* Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Pentecost

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: *"Living Water and Spirit Power,"* John 20:19-23, Acts 2:1-21

June 19: Pastor Stewart preaching: *"Father Abraham,"* Genesis 17:1-8

Father's Day

New Community - Pastor Paula preaching: *"Asking for Blessings: Creator, Christ, and Spirit,"* 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, Matthew 28:16-20, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

June 26: Donna Jensen preaching:

Annual Conference

New Community - Guest Speaker



(All kids going into 3rd-4th-5th-6th Grades)

We're building faith wherever we go!

Friday, June 24: Join us for a dive-in movie! Pack your suit and swim fins and enjoy a movie while floating in a nice, cool swimming pool!

Any questions, give Cindy a call in the church office or at cindy@veldarose.org.

Fishing Advice

The topic for the children's message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men. The woman giving the message asked the children if they'd ever been fishing — and what they used for bait.

"Worms!" the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus wants his friends to follow him and tell others about him. "How would you catch men?" she asked.

One little girl piped up, "With cologne!"

—Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa

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Resources for Parents

Stop by the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and pick up some resources that can help carry your GOD conversations with your kids into your week. We have some items for children and teens as well as their parents.

We believe that what happens at home is more important than what happens in the church...so we want to PARTNER with you to make a much greater impact on the spiritual lives and faith development of your children and youth. Stop by and see if there is anything that can encourage you and your families.

Check out our websites for youth and children's ministries. You can connect with us at www.veldarose.org. Get all the weekly email updates...so be sure to get signed up for that one too!



Youth Ministry

- May 29:** Sunday, 6:00 pm, Youth Ministry
- May 31:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, Tidal Wave Tuesday
- June 1:** Wednesday, 9:45 am, Mega Movies
1:00 pm, VBS Construction
6:00 pm, Volleyball Games
- June 2:** Thursday, 1:00 pm, VBS Construction
- June 5:** Sunday, 11:15 am, FX
Noon, PandaMania! Meeting
4:30 pm, Parents Meeting for Summer Mission Trips
5:00 pm, Summer Mission Trip Meeting
6:30 pm, Volleyball
- June 6:** Monday, 7:00 pm, Slime Time Live
- June 7:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, Tidal Wave Tuesday
- June 8:** Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Volleyball Games
- June 9:** Thursday, 1:0 pm, VBS Construction
- June 11:** Saturday, 5:00 pm, Bamboo Forest Set-Up
- June 12:** Sunday, 10:30 am, Sr. High Heifer Prep
Noon, PandaMania! Set-Up
5:30 pm, PanaMania! Begins
- June 13:** Monday, 5:30 pm, PandaMania!
- June 14:** Tuesday, 5:30 pm, PandaMania!
- June 15:** Wednesday, 9:45 am, Mega Movies
5:30 pm, PandaMania!
- June 16:** Thursday, 5:30 pm, PandaMania!
- June 17:** Friday, 1:00 pm, Mystery Trip
- June 19:** Sunday, 10:30 am, Sr. High Heifer Prep
5:00 pm, Jr. High San Diego Prep
6:00 pm, Youth Ministry
- June 20:** Monday, 7:00 pm, Slime Time Live
- June 21:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, Tidal Wave Tuesday
4:00 pm, Serving Dinner at UMOM
- June 22:** Wednesday, 9:45 am, Mega Movies
6:00 pm, Volleyball Games
- June 26:** Sunday, 6:00 pm, Youth Ministry
- June 27:** Monday, 7:00 pm, Slime Time Live
- June 28:** Tuesday, 9:30 am, Tidal Wave Tuesday
- June 29:** Wednesday, 9:45 am, Mega Movies
6:00 pm, Volleyball Games

Questions???? Contact Director of Family Life Ministries, **Cindy Von Barga**n, at cindy@veldarose.org or 832-2111, ext. 204.



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Emergency United Methodist Women's Meeting Thursday, June 2, Noon, Martin Hall

A matter concerning the expenditure of money has come up that needs to have as many of our membership as are available to vote upon. The meeting will be short, but we need your input and opinions. We are aware that many of our membership have gone for the summer, but there are still many of us here who can help with this important matter. Please plan to attend this meeting.

A light salad lunch will be served before we approach this one order of business. Bring your own table service as usual.

