

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Special Congregational Meeting

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 following worship services. The purpose for the meeting is to discuss the bids received for shingling the church roofs and to choose a supplier and contractor.

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## Greeting and Ushering

June 3	Mike Stickler
June 10	Jim Strandlie
June 17	Skip Swanson
June 24	Craig Torkelson
July 1	Wallace Torkelson
July 8	Chad Torstveit
July 15	Val Torstveit
July 22	Myles Alberg
July 29	Ron Anderson
August 5	Faye Auchenpaugh
August 12	Corey Berg
August 19	Neil Bugge
August 26	Ken Cedergren

### Altar Preparation: (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

June:	Barb Smith
July:	Val Torstveit
August:	Ivette Garrett

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## Milestones – Anniversaries

June 18	Arlo Rude and Deb Ernst
July 1	Bruce and Shelley Mathson
July 6	Ron and Virginia Anderson
August 1	Jim and Sue Kotz
August 3	Ken and Cindy Cedergren

## Worship Notes

Beginning Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we will change to Setting 10 of our liturgy. This will continue until the First Sunday in Advent when we will go back to Setting 8.

Faye Auchenpaugh will be gone the first three Sundays in June, but Marisa Benson will be here to provide music for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Thank You!

Sometimes projects are undertaken that go unnoticed by the majority of us.

Edna Rondorf has been embroidering baptismal cloths for us for many years. Now, Sue and Jim Kotz have taken over that project. Thank you, Edna, Sue and Jim!

Virginia and Ronnie Anderson and Arlo Rude spent a day trimming dead branches on the evergreens that line the north side of our parking lot and removing them from the site. Thank you!

Having water available for plantings at the cemetery is wonderful and appreciated, and this is an annual undertaking. Wally Torkelson and Bruce Mathson did it for several years; now Arlo Rude does it for us. Thank you!

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the spring cleaning on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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## Milestones – Birthdays

June 17	Kathy Alberg
June 17	Sharon Bugge
June 27	Jan Strandlie
July 1	Val Torstveit
July 4	Kari Torkelson
July 7	Rylan Torstveit
July 9	Sharon McCollough
July 29	Skip Swanson
July 29	Connie Kolden
July 31	Ron Anderson
August 6	Chad Torstveit
August 11	Dennis McCollough
August 15	Cindy Cedergren
August 17	Faye Auchenpaugh

# In Memoriam

## Marjorie (Lokken) Dahle



Marge L. Dahle, 82, of Cando, ND, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2018, at the Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

Marge L. Lokken was born May 17, 1935 to Louie and Cora (Finkel) Lokken in Thief River Falls, MN, where she was raised and educated. Marge married Reuben Dahle on January 30, 1954 in Thief River Falls. The couple moved to Cando along with Reuben's family and worked at Jorde Brothers Potato Company, where they both were employed for over 30 years. Marge also worked at the Towner County Living Center, the Cando Community Library and Cenex Piccadilly Pizza.

Marge enjoyed the outdoors, especially going for her daily walks and working in her yard. She took great pride in her flower beds, always making sure they were perfect. She loved to visit with people and spend time with her friends. Marge's favorite past time was to spend time with her family, especially her 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Marge was a loving, kind and hard-working person who will be missed dearly.

Marge is survived by her children: Cindy (Nick) Schaefer of Cando, ND; Randy (Susie) Dahle of Bemidji, MN; daughter-in-law Carol Darling of Fargo, ND; grandchildren: Nicolette (Matt) Vrchota of Casselton, ND; Whitney Schaefer (Darin Nelsen) of Cando, ND; Matthew (Alanna) Dahle of Bemidji, MN; Danielle (Myke) Stittsworth of Bemidji, MN; Kelli (Erik) Jensen of Bemidji, MN; Christina Leftwich (Chris Jaeger) of Devils Lake, ND; Megan (Blake) LaFleur of Devils Lake, ND and Kyle Dahle of Fargo, ND; 9 great-grandchildren: Carter Vrchota, Jack Vrchota, Stella Nelsen, Sophie Stittsworth, Willie Stittsworth, Rowan LaFleur, Rosalyn LaFleur, Brody Jensen and Rylie Jensen; siblings: Sylvia Lokken of St. Paul, MN, Carol (Lloyd) Halvorson of Minneapolis, MN, Carmen (Stuart) Solem of Grand Rapids, MN and Joyce Jensen of Minneapolis, MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reuben Dahle; son, Terry Dahle; daughter, Sandra Dahle; parents, Louie and Cora Lokken; brother, Leo Lokken; sisters, Emily Lokken, Sharon Lokken and infant sister.

