

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



St. Aloisius
Medical Center
SMP Health System

- June 09 -

Sources of Strength

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Dear Mentors, Youth, Volunteers and Friends,

Hello, everyone. It's hard to believe that school is out and summer vacation is here. Harvey has so many wonderful activities and events during the summer months. I hope you will find time to enjoy them. Please think safety, especially when children are nearby.

I hope you had a nice Memorial Day weekend. Once again, I was so touched by all the flags at the cemeteries, thinking of the commitment and sacrifice that so many have made for our country. It reminded me of a prayer for our Nation that was shared at the National Day of Prayer. I would like to share it with you:

Prayer for Our Nation

Father in Heaven, We lift our eyes toward your throne, where You reign in righteousness. Your Word assures us that when Your people cry out in sincerity and humility, You will never turn a deaf ear to us. We call upon you now, seeking your forgiveness and favor. Look over this fevered landscape and heal us, Lord. Drop knees to the floor and raise eyes to the sky, for we know where our help comes from. Unite us in devotion to You and blur every dividing line. Do not give us over to our sins. Give us, instead, over to passionate prayer that moves Your heart. May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, as we put our hope in you. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Mentoring

Mentors, parents and youth, please note that Ruby Franklin is taking the summer off to help her husband farm, so you will need to forward questions, suggestions or concerns to me. I will be contacting you for monthly reports, etc.

Thanks for all of your wonderful help, Ruby!

Relay for Life

We are still selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by Isolde Grauman. Tickets come in books of 12 and cost \$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Let Donna know how many books you would like to sell.

Thanks to everyone who helped sell tacos in a bag for the city wide rummage sale and the health fair. I understand that we have raised nearly \$1000.00 so far.

Long Term Care:

We are looking for some volunteers who could take people for short walks (with their wheelchairs) or just sit outdoors with them. We would also like to have someone who plays a musical instrument come in to share your talent with the people who live here. If interested, contact Denise Martin.

Hospice:

Please note that all hospice volunteers are required to have an annual TB test. Tests will be administered to all volunteers on Mondays, from 2:00-4:00 pm, during the month of June, at Beth Huseh's office (room #18 of the outpatient clinic). If these days/times do not work for you, contact Beth or Candy Thompson at 324-4651 as soon as possible to re-schedule.

Senior Companions:

We have an opening for a senior companion and there appears to be a need for one more person. If you know of someone who may be interested, please have them contact the St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program as soon as possible.

Faith in Action:

There have been a couple of situations where people have not been aware that we are asking for a minimal donation for rides. Drivers, please help us remind people when possible. The suggested rate is \$25.00 to Bismarck, \$20.00 to Minot and \$15.00 to Rugby (these are for round trips). Thank you for helping with this.

Congratulations to our
Mentor of the month,
Jayne Isaak
and our volunteer of the month,
Joyce Pestal.
You are appreciated!

Mentoring/Community Activities:

Teen mentors, please note that you must attend a minimum of 80% of the scheduled monthly activities to be eligible for scholarships. Activities are open to anyone in the community who would like to participate (unless otherwise specified). You do not have to be a part of our volunteer or mentoring program to join us.

Harvey Public Library Summer Reading Program – June 8th – July 15th. This year's theme is "Be Creative at the Library". Remember, reading makes you smart. It takes you places. Call the library for additional information.

Mark your calendars!

- *June 2nd - register for summer swimming lessons.
- *June 2nd - 5th - Vacation Bible School at the First Lutheran Church in Harvey - open to all denominations.
- *June 6th and 7th - Harvey Rodeo
- *June 8th - Summer reading program begins at the Harvey Public Library.
- *June 21st - Fathers Day and First Day of Summer
- *June 25th-28 - Wells Co. Fair

Adopt a Soldier

Our soldier is Josh Zeien, from Selz. He is currently serving as a Marine in Iraq. Please consider periodically sending him a card or letter. Josh is 21 years old and graduated from Harvey High School. He appreciates hearing from people back home. Send mail to Josh at:

L Cpl. Zeien, Joshua W
RCT- 8 MT
Unit 73915
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Thought to Ponder: The Lord doesn't see things the way we see them. People judge by outward appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

St. Aloisius Website: Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at <http://www.stalouisius.com/>. You can also reach the community blog from this site.

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2009 VBS Schedules

Attention Parents and Kids! Check out this great opportunity to have some supervised fun and learn about Jesus! Most programs are inter-denominational and there is typically no charge to participate. Consider attending one (or more) of these great Vacation Bible Schools.

First Lutheran in Harvey

June 2nd – June 5th

Tues.-Thurs. 9:00-3:00 – Friday 9:00-Noon

Program: Thurs. 7:00 pm

Pre-registration is open now. Call 324-2548 to register.

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

June 15-19th for ages 5-10

The blessed Virgin Mary

To register call Heidi Muscha at 324-4325 or Karen Muscha at 324-2443.

Martin Baptist Church

June 22-26th

Evenings

6:15-8:30 pm on Monday through Thursday

7:00 pm on Friday. Family supper followed by program.

Contact Kim Rott at 465-3470 to register.

Seventh Day Advent Church

July 20-24th

Times to be announced.

No need to register.

Victory Baptist Church

Camp Victory Bible Camp

Held the last week in July (21st-25th) starts at 4:00 on 21st – Noon on 25th.

Open to ages 8 through 20

To register, call Pastor Dyck at 324-4415

\$45.00 per child. Includes meals and everything they need.

The Lord is near to all who call on Him, all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. ~ Psalms 145:18-19.

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### God Hears

The cat had kittens on the trundle bed in the downstairs guest room. We collected them and placed them on rags in a cardboard box in front of the kitchen fireplace until we could come up with something more suitable.

But the mother cat had a mind of her own. We watched with amusement as she entered the kitchen silently, stood on her back legs, front legs on the box, sniffing for her babies. Then leaping nimbly over the side, she checked them over, picked one up by the back of the neck, leaped out, and quietly returned it to the trundle bed. This was repeated until all that was left was the runt of the litter.

She did not come back. She may have been exhausted from her efforts, or she may have been busy playing lunch counter to the others. We waited.

Finally the tiny scrap in the bottom of the box let out more of a squeak than a mew. It was almost a non-sound.

Instantly, soundlessly, the mother cat appeared, bounded in and out of the box, the littlest kitten in her mouth, and carried it back to the guest room. Three doors, two rooms and two hallways away, and yet she heard. It wasn't even a full-fledged cry.

Nor are our prayers necessarily full-fledged prayers - or even articulated cries for help. According to the Bible, God responds to our sighs, our tears and our murmurs. Even our longings can be interpreted as prayers. John Trapp said in commenting on Psalm 145, "*The Lord is near to all that call upon Him; yea, He can feel breath when no voice can be heard for faintness.*"

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Prayer for the Day

I am thankful, Lord, that You hear my faintest cries for help. Help me to understand how important it is to call out to You for help in every circumstance.