Nadine Lieske, President

New Circle Formed 2nd Thursday of Each Month 7:00 pm, Room 610

UMW are pleased to introduce their newest circle, the **Rebecca Circle**. This group will be headed up by two dynamic ladies, **Sheryl McKinney** and **Katie Mulry**, who are planning some exciting and interesting things.

They will study the book, *"For the Love of God—The Epistles of John,"* by **Justo L. Gonzalez** and **Catherine G. Gonzales**. If you can't join them during the Summer, join them in the Fall. Any lady interested in joining them, please contact Sheryl at by email at dryheatq@yahoo.com or 602-620-1296.

June Circle Meetings

Circle 3 June 16, Thursday, 11:30 am, meet at the church.

All Circle members are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Mary Joseph, 396-2320, if you are planning to attend.

Rebecca Circle Thursday, June 9, 7:00 pm, Room 610

UMW Executive Comm. Meeting
Not meeting in May

100 Faces of Faith

The Youth Ministry would like to interview 100 people from our church family. We would like to discover how you keep your faith strong and how God has led you on your journey of faith. Most of the interviews will take place on Sunday mornings, but other times are available as well.

If you would be willing to sit with three to four youth and share your experience of faith, please sign-up with the youth on the patio on Sunday morning or contact Cindy in the church office at cindy@veldarose.org. Thank you for sharing your faith and encouraging our youth.

Brown Bag & A Book (BB & B) Tuesday, June 7 11:00 am, Martin Hall

BB&B meets the first Tuesday of the month. Our book will be *"I Still Dream About You"* by **Fannie Flagg**.

For more information, please call Donna Jensen at 984-0171.

UMW Cards & Cutlery Sales Sunday, June 5, Patio

Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well and Thinking of You cards: \$7.00/box of 12 (58¢ each).

Cutlery by Rada Manufacturing, cheese and tomato knives are the favorite. Great gift idea. Priced separately.

Look for them on the patio following each service.

Attention: Red Hat Ladies



We will be going to the Musical Instrument Museum (\$15.00) and lunch on **Friday, June 10**. Lunches run from \$9.00 to 15.00 to eat there.

Please meet at the church 11:00 for those who want to car pool. For any additional information and reservation call Marj Troute 380-5488.

Youth Ministry 2011

Be Devoted:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Our plans for ministry for the summer are AMAZING! You won't want to miss out on anything God will be doing through the incredible Youth of Velda Rose.

The JR High will be headed to San Diego July 8 - 15 for a week of serving in the inner city. We will be serving those in need by working in the San Diego Food Bank, Child Care Centers, St. Vincent DePaul Center and more.

The SR High will be going to Perryville, Arkansas July 16 - 25 to the Heifer Ranch. We will experience their Global Passport program to learn of world poverty, sustainable living and experiences to become aware of the effects of poverty and hunger. Through this interactive experience we will feel the discomfort and frustrations when faced with difficult life choices – how will I feed my family?

We will be headed to Spirit West Coast August 2 - 7 for a weekend of worship, music, camping and a service project for our camping neighbors.

For information and applications, contact Cindy Von Barga at cindy@veldarose.org. or check the Youth Ministry website.

Learning and Growing through the Summer

While many of our regular classes take a summer hiatus...we are taking the opportunity to offer some special learning experiences this summer!

You can read about the fun the kids will have in Vacation Bible School June 12-16, but there will also be opportunities for adults as well:



The Twelve Apostles (Adult Component to VBS) **Sunday-Thursday, June 12-16** **6:30 - 8:00 pm, Library**

A video based study about these 12 men who were close followers of Jesus. Learn how they became followers and how they shaped the early church.

Class led by Pastor Stewart.



Creating & Walking the Sacred Path: A Labyrinth Experience (Adult Component to VBS) **Sunday-Thursday, June 12-16** **6:30 - 8:00 pm, Conference Room**



The Labyrinth has, for centuries and across cultures, been a tool for creating sacred space and prayerful connections. We are using our VBS week to introduce walking the sacred path of the labyrinth on our Velda Rose campus. Each evening, you are invited to come for a creative experience, then leading into a labyrinth walk. It will be somewhat of a come-and-go experience, and you don't have to come every night of that week, but the more you open your creativity and walk the labyrinth, the more you will experience its richness and depth.

A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center, which will help to know how many supplies will be needed for the creative project. But, also, feel free to drop in, or simply walk the labyrinth if you see it that week.

Class led by Pastor Barb.