Funeral Services were held Monday, April 30, 2018 at the Cando Lutheran Church with Rev. Bonnie Weaver officiating. Visitation took place Sunday evening, April 29, 2018 at the Dunnigan Dix Funeral Home in Cando, ND followed by a 7:00 PM Prayer Service. Visitation continued one hour before the service at the church. Burial was held at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Cando, ND.

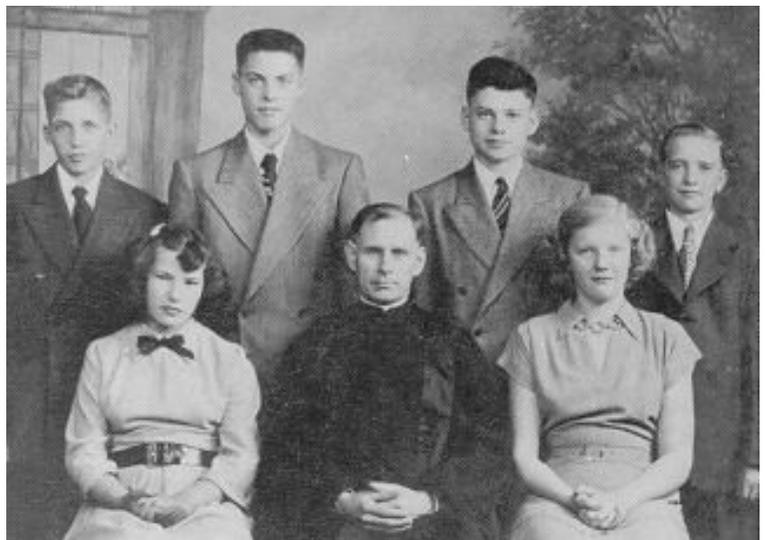
Music was provided by Joni Morlock and Catherine Anfinson. Casket Bearers were Matthew Dahle, Kyle Dahle, Matt Vrchota, Myke Stittsworth, Erik Jensen, Blake LaFleur, Darin Nelsen and Chris Jaeger. Honorary Bearers were Marge's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

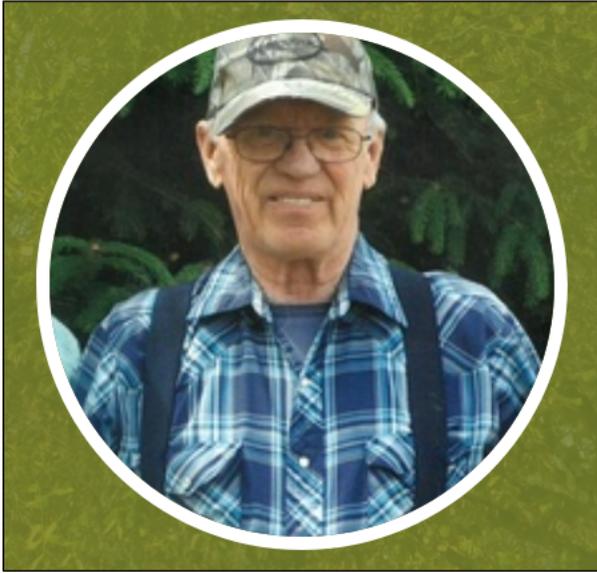
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Marge was confirmed at St. Pauli Lutheran Church by Rev. Fjelstul on October 31, 1948.

Back Row:  
Marlyn Bjorge  
Peter Engelstad  
Donald Nettelund  
Donald Thune

Front Row:  
Marjorie Lokken  
Rev. Fjelstul  
Melba Gustafson





## **In Memoriam**

**Dennis Nelson**

Dennis Nelson of Thief River Falls, MN, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at his residence with his loving family by his side.

Dennis Roger Nelson was born October 30, 1937 in Thief River Falls, MN, the son of Norton and Olga (Hegrenes) Nelson. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. He attended school in Thief River Falls and graduated from NW School of Agriculture in Crookston, MN in 1957.

