

Breath of Life

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It's Summertime!

A message from Pastor Ron Uhlhorn • Alpha board chairman

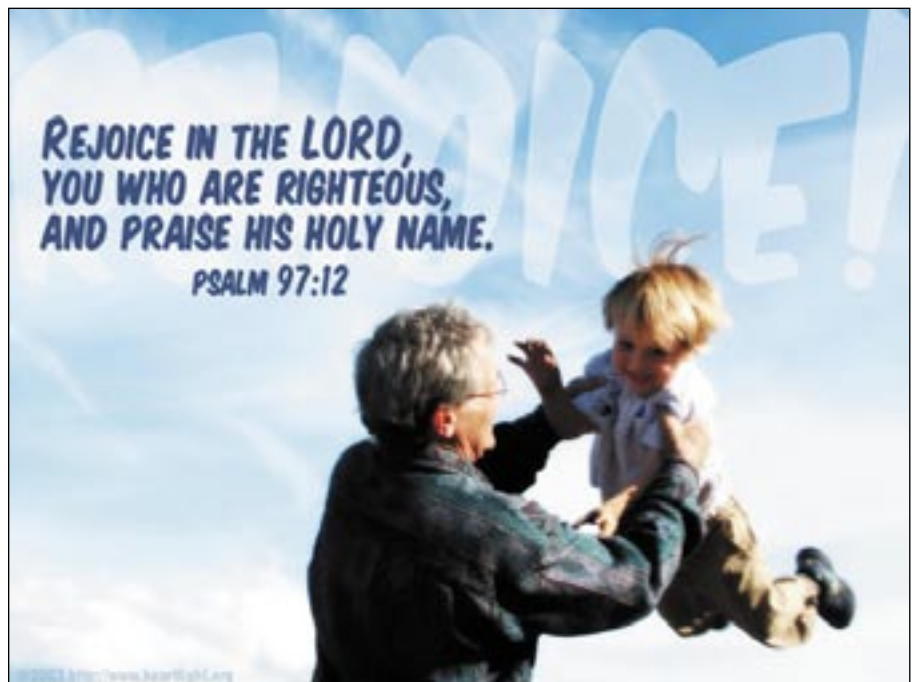
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6

I suppose that you might look at the title of this devotion and say, "Actually summer has been here off and on since mid-March." That's true, but now we can say that summer is here to stay can't we? And we do look forward to summer. Sometimes it seems that we just endure the cold and snow of winter while all the time we are looking forward to summer.

I don't know of anyone who complains when summer arrives. Summer is a time for family vacations. Summer is the time children are out of school and having fun. Summer is a time to enjoy lots of sunshine, swimming, hiking and all sorts of outdoor fun. The first weekend in June my wife and I travelled to La Crosse. As we drove we marveled at the beautiful green woods and fields, the sunshine and the clear blue skies that day. For a few months we don't have to think about cold night, frosty mornings and shoveling snow. Certainly we all would do well to join the psalmist above and PRAISE THE LORD.

However, summer goes by so fast, doesn't it? It isn't long after the 4th of July holiday and the days begin to get shorter again. I'm not saying that to spoil your enjoyment of summer. Rather I want us to consider that Christians can always say that it's summer. It's summer in our hearts any time of the year for our Merciful God smiles upon us with His love and mercy. We aren't only talking about His marvelous creation; we are especially speaking of His love shown us in our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ.

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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks



Thank you, Pastor Uhlhorn, for a seasoned and seasonal meditation on so many reasons to pray, praise and give thanks, in summer time and all year through!

Lady volunteers had extra big smiles on their summertime faces as the Board treated the counselors, hotliners and receptionists to a volunteer appreciation picnic at Riverside Park a couple weeks past. This is just one of the many perks that come with volunteering at Alpha Center...did we mention the opportunity to meet and greet visitors with the Good News of Jesus? Come fulfill your Great Commission calling with us at Alpha. We remain in need of all three types of volunteers who have some hours each month for this gentle friendship ministry.