Summer Movie Festival **Begins Wednesday, July 27** **6:30 pm, Martin Hall**

A summer movie festival has become something of a tradition around here and we have an interesting one planned for you this year.

"God and Sci-Fi" will be the theme of this year's festival and we will look at science fiction movies and the religious themes that we can find in them. The schedule of the movies is:

- "The Day the Earth Stood Still"
- "When Worlds Collide"
- "Forbidden Planet"
- "What Dreams May Come"
- "6th Sense"

Centering Prayer **Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28** **August 4, 11, 18** **5:00-5:45 pm, Martin Hall**

An opportunity for Centering Prayer (or any other form of silent personal prayer you may prefer) will be available for six weeks of Thursdays. This will be a silent prayer time.

Centering Prayer focuses on emptying oneself of thoughts, while allowing your conscience to sink down into your heart, surrendering all concerns, thoughts, and pre-occupations to God, while then learning what can become an ongoing and life-rejuvenating practice of release and surrender. You are also welcome to practice any other silent prayer form that you would like.

In keeping with Centering Prayer tradition, this will be a completely silent 45 minutes. If you wish to learn more about what Centering Prayer is, and how to do it, you can come between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. and Pastor Barb will guide you in the experience.

Watercolor & Transformation **Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28,** **August 4, 11, 18** **9:00-11:00 am or 6:00-8:00 pm** **Martin Hall**

Pastor Barb will lead six sessions combining teaching the basics of watercolor painting with the dynamics of personal transformation. No experience in watercolor is necessary. Freeing one's creative imagination is an essential component to experiencing transformation of some kind. Pastor Barb will invite the flow of watercolor and your imagination to open the doors to the flow of God's Spirit in the great and small ways the Spirit seeks to transform your life. The cost is \$25 for materials.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center or the church office.



June is a popular month for weddings. The gospel of John tells about a wedding Jesus attended at Cana. At the reception, he offered a special gift. What was it?

- A. Money
- B. Pottery
- C. Healing
- D. Wine

Answer: See John 2:1-11

Did You Know????



Barbara Clayburn has been honored by Wesley Community Center as the "April Volunteer of the Month." Barbara has donated more than 600 outfits for boys and girls making patterns designed around the use of T-shirts. In the winter months, she is creating Easter dresses and spring clothes. In the summer, she is making outfits for Christmas and winter school days.

Now that Barbara is unable to visit Wesley, she makes sure the outfits are delivered to Wesley so the children may continue to benefit from her generosity and love. Before moving to Arizona, Barbara began sewing for homeless children who, at that time, lived in cardboard boxes, railroad cars and personal vehicles. You may read more about Barbara in the "Wesley Community Center, Spring 2011, newsletter.

Barbara has also recently received another honor by The Daughters of American Revolution, Apache Trails Chapter. They gave her "Award for Excellence in Community Service." They honored her for her sewing at Wesley Community Center, the work she does for our church including the play recently used as the Chancel drama here, the book "Prairie Stationmaster" she wrote and other things as well. She has been installed for her eighth year as Chaplain.



Kathleen Norby was recently written about in an article by **Harley Flathers, Post-Bulletin, Rochester, MN.** Kathleen has been an organist for 60 years. Kathleen learned to play from her mother, a music teacher. Her life has been all music. Kathleen first began as filling in as church organist at Velda Rose when Alan Gerber asked her to fill in occasionally. After Alan passed away, Kathleen was

asked to be the church organist. She declined stating she felt unqualified in training for such a monumental task. Kathleen went home and prayed about it. She answered God's call and took the position 10 years ago. Today, at 86 plus, Kathleen shows no signs of slowing down. We are truly blessed to have her playing for us every Sunday. She also plays for weddings and funeral/memorial services here at the church.

You may read the full article at www.google.com. Go to "news" and type in Kathleen Norby. Click on "As the Spirit Moves Me"

Congratulations to both of these wonderful spirits of Christ!

Missions Committee



Thanks, UMW for serving at UMOM in April.

UMCOR Birthing Kits: 100 kits needed

We have enough collected to make 90 birthing kits. Great job everyone!! The kits will be sent the end of May.

Local Elementary Schools: Please look for special buys on school supplies this summer. The supplies will be divided among the schools. Items can be dropped off at the Mission collection box at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

UMOM Meal Team: We need a team of four (individuals or couples) to take responsibility for making sure the UMOM meals get served. Each person or couple will be responsible for coordinating meals for three months.