On June 1, 1957 he was united in marriage to Barbara Van de Streek at First Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. The couple made their home in Smiley Township near Thief River Falls. Dennis worked at Prichard Brothers Construction and Pennington County Highway Department retiring on December 27, 2002. He also grain farmed and raised cattle in Smiley Township throughout his working years.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting; in his last years he enjoyed watching old westerns and Family Feud. He played solitaire on his hand-held machine. Dennis was a member of St. Pauli Lutheran Church.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara of Thief River Falls, MN; son Kurt Nelson of Thief River Falls, MN; daughter-in-law Laurie Nelson of Thief River Falls, MN; grandson Ben (Kari Hesse and her children, Alliya, Graysen, and Deycia); Nelson of Thief River Falls, MN; great-grandson Kaiden Nelson of Thief River Falls, MN; sisters Sharon (Phil) Busch of Akeley, MN and Nelda Carpenter of New Hope, MN; brother-in-law Cub Bronsdon of Madison, WI; several nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law Dorothy Morehouse, Ruth Roos, June Jorgenson, Muriel Wavra, and Markie Van de Streek; and brother-in-law Edward Van de Streek.

He is preceded in death by his son Keith, parents Norton and Olga Nelson, sisters Jean Bronsdon and Lois Nelson.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:30 AM at Johnson Funeral service in Thief River Falls, MN with Rev Frank Ehling officiating. Burial was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Thief River Falls, MN.

Visitation was held Wednesday 4-7 PM with a 6:00 PM prayer service at Johnson Funeral Service in Thief River Falls and also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

***GOD BLESS THE MEMORY OF DENNIS NELSON***

# Minutes of the Church Council

April 19, 2018

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Ivette Garrett, Faye Auchenpaugh, Gary Iverson, and Arlo Rude. Absent: Larry Hurst. Council President Garrett brought the meeting to order and Pastor Hansen led us in prayer.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Secretary's Report: **M/S/C** (Rude/Hurst) to approve the March 8, 2018 secretary's report with the correction of \$100 being received for the piano. We had asked \$50 for it, but the check from Kristen Ostercamp was for \$100.

Treasurer's Report: **M/S/C** (Auchenpaugh/Iverson) to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

## Balances as of 3/31/18:

Checking Account as of 2/28/18	\$ 19,644.83
Income	\$ 10,742.15
Expenses	\$ (17,969.47)
Checking Account as of 3/31/18	\$ 19,280.00
Investor Savings	\$ 36,077.87
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 45,918.94
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 10,820.53
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ 4,027.27
Education Fund Balance	\$ 515.12

Total Church Funds as of 3/31/18: \$ 136,639.73

## Pastor Carl's Report:

This year's round robin Lenten worship series was well received in all six participating congregations.

Pastor Carl will be visiting family in Texas and Nebraska on May 27 and June 3. His granddaughter Chelsea will be graduating from Navarro High School in Seguin, TX on May 25. She will be attending Texas A&M University in the fall and plans to become a doctor.

Due to pastor vacations, he will be presiding at weddings at Bethany Lutheran in Red Lake Falls on July 21 and Concordia Lutheran in Fertile on August 25.

Pastor Carl is planning to attend the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly on June 8-9 at Concordia College in Moorhead.

He suggests that we begin using Setting 10 of the ELW liturgy following Auchenpaugh's return from Norway.

A member of the NW Minnesota Synod has generously offered to match gifts given in 2018 designated for persons who are preparing for ministry in the ELCA, as well as gifts designated to help recent seminary graduates retire indebtedness incurred preparing for ordained ministry in the ELCA.

Reports of members in sickness or distress: Concerns and prayers were said for those experiencing illnesses.

## Reports:

- 1) Auchenpaugh said that she will be in Missouri on May 27 to attend her grandson's wedding, and in Norway on June 3 and 10. Her return to Minneapolis is late on June 16, so it is unlikely she will play for services on June 17 either. Marisa Benson will play for services on June 3 and possibly on June 10.
- 2) WELCA: Spring cleaning has been postponed to mid-May due to spring not arriving yet and construction projects in the basement.
- 3) Board of Education: Four students will be ready to be confirmed this fall. Discussion ensued regarding Bible Camp attendance this summer for these four confirmands. The WELCA policy is to pay for half of the costs. We will bring it before the WELCA group this month. Last day of Sunday School is May 13, Mother's Day.
- 4) Don Schindler has finished the storage closet at the rear of the basement and will begin installing the display cabinet in the south end this week.

## Old Business:

- 1) 501(c)(3) status: Garrett contacted the ELCA headquarters and has the documentation in hand. One copy will be kept by the treasurer and the other will be filed in the safe.
- 2) Bookcases: Discussion on the need to have a church library with bookcases to hold same.