Special thanks to our helpful newsletter mailing crew: Lois Kirkpatrick, Judy Quam, Rita Schulte, Jerry & Joanne Brandt and Jean Rupnow. Thank you all!

STOP, DROP & PRAY with us as volunteers offer the peace only Jesus can give to a recent client who, in less than 3 months, has lost twin babies to complications from premature birth, lost her mother and lost her home. Your support of our ministry allows us to keep the doors open to visit regularly with her and to offer her material assistance as she struggles with this world of sorrow and sin.

We thank our Savior for recent gifts

IN MEMORY OF:

from:

- Mrs. Rosanne Schultz & "to help preserve the joy Rosanne created with her projects" Village of Neosho (Rosanne made baby blankets donated to Alpha)
- Matthew Krueger Betty Huebner
- Andrew "Andy" Hoppenrath Albin Jaeger
Betty Huebner
- Eugene Genz Kim & Shirley Degner
Ed & Jeri Shaw
- Nancy Dieringer Beth & Terry Lundsten
- Donald Ebert Terry & Beth Lundsten
- Mavis Marg Betty Huebner
- Don Mekelburg Gerald & Joanne Brandt
- Gus Kulfahs Albin Jaeger

IN HONOR OF:

from:

- "The three shepherds of the sheep at St. Mark Watertown, helping keep the wolves at bay" Scott & Heidi Voigt
- Mildred Schwanke Dale & Cheryl Henning
- Elaine Knief's 85th birthday Art & Sara Piper
- The birthdays of Elda Kleist & Kay Schuetze Micah & Evan Sievert
- Arlene Christian Wilmer Christian
- 22 great-grand kids Luanna Fenz
- Cameron & Declan Vogel Allan & Shirley Kohls
- Wayne & Karen Keeser's 50th wedding anniversary Dean & Shirley Freson
- Betty Huebner's birthday Erwin & Gloria Huebner



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The love of God sent Jesus to this world for you and for me. That love warms our hearts and fills us with joy, even in a mixed up world. We know that through Jesus and faith in him we are God's people. We are free to live lives that praise Him. We have a home in heaven.

May the amazing love of God in Jesus fill our hearts more and more. May it lead us to wear a smile on our faces because we know that God is our Heavenly Father. May you readers, our many volunteers and supporters, continue to look at your work and support of the Alpha Life Resource Center as a great privilege. What a privilege to be able to help others in their time of need. What a blessing when we are able to talk to people about the love of God and tell them He sent His only Son so we might have eternal life.

I think all of us can remember a summer day that we described as "perfect." Now think of God's great love that sent His Son to this earth to save us. And then we have reason to rejoice! Praise the Lord!

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You are invited!

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ALPHA LIFE RESOURCE CENTER

presents its annual

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012

**ST. MARK SCHOOL COMMONS
706 JONES ST. • WATERTOWN
10 AM-1 PM**



Come for lunch...

homemade hot turkey or pork sandwiches

hot dogs, potato salads, beans and other sides

Stay for dessert...

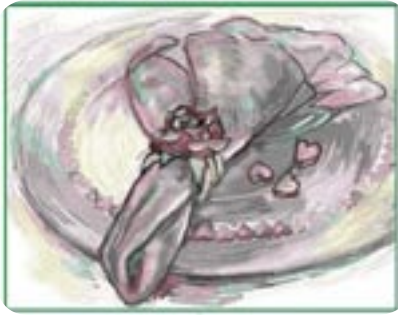
Mullen's ice cream for splits, sundaes or ala mode for
your choice of dozens of homemade pies and tortes!

COME CELEBRATE LIFE WITH US!

Please celebrate with us our Gospel-motivated ministry to our area congregations and communities.

When you come to the social, think about bringing a new or gently used children's Bible, devotional or Christian storybook. Family devotionals are also in great demand.

There will again be a box in the cafeteria for you to place your donation. Our counselors will use your donation to encourage a whole new generation of believers who come to the Center looking for assistance. Thanks for your support!