If you have any questions about any of the projects or see one you would like to help with, please contact me at 926-0348 or email jtsalt@mindspring.com.

Jeanne Salt, Missions Committee Chair

Summer Reading Program



Travel to another part of the world... grab a book and read! Our summer reading program begins June 1 and concludes on August 31. We have some AWESOME books for you to read this summer!

Register in the Library beginning Sunday, May 15. You will complete a registration card and get a booklet of ideas and information, along with some wonderful books especially for you!

Recognition and awards will be given at the end of the summer. So see where you can go by reading a book!

Summer Devo Backpacks

Check out one of our backpacks filled with fun devos and a friend, "Rosie," for a week or two this summer. Take Velda "Rosie" along with you this summer...on vacation, to Grandma's house, to the park...wherever you go. Keep her for a week or two and take a picture of her on the slide, at the Grand Canyon or even at Chick fil-A. Keep a journal of "Rosie's" travels and we'll see where she can go this summer.

The backpacks will be at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week beginning Sunday, May 15. Oh the places we will go!



We would like to thank Pastor Bob & June Deits and Pastor Paula Latu for their compassionate visits and encouragement. The family is also grateful for the prayers and support of the congregation following Ray's cancer surgery.,

Ray & Donna Kerr

Thank you to the staff and congregation of Velda Rose for your kind thoughts, prayers and letters of support when my mother passed away. Special thanks to Bob (and June) Deits for your uplifting and moving words at her service in Tucson.

Thank you to those who attended the "Choral Concert for Cancer Cure" at Velda Rose. Because of your support, we raised almost \$1,400 for the Phoenix Children's Hospital. (I hope you enjoyed our concert.)

J. Edmund Hughes

Sending you kind folks at Velda Rose many thanks for your rental assistance that you gave me and my husband for help with May's rent. We are okay now and back on track financially. Thanks again, God bless.

Vesta & Dustin Miller

I would like to thank your church for the kindness and help during our difficult time. Many blessings and good health.

The Schermerhorn Family

A HUGE thanks for our faithful cooks and servers who prepared such delicious meals for our Wednesday night PathWay Dinners from January to May. A wonderful celebration of dinner together with adults, youth and children participating in classes, confirmation, puppets, kids choir and those who just dropped by to have dinner with friends! Thanks to all who joined us for our meals! Thanks especially to our cooking crew of **Marj Troute, Jill Prather, Geri Edson, Adair Quam and Carolyn Morrow!** What gifts you all are! Thanks also to **Al & Nancy Schubring** for the o-so-delicious blueberry desserts in April and May! Thanks for the feast and the extra five pounds!

Cindy Von Borgen,

Director of Family Life Ministries



Fitch Library

Sundays: 8:00 - 12:00 AM

Wednesdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

OK, you full-time people, you know who you are. You're not runners. You're here in Arizona for big time heat. The library is cool. Cool books to borrow and cool temp to relax. Try us out!



The Empty Tomb and the Sprinklers

Our Easter EGGS-travaganza was a HUGE success with so many children from Velda Rose and our surrounding neighborhoods. It was so wonderful to see parents and children laughing and celebrating, making crafts and decorating cookies together. It was even more wonderful to see our youth and some adult volunteers leading the whole thing.

They were playing games, drawing with sidewalk chalk, painting faces, and much more with our community children loving every moment. We gathered all the children together to hear the story of Christ's resurrection and the surprise His followers experienced when they discovered the empty tomb. Our youth helpers hid the 3,000 eggs our volunteers had stuffed the week before and then we turned our 150+ children loose for our egg hunt.

The 1st and 2nd graders were looking for eggs in the grassy area outside the sanctuary...celebrating every egg they discovered with such joy! They were almost finished when the sprinklers came on and then the screams began! The children continued looking for eggs, but mostly they were running in the sprinklers – laughing and giggling while getting soaking wet! One grandpa said, "You didn't even need all the eggs, you could have just turned on the sprinklers and the kids would have fun!" His granddaughter appeared around the corner, drenched from head to toe, and said, "I was so surprised when the water came on... I couldn't help getting wet. It's just like Jesus' friends were surprised when they were looking for him and found out he was alive!" Grandpa gave me a wink and said, "I think I just learned the story of Easter from my granddaughter. Thanks for inviting us today."

You never know how someone will hear or experience the story of the Risen Christ. Through Scripture, music, worship, service...even sprinklers!



