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# Oak Leaves



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## 2019 Vacation Bible School

### "God Sightings!"

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Deadline for  
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Oak Leaves is  
**July 15 -**

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July  
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**Pancake Breakfast**

## FOR VEAP

THURSDAY, JULY 4,  
8:00 - 11:00 AM

Gerdes Residence, 10741 Sheridan Avenue S. 55431

**Please bring non-perishable food items**

**or cash donations.**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

**Defibrillator/AED Training, Saturday, Oct 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** This class is open to all. If you are interested, contact the church or Holly Mae Dredge at 952-831-5254. Signing up now will reserve your space.

**Oak Grove Men's Softball** (all games are on Tuesday evenings at Dred Scott Playfield in Bloomington: Dates, Times & Field numbers & Opponents are provided below):

Date	Time	Field	Opponent	Date	Time	Field	Opponent
7/2	9:15	8	Peace Lutheran	7/9	8:15	8	St. Luke's Lutheran



**Summer Suppers!** Please join us for potluck suppers at 6 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some relaxed time with your Oak Grove family. Summer Suppers is a grass-roots, intergenerational opportunity for ALL Oak Grovers and friends!

**July 10 will be at Kathy Tominski's** home at 8447 Blaisdell Ave, Bloomington. Contact Kathy at [ktominski@yahoo.com](mailto:ktominski@yahoo.com) or 952-888-0697 to let her know you'll be coming. Watch the bulletins for the July 24 event info.



**Save the Date— August 4, 1:10 pm Twins vs. Kansas City Royals** - Join fellow Oak Grovers for our annual group outing. Tickets are \$15.00. Sign up at church or contact Ron Dubis 612-868-9194.

### July Adult Group Events

- > **Tuesday, Jul 2, Noon, Burger 'n' Brew Retired Men's Fellowship** at Zeke's. Young(er) men bring old(er) men to share in fellowship with others. No need to RSVP!
- > **Caregiver Support is CANCELLED for July 4.** Watch for info about August.
- > **Monday, Jul 8, 5:00 pm, Singles** (and anyone who would like the fellowship) will meet at Zeke's for fun, fellowship and dinner. No reservations needed!
- > **Monday, Jul 15, 6:30 pm, Men's Mentor Group** at Willy McCoys; then 8:00 at church. Men ages 25 - 35, come and share your ideas.
- > **Thursday, Jul 18, 11:00 am, Lunch Bunch Respite Care.** Drop your loved one off at church. They will enjoy games and fellowship while you take a couple hours of respite care.
- > **Monday, Jul 22, 9:30 am, Oak Rovers** who have tickets will carpool from the church at 9:30 am for a Lake Minnetonka boat cruise. Contact Darlene (952-446-7088) if you will be carpooling.

**Creative Hands Across the River Crafters** — Bring your projects and join our friendly monthly meetings alternating between Oak Grove and Presbyterian Church of the Apostles (PCA — 701 E. 130th St, Burnsville). **Schedule is below for dates and locations.** Get to know folks from PCA & Oak Grove and to get some work done on your crafting projects. Contact Dawn Baddeley [dawnrn90@comcast.net](mailto:dawnrn90@comcast.net) (PCA) or Yvonne Dodge [yvonnedodge@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnedodge@hotmail.com) (Oak Grove).

Jul 13 at Oak Grove  
Aug 10 at PCA

Sep 14 at Oak Grove  
Oct 12 at PCA

Nov 9 at Oak Grove  
Dec 14 at PCA

**Supportive Housing Corner**  
**Success in Housing:**  
**How much does criminal background matter?**

Wilder Research conducted a collaborative research project between March 2010 and June 2017 from four of Minnesota's leading housing nonprofits: Aeon, Beacon, Common Bond and Project for Pride in Living. The study was designed to learn more about the relationship between criminal history and success in housing. Researchers wanted to learn whether an applicant's criminal history actually predicts their ability to maintain stable housing; (2) as housing providers, what could they do to increase accessibility to housing and reduce barriers.

There were 10,500+ households studied including 15,000+ individuals with an average household income of \$15,958. Three in ten households contained at least 1 adult with a prior criminal conviction. Average length of incarceration was 3 years. Key findings:

- 1) 11 of 15 criminal offense categories have no significant effect on housing outcomes. These categories include: • Marijuana possession • Alcohol-related offenses (other than DUI) • Serious traffic offenses (other than DUI) • Minor public order offenses • DUI/DWI or reckless driving • Other minor violence-related offenses • Minor drug-related offenses • Disorderly conduct • Prostitution • Domestic violence • Other violent offenses  
Four categories: fraud, assault, property offenses, and major drug-related offenses may have a statistically significant effect. These offenses increase the risk of negative housing outcomes by 3 to 9 percentage points (at most). However, these effects may be overstated due to the study's data limitations.
- 2) The effect of a prior criminal offense on a resident's housing outcome declines over time – after 2 years for a misdemeanor and 5 years for a felony. Criminal offenses that occurred more than 5 years prior to move-in have no significant effect on housing outcomes.
- 3) The level of impact that criminal backgrounds can have on housing success is small in comparison to other factors. The likelihood of a negative housing outcome was significantly reduced in households with: 2+ adults, 1+ children, higher income at move-in, higher subsidy, older adults.

