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The Merry Month of May

It's hard to believe that May (and June!) has flown by so fast! May was filled with attending graduations, building new relationships, the return of old friends, and preparation for our final Worship Renewal Grant events.

We were blessed with the opportunity to have Pastor Jonathan Black from Ashton, Illinois spend two weeks of his sabbatical at the Retreat Center. During his stay with us, he was able to visit historical sites, speak with many of the locals, and learn about the different aspects of our ministry. We look forward to future visits from Pastor Jonathan!

In May we also had the pleasure of hosting students from the nursing program at Augsburg College as well as our friends from St. Timothy Episcopal in Herndon, VA. While here, the group from St. Timothy's was able to rekindle friendships as well as build a new ramp for Pine Ridge Presbyterian next door. We hope all, first time visitors and those returning, had a wonderful experience.



Worship Renewal Grant Events

For our last Worship Renewal Grant events, we held a revival at Makasan on May 27 and a Clergy and Lay Leader Retreat on June 2.

The theme of the revival centered on the Power of Prayer and Holy Spirit. It was a powerfully moving event with speakers, music, and food! Mark Charles from the Calvin Institute of Christian



Worship was able to join us, and gave a moving testimony of how he has been guided by the Spirit through his work and worship practices.

We were also able to have Darlene Red Elk Myers sing and give her testimony. She shared with us about her missions and travels as well as the inspiring story of her journey to faith.

The Wake Singers as well as Darryl Whipple also performed during our time together.

For our younger participants, we held a children's circle. During this time, the kids made God's Eyes, had their faces painted, made bracelets, and fellowshiped together. We had around 100 members of the community come out and participate in our revival. It was a moving time that we were blessed to be a part of!

For the Clergy and Lay Leaders Retreat, we had 12 local leaders join us to discuss storytelling in our ministries. Sharee Johnson was our moderator, guiding us through her experiences and methods to include storytelling in her preaching and teaching. This retreat brought fresh ideas and inspiration to all participants.

Without the work of our committee, we would not have been able to have so many successful, renewing events! Our hope is to continue hosting similar events without the budget of the grant.



**Focus On:
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Cresco, Iowa**

The relationships that we build with one another are important and special. And we want to share the stories of the groups who visit with everyone! Without you, our ministry and mission would not be fulfilled. This newsletter,

we asked Jan Strike to share her congregation's experience with us. Here's what she has to say:

The group from Immanuel Lutheran Church of Cresco, Iowa made a visit to Pine Ridge in 1990, and began regular trips out in 1991. This ministry is proof that one woman's prayer can make a difference. Hope Souhrada prayed about whether she should give an Indian Concerns Temple Talk. In response to that Temple Talk, a volunteer group formed which led to the trips. Many members of Immanuel have made the 612 mi. trip out to Pine Ridge, while others pray, donate material things and/or provide financial support. Service projects at Pine Ridge have ranged from working with VBS and big projects like painting 40 gallons of primer inside the Retreat Center to small projects like fixing someone's door.

This year, we made the annual spring trip and were pleased to be able to use the services of the new Pine Ridge Lumber Yard and we learned so much from speakers: Kelly and Susie Looking Horse, Will Peters, Valerie Brown Eyes, and Father Robert Two Bulls. Recently, we were blessed to have Pastor Karen come to our church in Iowa to share Pine Ridge with our congregation. Now, we are making plans to make the annual short trip out with school supplies, etc.

However, it is not the things we give or do that keep us coming back, rather it is the sharing of our cultures, learning from the guest speakers, and the relationships that have been formed. In the words of one of our group, "Pine Ridge is not just what you can see or touch but it is about what you feel in your heart!" If you talk to our people, you will find that they say, "When we are at Pine Ridge, we receive far more than we ever give!"

The Month of June

June was a month filled with travel; travel for our groups coming in and travel for Karen and Alicia!