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OUR VOWS

" We will be loyal to Velda Rose United Methodist Church and uphold it by. . ."

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Agnes Alldredge
 Alice Annear
 Alice Atkinson
 Alvin Crandall
 Bea Horan
 Betty Barger
 Betty Myers
 Bruce Williams
 Budd Allen
 Byron Ayers
 Charlotte Saum
 Dan Walkowiak
 Diane Fischer
 Dillon Owens
 Donna Collins
 Doreen Ingham
 Dorothy Bryant
 Dorothy Troute
 Dorothy Wirtz
 Dylan Ellefson
 Earle Scholl
 Edith Moyer
 Eileen Jackovich
 Elsie Thomas

Esther Powers
 Esther Sundberg
 Ethel Burlingham
 Geneva Richardson
 Guyneth Gottschalk
 Hannah Turowski
 Harmony Williams
 Helen Davies
 Helene Keller
 Helen Strader
 Isabelle Kravik
 Jane Black
 Jarroldine Mair
 Jean Bennett
 Jeanne Burdsall
 Jeannette Hartman
 Jim Kirk
 Joe Goodman
 Joyce Bullamore
 John & Arlene Spykerman
 Judy Rhinehart
 Justin Collins
 LaDeen Shepherd

Lenore Ravert
 Linda Bates
 Lloyd Waltrip
 Lois Hedges
 Lois Schoech
 Louis Kelly
 Louise Green
 Lowell Stock
 Lydia Kratzer
 Maggie May Coppock
 Margaret Eck
 Marian Pilkington
 Marjorie Corr
 Mark Florey
 Mary Donohoe
 Mathew Hale
 Maxine Galland
 Melva Metzger
 Nadine Rothrock
 Nell Marsh
 Norma Jones
 Norman Fenske
 Opal Tschudy

Orval Rodgers
 Parker Holm
 Paul & Pauline Warg
 Phyllis Snowden
 Randy & Joan Bailey
 Ray Kerr
 Reese Cole
 Robert Willhoit
 Ruth Bulfinch
 Ruth Eldred
 Ryan Williams
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 Sheri Richardson
 Steve Wanner
 Suzi Reed
 Tina Danielson
 Tom Partington
 Tommy Forsberg
 Trudy Hartney
 Virginia Frey
 William & Amber Brooks
OUR TROOPS

*Please keep in our prayers
the people of
First United Methodist
Church, New Orleans.*



CALL: Marian Lorenz - 807-9739

Prayer Request Book

You will find the Prayer Request Books on the podium in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. The books are open to everyone who has a loved one or friend they would like to be remembered in prayer.

We extend our Christian sympathy to all of the families of our members and friends listed below on their deaths.



Eulala Adams - April 21
Ed Appel - April 23
Dolores Deutschlander - May 2
Hugh Pangman - May 3
Helen Hromas - May 3

Michael Burford on the death of his mother in April; Jay & Peggy Scott on the death of Peggy's mother April 27; Gary & Georgia Musselman on the death of Georgia's father in Texas May 2; Richard & Carol Miller on the death of Carol's brother, Dil Stock May 5; and Nadine Sutton on the death of her daughter Nancy Lou Sutton May 11 in Kansas.

Harold Norman - Harold Norman Memorial Fund
 Given by: Robert & Bettie Lou Bunke

Lenore Lindsey - Bereavement Fund
 Given by: Sarah Siwula

Mitzie Brush - Building Fund
 Given by: Victor & Betty Grenda, Karolina Marsh, Dorothy Erickson, William & Anna Schneider, Dan Suffolette, Kathleen Schovanec, Jack Verhasselt, Robert & June Ducharme, Richard & Jill Ledterman, James & Esther Goebbert

Hyacinth Kroeppler - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Lloyd Kroeppler

Hugh Pangman - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Val Marcil

Mary Zeller - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Elwin Zeller



Youth Volleyball

All youth currently in 5th – 12th grades

Summer Volleyball is here! All youth entering 5th grade through high school grads are invited to join the teams! We have one SR high team and two JR high teams playing this summer. Games start on Wednesday, June 1, and continue through July!

It's a great time to be with old friends and make some new ones in the church and in the District! Start practicing your serves and get to the net!



Adult Volleyball

Adults, this is your chance for some spikes, digs and wonderful fellowship, too! **All ages 18 or older** are invited to join in the Central East District UMC volleyball league that will have games on Monday evenings through the summer beginning June 6.

