

JULY 2021

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Pastor's Reflections

I want to begin by saying thank you!! Thank you for giving of yourselves, your time, your energy, your financial resources, and your skills.

Recently, you, my sisters and brothers of Trinity, gifted me with the materials and labor to do some needed work on my house. Not simply to just update the color, but, more importantly, to address deterioration before it worsened. Deterioration, quite frankly, that I had not noticed. If not for the experienced eyes of others, who knows how long it would've been before it came to my attention.

The day the bulk of the painting was being done, I had volunteered to work on the small portions of siding that could only be accessed by way of the roof. I was super nervous climbing the ladder. And it didn't help matters that it slid ever so slightly from leaning against the new, smooth plastic gutter. So, when I finally reached the top, it took me a moment to catch my breath. Thankfully, Terry B. and Lon who were holding the ladder were quite patient with me as I tried figuring out the safest maneuver to get myself over the last step and onto the roof. Even as I think about it now, I find my breath catching in my throat.

I don't recall quite how long it was after I had started putting brush to "canvas," but Lon had inquired how I was doing. "Makes you appreciate the trades more doesn't it?" Indeed it did. Walking, or in my case, crab crawling, in the shoes of those who get up on roofs literally and figuratively gave me new perspective. And while my legs felt like Jello for at least an hour

after I clambered back down, I was grateful. Grateful not only to touch solid ground again, and without incident, but grateful for the opportunity to grow, even if it was miniscule. As scary and nerve-wracking of an experience as it was, the Spirit gifted me with a touch more understanding.

There are many moments in our lives, small and large, in which the Spirit presents opportunities to us. Some of which are intimidating, controversial, taxing and/or unsettling. But they are also soil in which the mysterious and marvelous hand of God can and will cultivate. Insight. Relationship. Change. Faith. Hope. Love.

Thanks be to God.

Your fellow pilgrim,
Pr Amanda

Save the date: Sunday Sept 19 Trinity's 100th Anniversary Celebration

Financials for Trinity

May Financials	Month	YTD
Giving	\$ 8,280	\$52,433
Actual Expenses	\$ 9,063	\$52,055
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 9,695	\$58,124



Happy 4th of July



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

Trinity's WELCA will meet on Monday, July 12, at 12:00 noon to regroup from our Covid "time off".

We will be discussing whether or not we will have a fall bazaar (or some kind of craft sale).

We will also discuss benevolence payouts, budget, etc. Your input is important.

Sunday Funday needs you!

We are once again hosting our annual Sunday Funday this year. A great way to build relationships with people in our community. It can't happen though with you! So please consider helping supervise one of the games and/or provide cupcakes. See the signup sheets on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

July Service Groups

Date	Reader	Communion Asst.	Ushers
7/4	Pati Horazuk	Patti Horazuk & Kathy Baltuff	Connie Miller & Orin Jensen
7/11	Laurie Buehler	Roy Blackwood & Laurie Buehler	Lori Humphrey & Orin Jensen
7/18	Bev Larson	Bev & Gary Larson	Lori Humphrey & Orin Jensen
7/25	Susan Schulz	Terry & Mary Nord	Gene Patten & Patti Horazuk



Sunday School

Baptismal Promises and Sunday School Ministry

"People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for them in their new life in Christ?" **"We do."** In every baptism, we make a pledge to the baptized and their family. Part of the way we support them is by offering an educational component in our mission and life together. We may not have a ton of children who will be attending, but we still made promises to those who are. It's important we keep those promises. So we are asking for people to step forward to be Sunday School teachers. If we don't have any or enough, we won't be able to meet this need of the families who are part of our community. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this vital ministry. If interested, talk to OJ, Kathy Baltuff, Gene Patten, Laurie Buehler, or Pr Amanda.

Sunday Fun Day

August 29, 2021 12:30-2:30

Luncheon Honoring
Leech Lake Law Enforcement
Officers and their families

Activities include:

cake walk snow cones
ring toss yard jenga
face painting plinko

Location

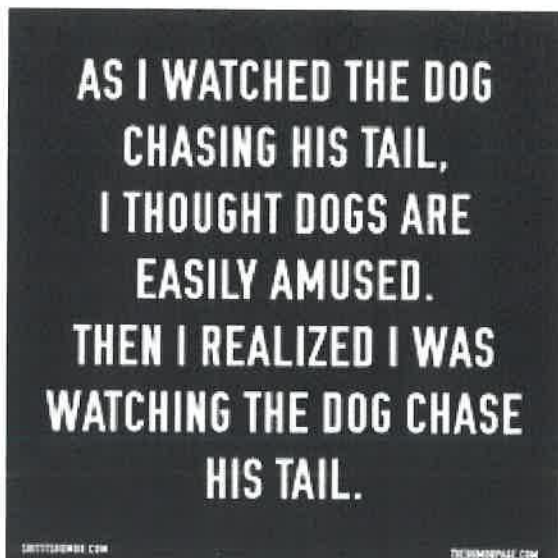
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Mental Health Corner