## New Business:

- 1) Edward D. Jones investments: Vanessa Martell was present to explain the current conservative portfolio for our church investments. 50% is in fixed income (bonds) and 50% in market. The long-term return as of April 18, 2018 has been 6.6%. Rude is currently the only person named on the account and she suggested that we add another person. It was agreed that Iverson would be that second person. CD rates are good right now, 2.15% for one year, and are FDIC covered. Our current CDs at Northern State Bank, which are due to expire in June, are earning .75%. Rude will check on rates there and we will then make a determination as to where to place those CDs. Martell made an additional emphasis on giving through Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). If the RMD is sent directly to a church or nonprofit, it is not regarded as income for the retired owner of that account and is not taxed as such.
- 2) May 27<sup>th</sup> worship services: Discussion on whether to hold services on this Memorial weekend since many of the members and Pastor Carl will not be here. It was decided to hold them, regardless of how few may attend.
- 3) Liturgy setting: It was decided to begin using Setting 10 on Sunday, June 24, following Auchenpaugh's return from Norway. We will continue with this setting until the first Sunday in Advent when we will return to Setting 8.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**M/S/C** (Iverson/Rude) to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Faye Auchenpaugh  
Secretary

## *Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation*

**17 November 1932**

St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the Church on Nov 17, 1932.

The meeting was opened by the chairman Pastor Dahle with reading from the Bible and hymn song. The report of the secretary was read and accepted as it was read. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted as it was read.

Pastor Dahle reported that he had, during the year, held 19 divine services, 2 Holy Communion, 2 funerals, and that he had taught a confirmation class. And that the religion school decided upon had been held. And that the Youths' Club had held a number of meetings. And the attendance at the divine services had been middling.

The following officials were elected.

Secretary: O. J. Snetting, 1 year

Treasurer: Tobias Stene, 1 year

Trustee: Ole Pederson, 3 years

Assessment committee: John Kval, Ole Valsvig, Andrew Arne

Organist: Mrs. Carl Alberg

School committee: Mrs. Tobias Stene, Mrs. Ole Odegaard,

Mr. O. J. Snetting

Sexton: Nels Nelson

It was proposed and supported that the finances of the congregation should be discussed. Accepted.

Proposed and supported that the congregation should pay Pastor M. L. Dahle \$325 as annual salary. Accepted.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Olaf Snetting, Secretary

## *Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League*

**22 September 1929**

The St. Pauli Luther League held its last meeting at the church Sunday evening, September 22, 1929. Proceeds: \$21.85

Gust A Gustafson, Secretary

**11 May 1930**

The St. Pauli Luther League held its last meeting at the Carl Finstad home on Sunday evening, May 11, 1930. Lunch was also served by Mrs. Carl Finstad and Mrs. Carl Alberg. Proceeds were \$9.05

Gust A. Gustafson, Secretary

**24 June 1930**

The St. Pauli Luther League held its last meeting at the church Sunday, June 24, 1930.

The following program was rendered:

Song: Audience

Scripture Reading and Prayer: Rev. Dahle

Song: Audience

The secretary's report was read and accepted as read.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

The following officers were elected:

Oscar Odegaard, president

Helmer Finstad, vice president

Gust Gustafson, secretary

Joe Thorstveit, treasurer

Motion made and carried that we have our next meeting in two weeks.

The following program committee was appointed:

Mrs. Carl Finstad, Mrs. Carl Alberg, Mr. Gust Gustafson.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Martha Thorstveit and Mrs. Tobias Stene.

Proceeds: \$8.55

Gust Gustafson, Secretary

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**28 July 1955**

A special planning meeting was held for the joint Luther League to be held on August 28, 1955, at the St. Hilaire Church at 8:00 in the evening with Rev. Person and officers of both leagues present.

The program was first on the agenda. Courtship was selected as the topic. Recreation was also discussed.

Lorrie Weckwerth, Recording Secretary

**14 August 1955**

On August 14, the regular meeting of the St. Pauli Luther League was held at the church with President Betty Rude presiding.

The business meeting opened with the secretary's report, which was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was also approved as read.

Betty Rude thanked all of the people who helped to make the ice cream social a success.

Leadership school was then discussed. We were asked to make an amount that would be standing through the future. We decided to pay registration and \$5 extra.

The program opened with scripture and prayer by Janice Finstad. "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" was sung by the audience.

A skit was then presented with a family discussing the fourth commandment. Eugene and Lorrie Weckwerth were the father and mother and Carol Rude and Lyle Bjorge were their two teen-age children. In between speeches by the family, Betty Rude, Fern Mathson, Janice Finstad and Connie Alberg helped them with some of their problems that they were discussing.