If you are interested in playing, or know someone who is, please contact Tamara Mulligan at tamaramulligan@cox.net SOON!

Childcare WILL be provided. We'd love to have you be a part of this summer event!

We're Building a Bamboo Forest



We are constructing the set and decorations for our Summer Vacation Bible School: Panda-Mania! Where God is Wild About You! We are in need of minor construction and major painting and lots of other miscellaneous projects to prepare our Bamboo Forest for the children coming

in June.

If you would be willing to help with the construction or painting, please join us on Wednesday's at 1:00 pm. We'll have the paint and the brushes, just need you!



Out of the mouths of ... toys?

As my 6-year-old son played, I overheard his conversation. "I'm Zurg," he made a toy proclaim. "I used to be evil, but then I got stuck in some goo, and Buzz Lightyear saved me. So I decided to be good now."

Although I didn't want to interrupt my son's play, sometime I'll draw the faith connection for him. By dying on the cross, Jesus saved us from the "goo" of sin. And that should prompt a change in our hearts and behavior.

Sometimes imagination reveals truth, and the least likely objects become instruments of the Holy Spirit.

—Heidi Mann

The Newsletter Newsletter, May 2011



AUGUST 2-7, 2011
Monterey, CA

If you love Christian music, camping, amazing worship times and being with 30,000 of your closest friends...this is for YOU!

Register by contacting cindy@veldarose.org. For more information, check out the link on the Youth Page at www.veldarose.org or contact Cindy in the church office.

God's Great Gallery

The children of Velda Rose have created masterpieces, their "Portrait of God", and would like to share them with you in the form of a greeting card. More than 50 pieces of original artwork created for our Children's Sabbath, have been reproduced on individual cards in packs of 12. The **packs will be sold for \$10** with all the proceeds going to the ministry of Sidewalk Sunday School.

The children have given us this wonderful gift of artwork, and now they will be giving the gift to the ministry with other children.

Special order forms and packs of cards are available on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center and during the week in the church office.

Camperships

Do you remember the first time you went to Church Camp? The friends, the campfires, the way you experience God in new and powerful ways? We have wonderful camping programs in the Desert Southwest Annual Conference and want to make the experience available to any child wanting to attend.

A week at camp is approximately \$310 for children and our scholarship fund is in need of some help. Last summer we had 12 elementary campers who experienced camp for the first time thanks to your generosity! If you would like to contribute to the VRUMC Campership Fund, please do! You can mark your check "Campership" or bring it by the church office during the week, or contact Cindy Von Bargaen. Help us keep those Summer Camp memories growing!

Members Removed

John & Vivian Lackey
UMC Transfer



Sunday Morning Opportunities

J.O.Y. Class (Jesus, Others, Yourself)

Sundays, 9:00 am, Martin Hall

Our traditional adult SS Class that focuses on the Great Commandment of Jesus-Others-Yourself. Rev. Paula Latu leads. For more information, call Ginny Vaughn at 832-1795.



Modern Parables

Sundays, June 5-August 21, 10:45am, Martin Hall

This is a 12-week video series. These are short videos placing the themes of Jesus' parables into contemporary contexts. The class discussion will focus both on Jesus' original parable and the modern-day video version. Led by Pastor Barb.

New Horizons

Sundays, June 5, July 3, August 7 10:45 am,

(1st Sunday of the month)

Topics to be chosen from the group. Led by Gene & June Osborne, 984-1583.

Summer Youth Atmosphere

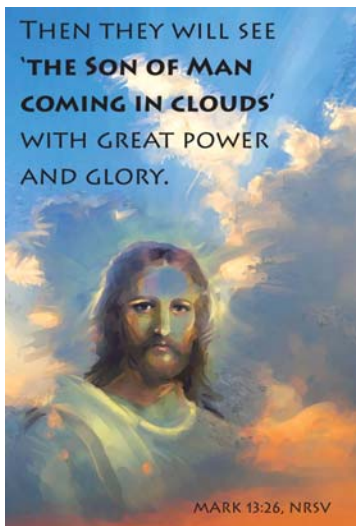
Sundays, 10:45 am, Upstairs Moore Hall

For students entering grades 7 - 12, some summertime fun with Deirdre, Dave and more friends! We will also be doing **100 Faces of Faith interviews** during this time.



FX - Family Experience Sunday, June 5 - 11:15 am Moore Hall

Join us for our – once a month - FX! This is a worship experience for all ages! The Youth of Velda Rose LEAD the worship time each month – and you can't even believe how much fun you will have! ALL are invited!



