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*From Pastor Ralph*

## Rest

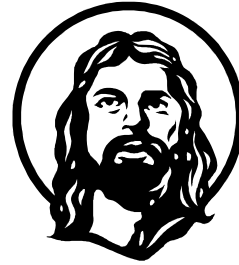
God created everything, from the first light to the first humans. Then God rested. The seventh day was no longer for influencing creation; it was simply for pleasure, enjoyment, and rest.

When is your time for rest? When is your time to rejuvenate your body, mind, and soul? When is your “seventh day?”

Sometimes life seems to be just one thing after another. Tasks and responsibilities surround us. Life can become a burden instead of an opportunity. It feels heavy, oppressive, a chore.

That’s why God gives us the opportunity for rest and enjoyment. That seventh day gives our lives perspective, allowing us to take the focus off ourselves, re-focus on the Creator, and give us a chance to just enjoy life

God took time to rest and enjoy all God had created. However you fit it into your schedule, don’t you think it’s a good plan for you, too?



### Church Council Members:

President	Tom Carman
Vice President	Jean Cox
Secretary	Mary Bruha
Treasurer	Elden Bruha
Financial Secretary	Stan Bruederle
Members at Large	Kay Smith Dorine Smith
Pastors	Ralph Herman Ginger DuMars

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Our Volunteer chairpersons for this year are:

Web Master	Tom Carman
Altar Guild	Delores Van Brocklin
Publicity	Dorothy Parker
Prayer Chain	Judy Basey
Newsletter Editor	Mary Bruederle
Refreshments	Judy Basey
Music & Worship	Tom Carman
Property Manager	Bob Smith



**Pastor Ginger's  
Summer News, 2011**

With St. Paul I say to you: ***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say REJOICE! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts & your minds in Christ Jesus.”*** Amen! (Philippians 4: 4-7, NRSV)

*Indeed, we have much in which to rejoice! Although we have had many prayers answered recently, we still have many thoughts & concerns & people for whom we pray! So – keep rejoicing & keep praying – letting your requests & your thanksgiving be known*

*to God in prayers & celebrations with God.*

**Bob & I thank you for celebrating the Sweet 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination with us at our home on May22!**

**THANK YOU** for all your good wishes & prayers, chairs & cards & delicious food that you brought! Thank you mostly for your friendships & partnerships in ministry! We treasure all of you & our shared ministries!

**Thanks also to all the people who worked on our annual weed cutting & yard clean up**

**recently:** Elden & Mary Bruha, Stan & Mary Bruederle, Harold & Judy Basey, Bob DuMars, Ron Roberts, Bob Smith, Tom & Brenda Sweeney.

Also, thanks to Dorothy Parker who often tends to the flowers & does weeding & planting & trimming in our Memorial Garden! Our church yard looks great & is ready for summer!

**Thank You!**



**THANK YOU** for your generous support for your church & for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offerings: Haiti & Japan Disaster Relief & Recovery, ELCA Hunger Relief in the U.S.A., Bethesda Lutheran Homes & Sierra Foothills Residential Care Home (SFRC) both for the Developmentally Disabled (CA.), & in Jan. for MLC. Our Congregational Council voted to designate the remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Offerings for 2011 for: ELCA Disaster Relief for U.S. Severe Spring Storms, “It’s My Very Own” (Bag of Comfort) for Children’s Protective Services to give children being removed from unsafe environments, S.F. Night Ministry, CAL. Lutheran University, Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp, and College Campus Ministries. Our offering gifts are greatly appreciated by the recipients!

**Mark your calendar for these special JULY events:**

**July 3 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Festive Worship** at Mountain Lutheran Church with

Congregation choosing favorite hymns before the sermon during July.



**July 4 – Happy Birthday & Independence Day, U.S.A.!**

**July 7, 9 – 11:45 a.m.**

Setting up the Women's Retreat Rummage Sale at Groveland Evangelical Free Church. NOON - Thrivent Pizza Lunch .