After the skit, "Oh, Happy Home" was sung by the audience.

A humorous poem about Father entitled "When Daddy was a Boy" was read by Harlan Rude. "Recollection," a poem about Mother, was read by Dian Folkedahl.

"The Church's One Foundation" was sung by the congregation.

The program closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Blessing.

Servers: Mdmes. Martin Mathson, Anton Johnson and Iver Iverson.

Proceeds: \$14.65

Lorrie Weckwerth, Secretary

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## Ivette (Torkelson) Garrett is chosen as NCTC Alumna of the Year

### "Where It All Began"

By David Hill, Editor, *The Times*, May 16, 2018

Ivette Garrett, Alumna of the Year at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, told graduates, their families and friends gathered on May 10, 2018 for Commencement, that NCTC was where it all began for her. Garrett's desire for learning has continued ever since.

Ivette (Torkelson) Garrett obtained a degree from NCTC in 1965, then known as the Thief River Falls State Junior College. She then moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she graduated from the University of Alaska in May 1972 with a

bachelor's in psychology. Her academic pursuits ultimately took her back to Minnesota, where she received an MBA from the College of St. Thomas in 1987 before earning her Juris Doctorate with cum laude honors from the William Mitchell College of Law (now Mitchell Hamline School of Law) in 1982.

Garrett's long list of academic and professional honors, as well as her commitment to community service has distinguished her among her peers and fellow Northland alums. She credits NCTC with forming the foundation of lifelong success.

"Northland provided me an opportunity to continue my education near my home, as well as making it economically affordable," Garrett said. "Northland was and is a wonderful institute of higher learning that I am sure will benefit anyone who attends, just like it did for me."

Among her many accomplishments, Garrett received the 1986 Small Business Administration, St. Paul District, award for outstanding management; clerked for the Chief Judge in Minnesota's First Judicial District; was appointed by District Court, First Judicial District, to serve on the Charter Commission of the City of South St. Paul for a four-year term; was honored in 2002 by the South Suburban Adult Basic Education organization and the City of South St. Paul for her volunteer work in adult basic education; and served as an attorney for the St. Paul Minnesota District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, specializing in labor law, admiralty, ethics and tort law.

After retiring in 2008, Garrett and her family moved to Germany and later back to the U.S., where she volunteered three days per week at her granddaughters' elementary schools. In 2017, she moved back to Thief River Falls, where she continues her volunteer service three days per week at Challenger Elementary School and serves as president of the St. Pauli Church council.

(Editor's Note: Also attending the graduation ceremony were Ivette's daughter, Kirsten Walker, and youngest granddaughter, Annika, from Arlington, Virginia.)

# AFTER THE STORM

By Cindy Novak, June 2018 *Gather* magazine

Kim Rathjen's mountain-high experience usually takes place on the last day of Camp Noah, when children and volunteers come together to celebrate and praise God during the closing ceremony.

"To see the kids singing their hearts out brings tears to my eyes every time," says Rathjen, coordinator of inreach and outreach at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Over the past 12 years, she and other members of the congregation have volunteered at camps in Louisiana, Mississippi, Iowa, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Texas.

"The change in the kids, from the beginning of the week to the end, happens every single time," Rathjen says. "When they first arrive, they are fearful and unsure of what it's going to be like. They wonder if it's going to be scary."

"But by the end of the week parents tell us: 'I don't know what you did, but it's so wonderful to have my child back,'" Rathjen says. "Regardless of where the camp is held, that change happens every time."

Across the United States, children find hope and healing through Camp Noah, a national preparedness and resiliency program through Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. Camp Noah is for children impacted by trauma, which may or may not include disaster-related trauma.

For more than 20 years, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations and Women of the ELCA groups have served as site coordinators, team leaders, mental health staff, camp counselors and more. Others have contributed by creating fleece blankets, Kids Kits and Preparedness Backpacks.

## Building Resiliency

Camp Noah began in 1997 in response to flooding in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota.

"As parents worked with case managers on rebuilding their homes, they reported how their children's behaviors had significantly changed and started manifesting in several ways," says Amanda Allen, senior program manager of Camp Noah. "We now know through research that children can be impacted significantly by disaster and trauma."

Camp Noah helps children process their experiences and build resiliency and preparedness skills, Allen says. "We want to be able to give them those skills in addition to having a fun week at a day camp. It's about making a difference in their lives going forward, so they can better handle challenges in the future."