Children's Faith Forest Is Open on Sundays

Summer Sunday Mornings for Children
Mission Impossible!

In June and July we're going to be focusing on faith (part 1) and perseverance (part 2): how God uses our faith to strengthen our perseverance and perseverance to deepen our faith. All the Bible stories and lessons for the two months will come from the book of Hebrews, written to one of the very first churches. Bad stuff was happening to Christians at this time and they even thought about giving up their faith in Jesus. So the writer of Hebrews set about to encourage these followers, reminding them of all the faith stories from their past, folks who had come before them, like Abraham, Joseph, and Moses, who believed in God and kept on trusting Him even when times were tough. As a result, they often got to witness some remarkable things God did, things that were basically impossible.

Children begin in worship with their families at the 9:20 Worship Services until the Time with Children. They then gather together in the YOUTH CENTER with singing and praying and celebrating. And don't forget the Bible Bucks in the Reward Zone! Kids get a Refrigerator Door and a GodTime Card each week to let parents know what we've been learning that morning! Then, the next week, stop by the Reward Zone table on the patio and get a Bible Buck for knowing the monthly virtue and definition, Bible verse, Bottom Line, a GodTime Card signed by your parents, or bringing a friend! The Bible is FULL of treasures for us to bury in our hearts!



The ultimate destination

What's better than the first day of a long-awaited vacation? The excitement of reaching our destination, the anticipation of fun-filled adventures, the freedom to relax and lay down our burdens for a while — we'll pay good money for that.

But it's a fleeting pleasure. Before our bags are even unpacked, the clock has already begun counting down to when we'll have to return to the pressures of everyday life.

It won't always be so. One day, we'll lay down our burdens for good. When we reach our ultimate destination, God our Father will welcome us. Our loved ones, long gone, will gather to celebrate. And every day of this breathtaking adventure will be like the first because time will no longer rule over us.

The best vacations are just a shadow of what God has in store for his children.

June Birthdays



06/1 Barbara Tucker Faye Livingston	06/17 Joy Moses Jean Corkill
06/02 Everna Vermaat Mary Sage Dorothy Francis Gregg Shelton	06/18 Gary Powers Nancy Houghten Pat Austin
06/03 Ben Clover	06/19 Mike Olson Jan Bennett
06/04 Jeanne Burdsall Tish Roberts Bud Anderson Michaela Garlett Jean Susman	06/20 Pauline Lymons Ryan Harmsen Beth Grenfell Vicci Mapakaitolo
06/05 Jackie Mann	06/21 Kaylie Wells
06/06 Lillie Preston Arlene Spykerman Carl Hershey Wiley Poyer Lynde Tenold	06/22 Mike Hill Richard Huderle Mary Pringle
06/07 Dick Powers	06/23 Karen Plumm Bruce Williams Joe Freeman
06/08 Lorrie Roberts Dorothy Jensen	06/24 Jerry Gerrard Beverly Jackson Kathy Glidden James Tibbs Ruthaleen McCall
06/09 Janet Durnal	06/25 Carole Hughes Mike Wenge Thora Miolla Charles Hromas Norman Jones
06/10 Deborah Lee Bob Jackson Olivia Breseman Tracy Hupko	06/26 Dan Condon Barbara Howard CJ Evans Ruth Eldred
06/11 Kayden Archibeque	06/27 Wayne Reine Betty Meyers Danelle Mecl Linda McGuire
06/12 Ava Breseman Susan Kenyon Oz Rogers George Pringle Paul Borneman	06/28 Donna Drews Zella Scheidler
06/13 Libby Lewis	06/29 Duane Clark Nancy Campbell Marlice Fenske
06/14 Mildred Schlotzhauer Jayden Hill Alice Annear	06/30 Gary Miolla Bryan Molyneux
06/15 Bob Wilson Lody Hodge Tom Chaney	
06/16 Dick Nicholson Judy Melling Elizabeth Hallowell	

60 or More Years

06/07 Bob & Dorothy Lane (65)
06/10 Jack & Marjorie Edson (64)
06/11 Ed & Eileen Jackovich (62)
06/17 Ken & Shirley Johnson (60)
06/18 Gene & June Osborne (61)
06/19 Gill & Irene Baker (63)
George & Lou Pringle (63)
06/24 John & Jan Arnold (60)