"The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" seeks to raise awareness of the challenges of mental illness, offer reflection and direction, and inspire action. This social message notes how mental illness makes the most basic aspects of everyday life daunting and sketches some of the challenges. These include the challenges to human dignity and difficulties in gaining access to treatment, problems that worsen existing social inequalities and lapses in the U.S. health care system.

The message puts to rest the notions that mental illness is an indicator of special sin in the family or the person suffering from it. It emphasizes the church's role in encouraging companionship and healing, via restoration of relationships — heeding Galatians 6:2. What people with mental illness most need is time to pursue and engage in treatment, and to maintain or create relationships where they can exercise their abilities. Throughout the many forms of ministry the church provides, the church is called to confront practices that do not uphold human dignity and to offer hope and companionship, and attend to its own practices around health, its public voice, and the sensitive and thoughtful preparation of church leaders.

You can read or download the full social message on "The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" here: <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Mental-Illness>. This social message was adopted in 2012 by the Church Council of the ELCA.



Tip



Recycling, Part I: Most recycling operations are fairly limited, and much confusion exists as to what can and cannot be recycled. September of 2017, U.S.

recyclables contained so much debris that China - the recipient of much of our recycled material - started rejecting our shipments. Improvements are being made, but inappropriate items still mess up the machinery, contaminate otherwise valuable material, and even endanger workers. HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN AND SHOULD RECYCLE WITHOUT FEAR: cardboard, paper, magazines, mail, cereal and other food boxes, metal food and beverage cans, plastic jars, jugs, and bottles, glass bottles and jars (where accepted, check at earth911.com or your local recycler). AMONG UNIVERSAL NO-NO'S: aerosol cans that aren't empty, automotive oil and fluids, car batteries and auto parts, scrap metal, pesticides, Styrofoam, diapers, sanitary products, pet poop and litter, disposable razors, ice packs and gloves, toothpaste tubes, soup cartons and juice boxes, shredded, wet, or contaminated paper, waxed cardboard.



P.S. - You have the best volunteers! We love them!

*Dear Trinity Cass Lake,
Thank you for being such an amazing partner in our shared mission! We appreciate your April Donation and your continued support.
Best, Mary*



Your kindness
really made a difference...
Your thoughtfulness
really touched my heart...
The gratitude I feel
really can't be
put into words.

Thank you for all the
prayers and cards. We
are truly blessed.

Tom & Sam
Shepherd

Stewardship article:

The Intersection of Racism, Inequality and the Environment

Larry Johnson--March 2, 2021

From the time we left our childhood homes, my wife and I led a somewhat nomadic type of existence--living a few years in one place and then moving on to another. When I retired we wanted to put down roots--to find a place of belonging. After a long search we found some land near St. Croix State Park--192 acres. I was about to live my childhood dream of being a subsistence farmer.

We purchased the property even though our theology says that that can't be done because

the land belongs to the Creator and not to us. But while the land does not belong to us we do occupy it and are entrusted with the responsibility to care for it. We have tried our best to honor the Creator in our care for the land. Previously, the farmers who worked the land used pesticides and herbicides. We ended that practice. We have raised most of our own food supply organically, installed solar panels, and have heated with wood.

In many ways we acted as if we owned the land. As we settled in, you might say we became settlers. It was important to me that in order to feel rooted to the land I needed to know its history. I learned the land was once part of Ojibwe territory. Their camp was just a few miles from our house near where the Kettle River flows into the St. Croix. The land was taken from them in 1837--coveted by the timber barons for all the white pine that was on the land. The lumber camp was located less than a half mile from our house.

It has been a shock to me to realize that I live on what I consider to be stolen land. We planted over 5,000 trees--white pine and red, red oak and spruce but our efforts to honor the land do not rectify the wrongs of the past. I feel a need to seek out the descendants of those who once cared for the land with respect--to build relationships with my indigenous relatives--to learn what kind of future we can build together. I do not know where this journey will lead me, I do know that it requires the settler in me to die.