"The components of healing and resiliency in the program are amazing," says Susie Merrihew, a clinical social worker and a member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Naperville, Illinois. She has served numerous times as a mental health professional at Camp Noah.

Merrihew especially appreciates the second day of the week-long curriculum – when children have an opportunity to tell their "storm stories."

"It's a chance for the kids to talk about their feelings, fears, sadness, anger or loss, and how the disaster impacted them," she says. "For some of the kids, this is the first time they tell their story."

"Unfortunately, some of the kids won't talk to their parents about their trauma," says Sandy Forrest, a member of Glen Cary Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, Minnesota. She has volunteered nearly 30 times for Camp Noah. "They are afraid that if they talk about how their friend lost their house, or how their things got washed away in the flood or blown away in the tornado, it [will] make their parents sad."

"Camp Noah is a place where they can get their feelings out and talk about them," Forrest says. "There's no judgment – there's empathy."

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota conducts follow-up interviews with parents three months after a camp ends. "We have seen positive results," Allen says. "The resiliency skills that we teach really stick. We also have seen a mitigation in children's behavioral issues since attending camp. That overwhelmingly shows that Camp Noah has had a positive impact on children in their recovery experience."

## Storm Stories

Merrihew recalls working with one little boy who "checked out and shut down" in the middle of an activity at a camp in Moore, Oklahoma, months after a powerful tornado devastated the area.

Merrihew learned that the tornado hit the boy's school while he and the other students were still inside the building. Seven children died.

"We walked outside for a little while, and he shared that he didn't have a safe place," Merrihew says. "He told me he felt like God was taking care of everyone else except for him. We referred him to a local mental health professional for follow-up care. That has really opened some doors for him."

Forrest recalled one little boy who attended Camp Noah in Missouri, following a tornado. The boy not only experienced the disaster, but also witnessed seeing his mother get shot and wounded the weekend before the camp.

"He was just [really hurting]," Forrest says. "When he couldn't sit still or pay attention, he put his finger on his nose – it was a signal that he wanted to leave and spend time with the mental health professional."

On the last day of the same, the little boy told Forrest, "I'm going to miss you."

"He had tears running down his face, and I had tears running down my face," she says. "I told him, 'I'm [going to] miss you too.' He was such a little sweetheart."

Alicia Lhotka, a student at ELCA-affiliated Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, recalls one little girl who attended Camp Noah at Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca, Minnesota, following flooding in the area the year before. Lhotka and other counselors from Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, Wisconsin, travelled to Waseca to volunteer.

"She was really quiet and shy at first," Lhotka recalls. "We tried really hard to get her engaged with her group."

After talking with her mother, Lhotka learned that the girl's bedroom had flooded in the middle of the night while she was sleeping and that she had to escape. "That had to be scary," Lhotka says.

Over time, the girl began to open up and feel safe, Lhotka says,

adding: "By the end of the week, she didn't want to leave. She had a smile on her face."

"It was rewarding to serve a community that had experienced trauma, and to help the kids work through their feelings," Lhotka says. "At the end, it was really hard to say goodbye to the kids."

### **'I Hope Your Shoes are Ready.'**

Ruth Doty, pastor at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, has volunteered at Camp Noah 11 times. Doty says each time she's been amazed to see how God's spirit works in so many unexpected ways.

Doty recalls having dinner with parents and volunteers the night before a camp in Lamar, Texas, for children impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. "One of the mothers told me, 'If my son does anything here, I'll walk to Galveston,'" Doty says. "Agt the end of the week, I told her, 'I hope your shoes are ready.' The little boy ended up dancing with another camper during the closing event. They were enjoying themselves."

"Volunteers are amazed at what happens during the week," Doty says. "Kid [who] were once closed off or unresponsive begin to open up. The process of Camp Noah is just so wonderful."

Camp Noah takes place in U.S. communities impacted by natural disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires, usually within 12 months. Camp sessions are also held in communities devastated by human-caused disasters. For example, Camp Noah has taken place in Newtown, CT, following the Sandy Hook school shootings; in Flint, MI in response to the water crisis; and in Ferguson, MO dealing with the impact of violence on communities.

Each camp staffs a mental health professional who can support children during the camp and refer them for follow-up care if needed.