50 or More Years

06/05 Gene & Sallie Holder (52)
06/08 Robert & Donna Bargman (59)
Ted & Imogene Hulett (53)
06/10 Fred & Netty Wellman (50)
06/11 Larry & Beverly Jackson (50)
06/15 Dick & Mary McLain (59)
06/17 Maurice & Marian Meschke (56)
Roger & Karen Torkelson (50)
06/20 Don & Ellie Frederick (53)
06/21 Bob & Maxine Bormuth (52)
06/27 Allen & Leona Vander Vorste (59)

Also Celebrating

06/01 Bruce & Carmen Williams (20)
06/04 Bob & Rita Canfield (14)
Glenn & Fern Rud (47)
06/07 Lynde & Lynn Tenold (14)
06/09 Jay & Peggy Scott (29)
06/12 Brad & Kay Johnson (46)
Jerry & Delores Kunz (40)
06/13 Boyd & Sheila Arnold (47)
06/23 Jack & Suzi Reed (11)
06/24 Gary & Donna Powers (11)
06/27 Jerry & Jane Gerrard (41)
Karl & Beverly Wilhelm (30)

Congratulations to Some of Our High School Graduates!



We celebrate with more of our High School Graduates!

Sepa Koloamatangi, Casa Grande Union High School
Gavin Shelton, Mountain View High School
Taylor Nagel, Red Mountain High School.

We say ConGRADulations to you all!

PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

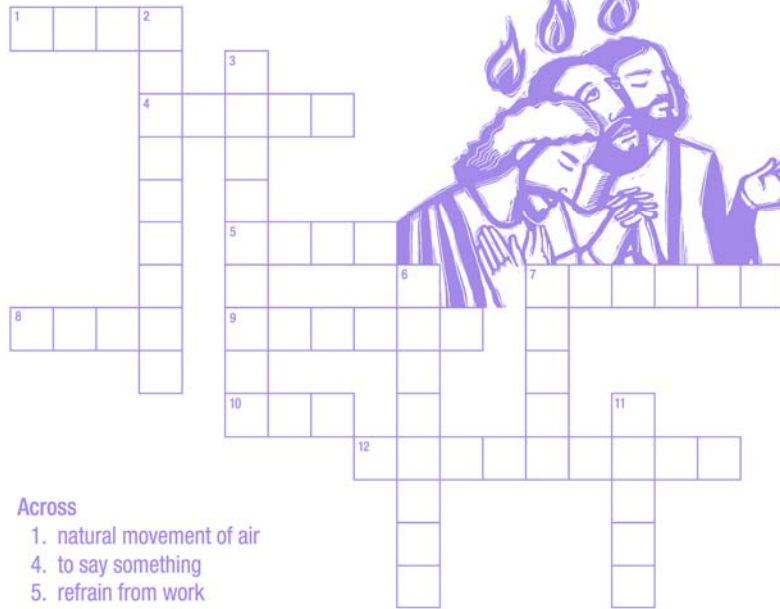
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

NEXT DEADLINE

Next publication date - 6/23/2011. Items considered must be in the Church Office by **Wednesday, June 15, 2011.**

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Diamondbacks' Baseball vs. Florida Tuesday, May 31, 5:30 pm

Twenty-eight seats are available for our first D-Back's Group Outing. \$20 covers ticket cost and bus fare. **Buses leave the church promptly at 5:30 pm.** You may only reserve your ticket through the church office at 832-2111.



New Member Orientation, Sunday, June 12, Noon, Moore Hall

Please join us if you are interested in joining Velda Rose. A light lunch will be served and we will collect some information from you for our church records. A brief orientation will introduce you to programs available here at Velda Rose. On Sunday, June 19, you will take your membership vows at the service or your choice.

Call the church office, 832-2111, to sign up or Pastor Stewart or Marv Harmsen if you have any questions.

Summertime Sing-A-Long Sunday, July 3, 6:00 pm, Moore Hall

Join us for an evening of fun! We'll have a pot-luck dinner – we're providing burgers and hot dogs and all the fixin's, drinks and ice cream sundae's for dessert – you bring something to put on the table to share. We will share in our delicious dinner and then our beloved organist, **Kathleen Norby**, will lead us on the piano in a time of singing to celebrate the summer.



Are you a Sunday morning bus rider? We would love to have you join us too! Call the church office and let us know you'd like a ride and we'll pick you up for our Sing-A-Long!

Come join us!