**Reflections and implications**

1. This research supports a nuanced approach to screening based on criminal history. A blanket ban on individuals with a criminal history, and their families, unnecessarily limits access to housing.
2. Communities are stronger when residents have stable housing. We should look to screen people in rather than out, while still maintaining safe, stable communities.
3. We must consider if criminal history unintentionally acts as a proxy to screen for other risk factors and perpetuate systemic injustices. 4. Other household characteristics that are not screened for are at least as important as criminal background in determining housing outcomes. 5. Any amount of housing stability is important. A negative move-out doesn't equate to unsuccessful housing overall.

Summarized from [www.aeon.org/research](http://www.aeon.org/research) collaborabortive

**Help Provide Items for Homeless People**

The Social Justice Committee is again organizing a time to assemble bags for homeless people in need. We plan to collect donations immediately (look for the box in the hallway near the mailboxes). The committee will put the bags together let you know when you can pick up bags to give to the homeless when you are driving. Items needed include:

Shelf-stable food  
Hats & gloves  
McDonald gift cards

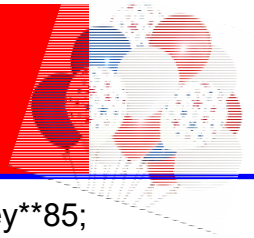
Bottled water  
Women's personal items  
Soap

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Other appropriate items

## July Birthdays

(If you don't see your birthday, we either don't have that information or you requested that it not appear.)

\*Important birthday (1-21) \*\* Significant birthday (85+)



3	Al Frechette	16	Amanda Fineran; Jack Kley**85; Jane Lund; Rod Myers
4	Gloria Larsen	18	Gordon Goodwin; Glenn Pettit**99
5	Greg Stignani	19	Beverly Sands
6	Doug Pine; Pat Wilson**85	22	Zada Broers; Ruth Tongen; Lou Traeder**90
7	Don Dunham**88; Bettie Egeberg**90	23	Jackie Hall**87; Reid Lang*17; Priscilla Pearson
8	Dorothy Beattie**90	25	Freddy Alonzi*19; Julie Flanagan; Jill Gillies; Anna Lyons*18; Diane Samsal
10	Zawadi Longrie*2	26	Dick Lang; Kim Rorig
11	Kaitlyn Rossow*17	27	Jeanine Radtke
12	Mike Hoaglund; Jane Horn; Rodger Schwartz**90	29	Noel Eggebraaten
13	Linda Brandner	30	George Wasson**88
14	Sandy Crum; Jeanette Dunham; Mary Koon		
15	Nancy Bogart**88		

### Condolences to family and friends of:

**Larry Fritchley**, Karen's husband, who died May 23.

**Phil Hall**, who died May 25.

**Wally Neal**, who died May 28.

### Congratulations!

**Mia Gabriella Soderlund**, grand-daughter of **Tammy Kaplan** was baptized on June 23.

**Ezra James Frost** was born June 11 to Hanna (Banner) & Seb Frost. Proud grandmother is **Cathy Colborn**.

**Ruth Dukelow** retired after 48 years of service to libraries!

### Thank You, Oak Grove

Dear Pastor Mary and Oak Grove, your kindness and hard work made Larry's special day (*memorial service*) so very comfortable and joyful. The day I became an Oak Grove member was one of my best. My God bless you all.

*Karen Fritchley*

Oak Grove members never fail to impress! Thank you all for the warm greetings, calls and prayers. My progress is ahead of schedule and I'm ready and excited to move on to more strenuous therapy – and I'm happy to be back to work!

*Beth Angerhofer*



**Chancel Flower Availability** Want to recognize a loved one in honor or memory? We still have openings for chancel flowers. Cost is \$30. Sign up at a table in the hallway on the first Sunday of each month or contact Sharon Fields at [urbanfields2.1@q.com](mailto:urbanfields2.1@q.com) or 952-831-0504 .

### Clearwater Forest Scholarship Fund!

*submitted by Don Alman*

On July 13, Don Alman will participate in the 17th Annual **Lake-2-Lake 50-Mile Bike Tour** to raise money for the scholarship fund. The past fifteen years Don has raised over \$33,790.00. If you would like to sponsor him this year, please talk to him at church or phone (952) 888-4083.



Since Oak Grove installed 55 solar panels on the roof of the education wing this winter, the Green Committee has monitored the production of electricity that the panels produce for our use. When the electricity is not needed, it is sold back to Xcel Energy. Monitoring the panels is very important because we want to make sure the panels are producing as expected. The greatest production occurs when we have long sunny days — which we usually have plenty of during the summer months. This past February, however we had very little production when the panels were covered with a record amount of snow. The Green committee would like to welcome all Oak Grove members who are interested in seeing the real time panel production of electricity to go online and see for themselves how the panels are affecting Oak Grove's electrical energy needs.