Both Karen and Alicia attended the ELCA South Dakota Synod Assembly held in Sioux Falls, SD over June 7-9. We set up a booth and were able to have several good conversations with people from throughout South Dakota. We were also blessed with being offered the leftover sandwiches, rolls, chips, fruit, and cookies to bring back to the reservation. We were able to offer these at lunches for a few days and use the fruit and cookies for snacks/meals with our Sanctuary program.

Karen was also able to travel to Pierre, SD on June 15 for the Women of the ELCA gathering there as well as the ELCA Glocal event held in Sioux Falls, SD June 22-23. From the Glocal event, Karen drove over to Cresco, IA to preach at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Alicia traveled to Grand Rapids, MI to the Calvin Institute of Worship for the Worship Renewal Grant Colloquium with Madeline Terry-Heckert from Makasan Presbyterian.



Both of the groups that came to us came through Lutheran Outdoors, and we were glad to be able to host their first trips here. The first group was from Clara City, MN and the second was Tarpon Springs, FL. Both did great work in the community and we hope they will continue to be a part of our ministry.

Coming For A Visit

Recently, we have had a few cancelations in our late summer and fall dates and would like to make you aware of all the available times we have for the remainder of the year. We encourage you to share our open dates with any ministries that may be interested in visiting Pine Ridge.

July:

14-20 Baltimore Learning Camp
21-27 DeMoines, IA
28-Aug 3 Cresco, IA

Aug:

4-10 *VACANT*
11-17 Ft. Collins UMC
18-24 Living Work, Chicago, IL
25-27 *VACANT*
28-Sept 3 Cresco, IA and Church of the Wilderness, Bowler, WI

Sept:

4-5 *VACANT*
6-9 Sibley, IA
10-14 *VACANT*
15-21 Smoky Hill/Parker
22-30 *VACANT*

Oct:

1-4 St Luke's, Minnetanka, MN
6-12 Our Savior's, Sioux Falls, SD
13 Our Savior's, Spearfish, SD
14-18 *VACANT*
19-22 Trinity, Owatanna
23-26 *VACANT*
27-Nov 2 Grafton, WI

Nov:

3-9 Sanford Medical School
10-15 *VACANT*
16-18 Excelsior, Covenant, MN
17-23 *VACANT*
24-30 *VACANT*

Dec:

1-7 *VACANT*
8-14 *VACANT*
15-21 *VACANT*
22-28 *VACANT*

Fee Restructures

At the June Steering Committee meeting, a decision was made to restructure the fees for the center effective immediately. All groups scheduled before the June 13 meeting will be “grandfathered” in to the new fee schedule. Any new plans to visit made after June 13 will fall under the new fee schedule.

For groups just staying with us, the new charge is \$20 per person per night (i.e. \$100 for a 5 night stay for one person).

For groups where the center leads the projects, schedules speakers, etc., the new charge is \$30 per person per night (i.e. \$150 for a 5 night stay for one person).

There is no longer a group charge; all fees will now be assessed per person. If you have any questions or concerns over this, please feel free to contact the Retreat Center by phone or email.

St. John Quilt Raffle

St. John Episcopal, where Karen leads, is raffling off a quilt to raise money for the congregation. They are selling tickets for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. If you would be interested in purchasing tickets to win this quilt, please contact Karen. The winner will be picked and notified on August 31.



Wish List/List of Needs

- *Folding chairs
- *Pool cues
- *A new pool table
- *A new bumper pool table
- *Baby diapers (especially larger sizes)
- *Gift certificates for Shell or Sinclair
- *Donations to support the staff and ministry here
- *Donations for community assistance (to help out with food and energy needs)
- *Remodeling of the play/worship area downstairs
- *Paving the parking area
- *Play equipment for the young people

We thank you for all your prayers and support for our ministry here! May God continue to bless and keep you!



The Mission of the Pine Ridge Retreat Center is to strengthen the congregational ministry of our ecumenical partners and to offer cross-cultural retreats for the purpose of building respect of, and understanding for, all of God's people.

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