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
October 20, 2012

Alpha Life Resource Center *Auction & Banquet*

**MIGHT YOUR NIGHT OUT
CHANGE A LIFE?**

**HOW COULD YOU BE PART OF THIS
MAJOR FUND-RAISER EVENING FOR THE
MINISTRY OF THE ALPHA CENTER?**

HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN! We need help to plan it, decorate it, publicize it and run it; we have the job that fits your time and talents! Call 261-9207 to offer yourself or ask questions.

DONATE TO THE AUCTION! Our popular auction needs items, services and cash donations to offer our generous bidders a fun and functional selection of goodies. Own a business? Have a hobby or craft? Enjoy creating basket collections of interesting/delicious/tempting/useful items? We would love to hear from you!

ATTEND! Of course, the evening wouldn't be a success without plenty of enthusiastic guests! Could you talk it up among your family and friends and come as a table? Are you looking for a fun couple night or good time with a friend? Please consider helping us surpass the 150 mark and have a ball in fellowship with so many other Alpha supporters!

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING VERY SOON!



**Do not neglect
to do good and to
share what you have,
for such sacrifices
are pleasing to God.**

HEBREWS 13:16, NRSV



Inside Alpha

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER, HOW IT AFFECTS YOU

“CLASSIFIED” VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

With this issue we ask that you browse the “want ads” for the Alpha Center. This “classified” information is for you to prayerfully consider yourself and to share with any WELS/ELS Alpha supporters you may know. Being open 4 days a week is a wonderful opportunity for more people to be able to use our services and get a chance to hear about His good news, but 4 days means several shifts for volunteers to fill. We also have a number of roles other than receptionist or a counselor where you could give of your time. It's a great place to touch hearts with the Gospel message!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Board of Directors at Alpha are always interested in hearing from other WELS men who have a heart for our ministry and may be interested in serving a term in helping create direction for the Center and its operations. Meetings are once a month; other time is dictated by the projects you agree to help manage. If you'd like to hear about what this position entails, contact chairman Ron Uhlhorn at 920-253-8195.

LIKE MEETING NEW FRIENDS?
The Alpha Center is recognized community-wide as a friendly, Christian place to look to for assistance when life issues arise. Opportunities available for:
* Receptionists * Hotliners
* Counselors All training provided!
Alpha offers the best benefits around, such as knowing that you are touching lives with Jesus. If you are a member of the WELS/ELS, have a servant's heart and enjoy a relaxed environment, apply in person or call today: 261-9207



COMPUTER SKILLS and/or WRITING NEEDED
Do you enjoy writing? Working with technology? Surfing the web? Does the idea of designing a newsletter interest you? Organizing a web site set your silk spinning? The Alpha Center is looking for some technologically-savvy assistance in developing our web presence and/or newsletter. No age minimum! Can be done from your own home, at your own pace, with your equipment, or at the Center with ours. We provide as much input as you need, but the creative reins are yours to handle. Please e-mail office@alphalifecenter.org with your interest.

“BEHIND THE SCENES” HELP WANTED
* No experience needed.
* Great job for parents with children in school.
* Flexible hours (volunteer for what & when you want!)
* Must have a heart for the Word
* Must have a friendly & flexible attitude
TASKS MAY INCLUDE
* helping with events * light cleaning
* organizational tasks * equipment check & clean



Ice Cream Social • Sun, July 8, 2012
Whether you are a decades veteran of our wonderful social or if you've never been, please mark your calendar. There's a new meat on the menu this year, and the desserts are sure to continue to be out of this world!

Auction & Banquet • Sat, Oct. 20, 2012
Have you joined us yet for our most recent tradition that just keeps getting better and better? Keep this sweetest day open to be a part of the fun—better yet, talk it up with your friends and make it a night to really remember! Great shopping, awesome food, wonderful fellowship, support beyond our ability to thank. Keep the night open!

Pro-life Convention • Sat, Nov. 3, 2012

A day filled with education and inspiration at St. Paul in Slinger. Low registration cost includes lunch! Visit clrevents.com for more info. New this year is an evening banquet and auction at Rubicon, WI. WTMJ's Charlie Sykes is on board along with Tonic Sol-fa entertainment~