Use your search engine to search for eGauge. To Find my Device, enter 45004 (Oak Grove's code). Oak Grove Presbyterian production will be displayed...

There are many options to display... you can check out one day production.... one week production... or up to one year production.. Since we have only had the panels since December, the longest display would be about 6 months.

The graph has time on the bottom (hours) and electricity (kilowatt) on the right side. The following colors will give you valuable information about Oak Grove's electricity use:

**RED**.. indicates Oak Grove's electricity demand in KW at any given time.

**WHITE**.. indicates the panel's electrical production in KW at any given time.

**GREEN**.. indicates when the panels are producing more electricity than the building is requiring. Measured in KW which is being sold back to Xcel for a future credit.

Enjoy and rejoice in the knowledge that the electricity produced by the solar panels does not need to be made by burning a fossil fuel — which is what a conventional power plant uses to make electricity.

### Volunteer for United Way's Action Day 2019

*submitted by Cece Klueh*

Each year, more than **100,000 students** in our community go back to school without a backpack and the essential supplies needed to learn and succeed in the classroom. Since 2016, United Way has teamed with all seven of Minnesota's pro sports teams to bring volunteers together on **Action Day** to fill backpacks with school supplies to help local students start the school year ready to learn.

Join us on **Thursday, August 8**, when United Way teams up with the Minnesota Wild at Xcel Energy Center to host **Action Day 2019**. This free, family-friendly event is your chance to make an immediate impact on the educational success of kids in our community while you have a ton of fun!

In 2019, we will unite **4,000 volunteers** to pack **40,000 backpacks** to give to students through nonprofits and school districts across the metro area.

[Xcel Energy Center](#), Thursday, August 8, Noon - 7 pm (three shifts available: Noon-3 pm | 3-5 pm | 5-7 pm)

Cece Klueh (651-235-0566) will have sign-up sheets in the narthex after Sunday services, or you can [register online](#). Anne Klueh (651-235-9940) will lead a carpool from church for the 5:00 pm shift. Please let Cece or Anne know if you would like to join the carpool.

*Some thoughts from Pastor Mary*

**How can I help?** Since May, these four simple yet powerful words have been said to me frequently. Your kindness, your support and thoughtfulness throughout these early days of transition are most appreciated! I thought I'd use this space to give you a little update (from my perspective) on how things are going here at Oak Grove.

Ministry is alive and well in this place! While regular programming takes a much deserved Sabbath in the summer months, other cool things are happening! Here are some highlights:

**Grounds:** Flowers have been planted and are being maintained by Jane Horn and her team of able gardeners. Please note how beautiful many of our gardens are!

We had two trees close to the solar panels removed to allow more light to reach our panels. These trees were showing signs of ill health.

A large crew of volunteers cleaned the kitchen from top to bottom! The refrigerator is clear of expired food, the cupboards have no crumbs and the countertops sparkle!

**Children and Youth:** Vacation Bible School was a huge success! The week of June 9 hummed with energy, creativity and love. Our volunteers – adult and youth – were amazing.

Twelve high school students and seven adult chaperones leave for Guatemala on June 26. All is ready, and we are excited to leave! The group will lead worship on July 7 and share their experiences. Middle school youth continue to meet for games after worship and on the occasional Friday night. A number of youth will attend Pride Fest this weekend.

**Office:** We are delighted that Beth Angerhofer is back from her shoulder surgery. A HUGE thank you goes to Jeri Anderson and Milissa Carter for filling in with skill, grace and good humor during Beth's absence.

**Parish Associates/Visitation/Preaching/Pastoral Care:** It is wonderful to be able to call on our talented Parish Associates to help preach and visit folks this summer. Deb DeMeester did a fantastic job on June 16, and Mary Pol will preach on June 30. While I am away in Guatemala and Synod School, our capable PA's will handle emergencies, and our own Sandy Crum will be part of the pastoral visitation staff as well. Additionally, the Worship and Music Team is planning some exciting guest preachers for July. We hope to have a transitional pastor in place by August at the latest. Finally, with the exception of July 4, the Caregiver's group will meet, as will our Lunch Bunch respite care, and 3-week Grief Group.

So, these are just a FEW of the many ways Oak Grove and her people are remaining faithful throughout the summer, while still trying to observe summer as a time for rest and renewal. Looking forward to seeing you in worship or around here this summer!

Love, Pastor Mary

**Jim Brasel will be Guest Preacher July 14** — Jim Brasel, a retired pastor and member of the Presbytery, will lead worship. Jim is our Presbytery liaison for the transitional pastor search and previously served as an interim pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Way and other churches. Following worship, he will lead a special Adult Faith Formation on the transitional period followed by Q & A about the process and our congregation's role both during the transitional period and in the search of a new installed pastor. We hope you will join us on July 14 at 9:30 am for this service and special AFF event following worship.

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**2019 Per Capita is \$35.70**