It is hard to give up the privilege I have known but my tight grip on it is beginning to loosen. I live in the hope that when my indigenous brothers and sisters and I are in a healthy relationship with one another--that we can work together in living the life our Creator intends for us and that we can experience the RESURRECTION of ourselves, our community and our world--TOGETHER.

But before that can happen--the past I have known, the settler in me must die. The prerequisite for RESURRECTION is DEATH. I think I am ready. This is my story. This has been and continues to be my struggle. It is where Racism, Inequality and the Environment intersect my life. I do not know if you can relate to it or not but I thank you for listening. Miigwech. Miigwech.



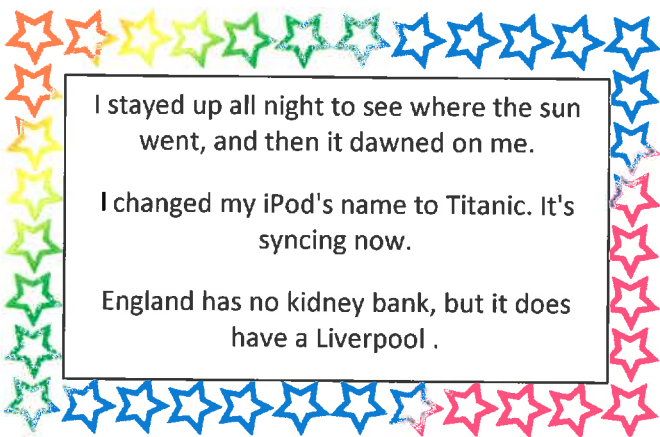
Looking for some assistance?

Do you or someone you know need help with yard work? Painting? Some minor house

repairs? YouthWorks will once again be in the Cass Lake/Leech Lake Reservation area this summer. Request forms are available at the office.

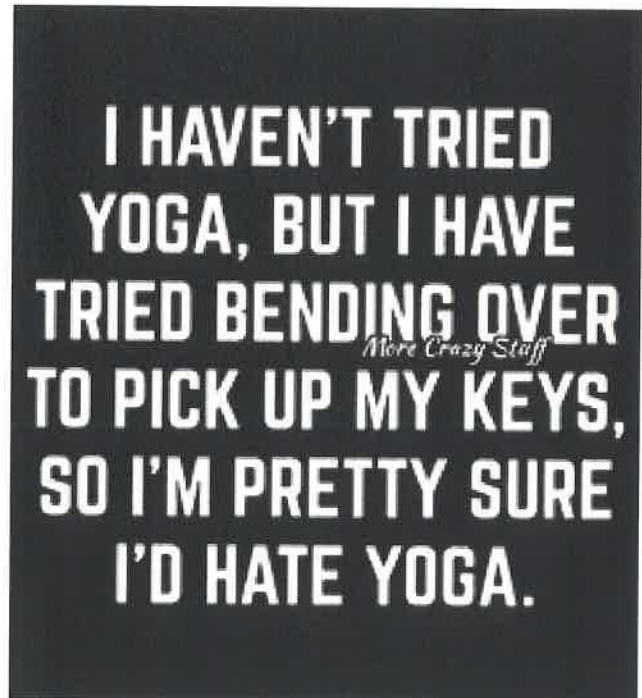


Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. Encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace by signing up for a daily email message. You can also download the newly updated app for your IOS and Android devices. Go to Womenoftherelca.org to sign up to receive Daily Grace on your home computer, tablet or phone.



Café, an on-line magazine, shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with a group.

Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, *Café* can be used and shared by women of all ages.



**THE BEMIDJI AREA CHURCH MUSICIANS
PRESENTS
THE 2021 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES**

Our 34th season

WEDNESDAYS, NOON TO 12:30 PM

Recitals will be virtual until June 30 with videos on Facebook and YouTube.

We will begin in-person concerts with lunch following on June 30.

June 30	Ryan Webber, trombone, Dan Will, piano	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Road SW
July 7	Bemidji Brass Quintet - Kyle Riess, trumpet, Craig Schwartz, trumpet, Eve Sumsky, horn, Ryan Webber, trombone, Brennan Paulsen, tuba	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
July 14	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute, Sanna Gustafson, saxophone, Janet Pederson, violin	Evangelical Covenant Church 5405 Hwy 2 W (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 21	Trinity Lutheran Bronze Bell Choir, Debbie Nordick, handbell solo, Deon Wentzel, flute	Trinity Lutheran Church 123 29 th St NW
July 28	Glenn Selbel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 9 th and Beltrami Avenue
August 4	Annalise Aakhus, mezzo soprano, Cheryl Durant, piano, Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NW (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 11	Vocalists: Christian Breczinski and Tamara Moore, Nate Mathews, piano, Gwen Youse, piano and flute	St. Phillip's Church 702 Beltrami Avenue
August 18	Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis, piano, folk harp	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Avenue SE
August 25	Sarah Carlson, organ Bob Madeson, euphonium	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Avenue

**FREE WILL OFFERING Supports our Music Scholarships
Lunch price to be announced**

- Providing referrals to weatherization services.