Camp Noah coordinates with Lutheran Disaster Response and other organizations, including Lutheran Services in America, Church World Services, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, United Methodist Committee on Relief, American Red Cross, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

To learn more about Camp Noah, future camps and how to get involved, visit: [lssmn.org/camp\\_noah/](http://lssmn.org/camp_noah/)

## Catching Northern Pike? Check the New Regs

by David Schueller, DNR information officer

Reprinted from *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer*, May-June 2018

It's one of Minnesota's biggest fishing regulation changes in decades. The state-wide three-fish possession limit for northern pike, in place since the 1940s, will be replaced this season with limits customized for three different management zones.

"The three-fish bag limit was not designed to meet any specific management objectives," says Gary Barnard, Bemidji area Fisheries supervisor. "But these zone regulations are geared toward specific objectives for different population characteristics of each zone."

Lakes in north-central Minnesota are teeming with small northern pike, often disparagingly dubbed "hammer handles," that frustrate anglers with their overabundance. In other parts of the state, the story changes. In the northeast, pike grow large, but they take a long time to get that way. In the south, pike grow fast but overall there are fewer of them.

In the north-central zone, the vexing issue with small pike stems in part from the way people enjoy the area's many lakes. Numerous anglers fish these lakes, and northern pike are notoriously vulnerable to angling. Over the years, the large and medium-size pike went on the stringer and the small ones went back into the lake. As the density of small pike increases, growth slows, so small pike stay small longer. Further compounding the problem is that those larger fish are no longer around to eat the small pike.

When left to overpopulate, the small pike eat a greater share of a lake's available food supply than larger pike relative to their size. In other words, 10 pike weighing 1 pound each will in total eat more than one 10-pound pike. And small pike feast on small fish, including important forage fish, such as perch, which can have wide-ranging effects on other fish populations.

Under the new regulations, nothing changes for anglers who

don't want to keep pike. Those who do will need to know what zone they're fishing in and will need to measure fish.

In the north-central zone, anglers will be able to keep up to 10 northern pike, but no more than two pike larger than 26 inches; and all pike from 22 to 26 inches must be released. The objective is to reduce small pike abundance by shifting population size structure back to more medium to large pike.

In the northeast zone, anglers can keep two fish, with a minimum size of 24 inches. The regulation here is meant to increase pike abundance and improve the size of fish harvested.

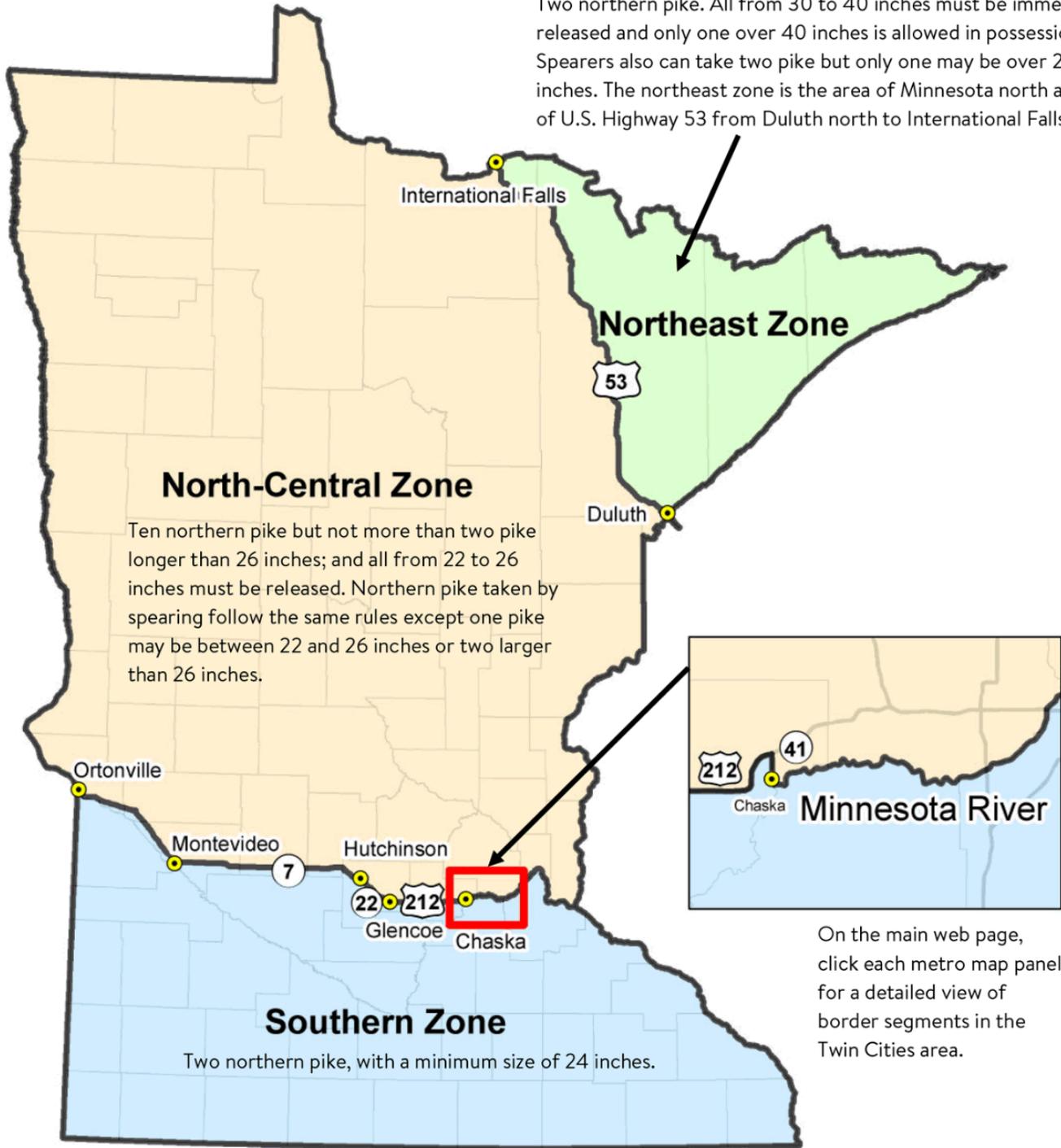
"Anglers will need to measure fish before deciding to harvest, but we've come a long way toward that over the past 20-plus years of special length-based regulations," Barnard says. "Most people are accustomed to measuring fish, and more already have measuring devices stuck on their boats."