**July 7 at 1:30 – Bible Study** (note later starting time – just for July 7)

**July 8 – 9** is the Women's Retreat Rummage Sale at Evan. Free. (Proceeds provide scholarships to the Sept. 23-24 Retreat at Camp Tuolumne Trails.)

**July 16 – Pancake Breakfast** at Applebee's in Sonora – SFRC Fund Raiser.

**July 17 at 11:30 – Council Meeting**

**July 18 at 9:00** – Start sorting & setting up for MLC's Parking Lot Sale to benefit Special Olympics.

**July 21 at 9:00** – Prep. for Parking Lot Sale. Bring Lunch. **1:00 Bible Study**

**July 22 & 23, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 Parking Lot Sale, Lunch & Bake Sale.**

**July 24 at 11:00 a.m. – Congregational Meeting.**

**July 31 at 6:00 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gospel Sing at MLC with Hot Dog Picnic at 7 as we celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Completing our Church Building.**

**God Bless You & Your Summer Ministries & Activities!**

*With Faith & Hope,  
Love & Appreciation,  
Pastor Ginger DuMars*



## **President's Message**

We will have our parking lot sale at Mountain Lutheran on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, so start saving your household goods. We will also have a bake sale and serve lunch. The sale will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. We do have a limited amount of space in our shed at church, so we can start taking some items now. Shirley Carman is in charge of the Parking Lot Sale and Pastor Ginger is in charge of organizing, buying food, etc. for the lunch. We'll need LOTS of workers, bakers & a few potato salad makers too. Set up begins Monday, July 17 at 9:00. Proceeds will go to Special Olympics. The Council will decide if the proceeds will be split between local Special Olympics and Montana's Special Olympics. Any profits from the lunch will be kept for MLC.

We are hosting the 5th Sunday Gospel Sing on Sunday, July 31 and also using this time to

celebrate our 5th Anniversary of completing our new church building. The singing will start at 6:00p.m., and the Picnic supper will start 7:00p.m. We'll have hot dogs & hopefully a few limited choices of salads & desserts. We will have done lots of baking, making potato salad, BBQing hot dogs, etc. from the Parking Lot Sale the week before so we want to keep the picnic simple & can use up any left over (uncooked & frozen) hot dogs, sodas, bottled water, chips from July 22 - 23.

Thanks again to everyone for their commitment to giving for 2011. Stewardship is a very vital part of our Congregation and most of all our thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given. Mountain Lutheran's commitment to giving will be in keeping with your commitment for 2011. Congratulations and appreciation for your generosity.

We have finally found our second organist, Sandra Menacho. For awhile I thought we were not going to be able to fill that position but our prayers were answered. Sandra brings some very good experience to us along with a wonderful talent and desire to serve. Our liturgy is something new to her, so it's just a matter of time for her to familiarize herself and be playing like she's been doing it for years. If you haven't taken time to introduce yourself, please do so. You'll find she is a very delightful person.

I would like to thank everyone for bringing recycling to Church on the last Sunday of the month. Every little bit helps so keep up the good work. Remember aluminum cans bring the most money followed by plastic bottles. Glass bottles bring in a little, but are heavy. (No wine bottles please).

God's blessings to everyone,

Tom

### **Parking Lot Sale**

Mountain Lutheran's parking lot sale will be Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will be selling new Nike clothing, which Leslie Moyar gave the church for a fundraiser. We will have household items for our parking lot sale, a bake sale, and serve lunch. Special Olympics will be benefiting from this sale and receiving some matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

We will start setting up on Monday, July 18 at 9 a.m., so if you have items you want to give for the sale you can bring them to church on Sunday, July 17. If you can't bring them on July 17 we do have limited space in our shed to take some items before July 17. If those dates aren't convenient, please call Shirley (962-5647) and make other arrangements. We will need help, so please call Shirley if you can help.

Shirley

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