2021 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Household Size	Annual Income	3 Month Max. Guidelines
1	\$33,918	\$8,479
2	\$44,355	\$11,088
3	\$54,791	\$13,697
4	\$65,228	\$16,307
5	\$75,664	\$18,916
6	\$86,101	\$21,525
7	\$88,058	\$22,014

Bi-CAP serves households living in Beltrami & Cass Counties. Call to request an application today: 800-332-7161 or 218-751-4631. Visit us at: www.bicap.org

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.

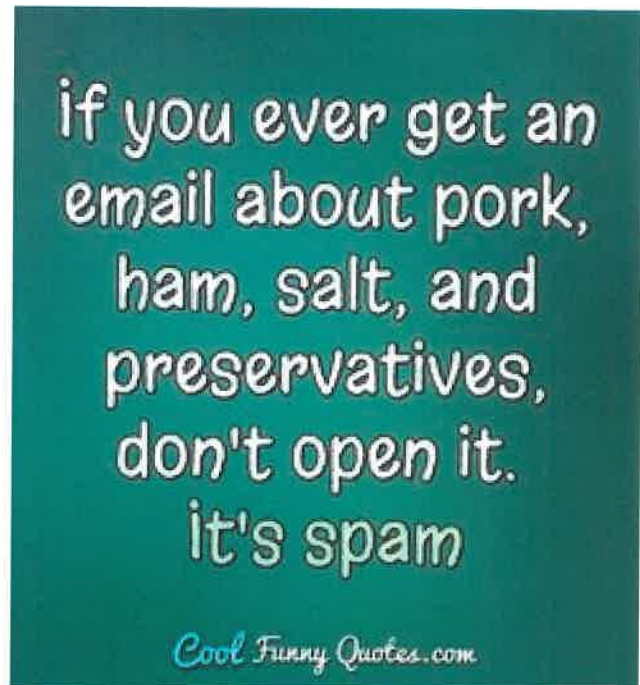
A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

Energy Assistance Program

Please share this resource with anyone you know who is struggling financially.

The program deadline has been **extended to September 1, 2021** and **additional funding was also added for households in crisis**. Energy Assistance helps low-income households by:

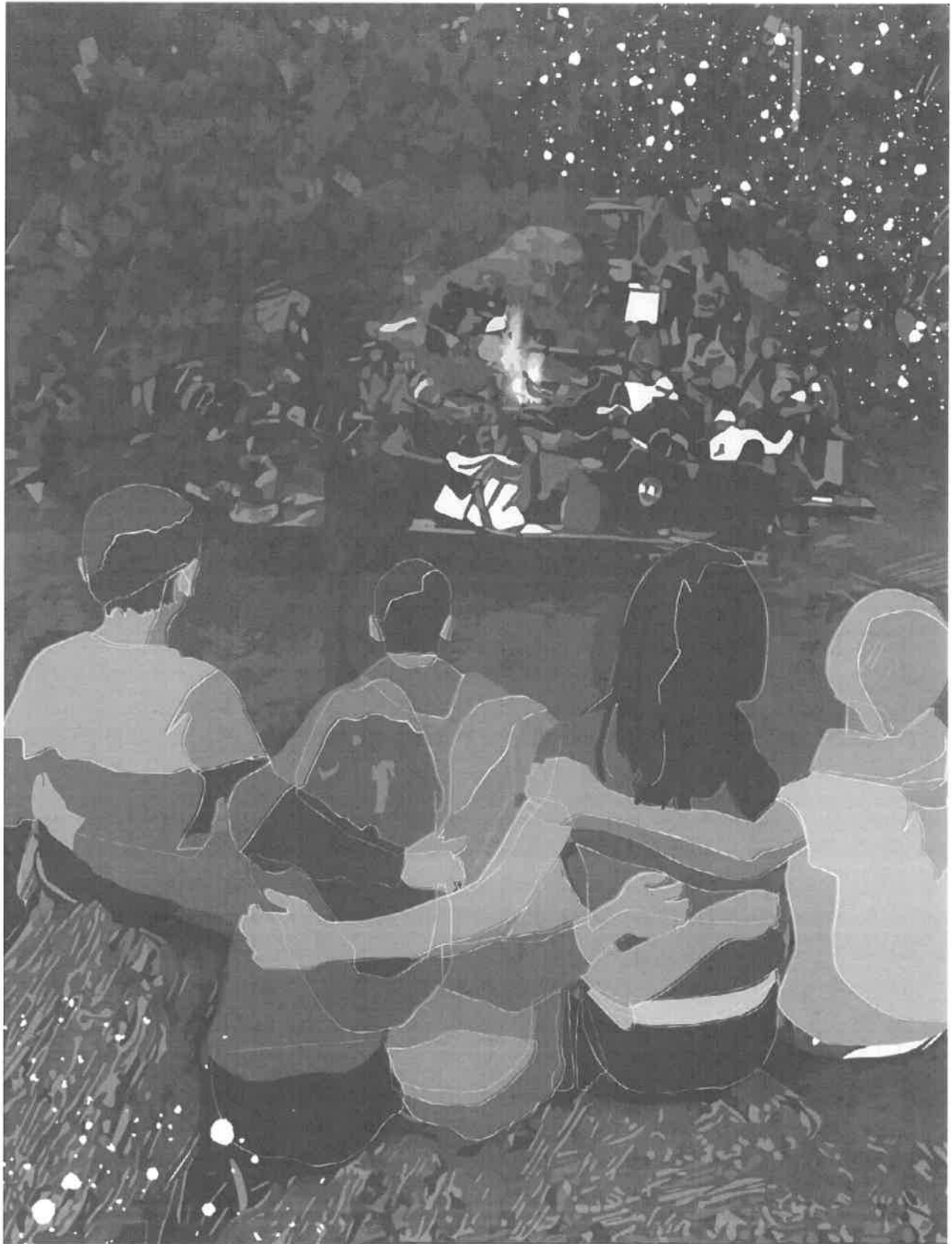
- Helping to pay a portion of heating and electric costs.
- Crisis funding increase to \$1,200 for those needing additional assistance.
- Providing eligible homeowners with furnace repairs or replacements.



And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. —Hebrews 10:24-25



STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2020-21



Outlaw Ranch's Connecting Cultures at Camp program brought together longtime camp families with new camp families from Pueblo de Dios, an ELCA congregation in Sioux Falls, S.D.



CONNECTING CULTURES AT CAMP

When Matt Rusch, director of Outlaw Ranch, first proposed a family camp connecting cultures, he started from scratch. "We just jumped into this," he said. "[There was] no model. We [thought], 'We know God is in the mix, so somehow it will work out.'"

The idea was to make family camp look like the church in South Dakota, which is both multilingual and racially diverse, he said.

Outlaw Ranch partnered with Pueblo de Dios, a congregation in Sioux Falls, and invited Spanish-speaking families to join with English-speaking families for the camp's weeklong Connecting Cultures program. **Outlaw Ranch is a member of Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota, which receives funding from the ELCA South Dakota Synod made available because of Mission Support.**

In addition to enjoying faith-based programming, families in Connecting Cultures could hike, ride horses and take trips to nearby Mount Rushmore and travel to Custer High School for fireworks exhibitions. That in itself was a blessing, said Maria Cabello, pastor of Pueblo de Dios.

"[Our] people feel very happy and very joyful with Outlaw Ranch ... and [they] feel very happy with God. Hispanic people don't have a week vacation [often]," she said. "It [was] very exciting to renew our spirit and renew our souls at Outlaw Ranch."

Connecting Cultures also helped some gain confidence. "Especially the kids," Cabello

said. "[Some] speak only Spanish. They feel like a little fish in the ocean. But because others were speaking Spanish, they feel more included at camp."

Instead of being embarrassed to try to use the Spanish they learned in high school years earlier, English-speaking adults utilized bilingual counselors to converse freely with Latino families. And Spanish-speaking adults who had never gone camping learned the ropes from English-speaking veterans who'd been camping for decades.

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"Camp is a wonderful equalizer," Rusch said. "There's not one of the groups who's on unequal footing here, not anyone is not out of their element. ... We all study the same Bible; we worship the same God. We try to address those things instead of the differences at the beginning."

Thank you for your generous gifts of Mission Support, which made this story of faith in action possible. Mission Support is the portion of your offering your congregation shares with your synod, and your synod shares with the churchwide organization. To learn more, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.