



FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

As I was sitting listening to our youth present their "Talent Challenge" last month, I couldn't help but recall a reflection from the Loyola Press website I had recently read about Jesus' story about the loaves and fishes. I am sharing it as I felt it just might be helpful to those of us who are struggling with what I am sure feels like a formidable task; namely to multiply the \$10 abundantly.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish up among them. They all ate and were satisfied. (Mark 6:41-42).

God's care for us extends beyond the farthest reaches of our imagination. Who but God could imagine feeding thousands of people with five loaves of bread and a few fish? Not to mention ending up with seven baskets of leftovers. The abundance and generosity of God cannot be out done. By providing food for the multitudes, Jesus teaches us our unconditional trust in God can turn the smallest gesture into an act of care and generosity. It would have been much easier if Jesus had listened to the disciples and sent people off to find their own food. Instead Jesus calls his disciples to step outside of their comfort zone and do something that must have felt futile in the face of so many hungry people. This past Sunday, through our youth, Jesus challenged us to do the same; to step outside our comfort zones and allow God to show us his care and generosity abundantly through our efforts.

So as you begin planning your projects, ask yourself these two questions:

When have I been surprised by the abundance and generosity of God?

How am I willing to step outside my comfort zone to allow God to work through me?

Then speak to God using these words or words of your own:

Generous and loving God, your care for us has no limits, increase my trust in you

that I may be a sign of your kingdom to everyone I encounter this day.

Amen

If we all rely on God's help in this task we too might just end up with seven baskets of leftovers!

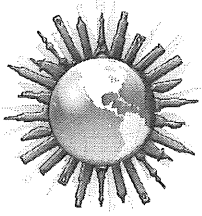
Have a fruitful and enjoyable summer

Pastor Alan

Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am

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**ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT
FOR RIGA YOUTH**

**GVA Youth Event Theme:
Touch The Earth Lightly**

Friday, Sept. 18 7 pm

Through

Saturday, Sept. 19 6:30 pm

For all youth Grades 6-12

Tamarack Lodge at Covenant Acres, Pike, NY

United Methodist Camp

www.covenantacres.org

Cost: \$20 per person

Those interested should see Pastor Alan or Sue for details

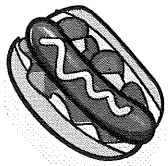


**There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board
to help in cutting the grass this year.**

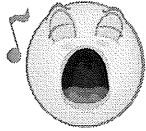
Please help out!!!

Many hands make the work lighter!!

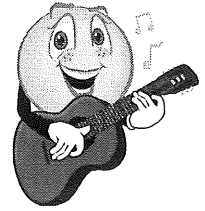
**GRADUATION SUNDAY
JUNE 28TH**



***Hot Dog pot luck luncheon
JUNE 28th to celebrate the end of
another successful Sunday School year.
Please bring a dish to pass and your own
table setting.***

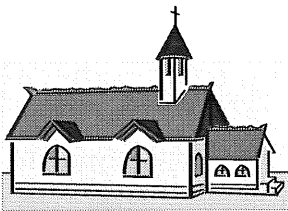
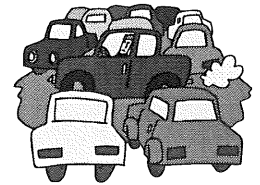


*Summer Music sign up
sheet is on the bulletin board.*



PARKING LOT

Our parking lot is getting sealed and striped on July 20th (weather permitting) we have been told we need to **STAY OFF** the drive way and parking lot for a week.



Genesee Country Museum Worship Service July 26th

This is going to be a joint worship service with the other churches in Riga as part of the - Riga Bi Centennial Celebration

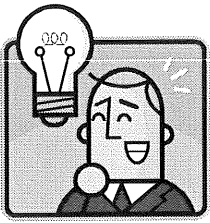
Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic Harris and Fern Wilcox Farm August 23rd

Service will start at 11 am

Picnic will start immediately following

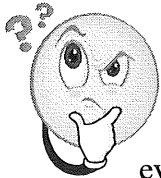
Bring own dish to pass, own table setting, suits (if you want to go swimming). Everyone had a wonderful time last year.





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Why?

Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.

'Yuck' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?'

'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies: 'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!'

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.



Mark Your Calendar!!

July

12th

Sunday School Meeting

20th -26th

Parking Lot Sealed need to stay off

26th

Worship at Genesee Museum with other Riga Churches

August

15th -16th

Churchville Fair

23rd

Worship @ 11am with Picnic at Wilcox Farm

September

13th

Senior Choir/Church School -hot dog pot luck

19th

Chicken BBQ

20th

Cheryl will meet with parents -Teen/Junior Choir

October

4th

Breast Cancer Walk - Worship Service

@12:30am with potluck to follow



Upcoming Dinners

2009-2010

September 19, 2009

Chicken BBQ

October 10, 2009

Roast Beef

November 21, 2009

Pork Dinner

January 21, 2010

Roast Beef

February 20, 2010

Beef on Wick

March 20, 2010

Pork Dinner

April 17, 2010

Roast Beef

May 15, 2010

Ham Dinner

June 19, 2010

Pork Dinner