Special regulations still apply for northern pike on some water bodies, fewer than 100 statewide. If the possession or size limit on a special regulation lake or stream is different from the new zone limit, the special regulation limit applies. The new regulations do not apply to waters that border other states or Canada.

Darkhouse spearing will also be affected by zone management but with slightly different regulations. The north-central zone will allow the same expanded 10-fish bag limit for spearing, but will allow one of the two larger fish to be within the protected angling slot of 22 to 26 inches.

Similarly, in the northeast, the same two-fish bag limit will apply for spearing, with one fish over 26 inches allowed. In the southern zone, angling and spearing regulations allow two pike larger than 24 inches.

Two northern pike. All from 30 to 40 inches must be immediately released and only one over 40 inches is allowed in possession. Spearers also can take two pike but only one may be over 26 inches. The northeast zone is the area of Minnesota north and east of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth north to International Falls.



**North central and southern border:** From the South Dakota border and Ortonville, east along Minnesota Highway 7 to Hutchinson, south along Minnesota Highway 22 to Glencoe, then east along U.S. Highway 212 to Chaska, south along Minnesota Highway 41 to the Minnesota River then east along the Minnesota River to the Mississippi River and Wisconsin border. Parts of the Minnesota or Mississippi River that form portions of this border are in the southern zone.

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One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

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Reporters interviewing a 104 year old woman:

The reporter asks, "And what do you think is the most rewarding thing about being 104 years old?"

The woman replies, "No peer pressure."

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We telemarketers know that we're universally loathed. Still, some people are quite pleasant on the phone. One day I called a number and asked to speak with Mr. Morgan. The woman who answered explained that he no longer lived at that address, but she did have a number where he could be reached.

I thank her, rang that number, and was greeted with, "Good morning, Highland View Cemetery."

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After the service a young couple talked to a church member about joining the church. He hadn't met the husband before, and he asked what church he was transferring from.

After a short hesitation, he replied, "I am transferring from the Municipal Golf Course."

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A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on.

Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

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An elderly woman died. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, *"They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."*

When a guy's printer type began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself.

Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

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Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

"Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said "So why is the groom wearing black?"

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The new librarian decided that instead of checking out children's books by writing the names of borrowers on the book cards herself, she would have the youngsters sign their own names. She would then tell them they were signing a "Contract" for returning the books on time.

Her first customer was a second grader, who looked surprised to see a new librarian. He brought four books to the desk and shoved them across to the librarian, giving her his name as he did so.

The librarian pushed the books back and told him to sign them out. The boy laboriously printed his name on each book card and then handed them to her with a look of utter disgust.

Before the librarian could even start her speech he said, scornfully, "That other librarian we had could write."

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God was sitting in heaven one day when a scientist said to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing - in other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning."

"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's very interesting...show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil into the shape of a man.

"No, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."