Calendar

Sunday, May 9
10:00 a.m. -- "Disagreements That Divide Us"
   Barb Park
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes

Tuesday, May 11
7:30 p.m. -- Program Committee at Megan Kroeger's, 1902 Fisher St., ideas for programs welcome.

Friday, May 14
7:30 p.m. -- Moscow Night at Prairie - see story for details.

Sunday, May 16
10:00 a.m. -- Play: "Judgement of Time: Four Voices of Feminism From the 19th Century"
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes
11:30 a.m. -- Pot-luck and work day-see story.

Saturday, May 22
8:00 p.m. -- Play Readers at Mona Birong's, 509 Glen Dr., play to be announced.

Sunday, May 23
10:00 a.m. -- "Our Religious Linguistic Luggage" by Barb Park
10:00 a.m. -- Religious Education classes

Monday, May 24
7:30 p.m. -- Old and New Prairie Board members meet at Jallings, 4761 Schneider Rd., Rt.1, Oregon.

R. E. Corner

A big project is afoot in the 3rd-4th grade group, but we will have to wait for next Sunday to see what is developing from the large paper-mache' balls that were built nearly two weeks ago.

In one sense the attendance at the Ground Zero Rally on Sunday afternoon, April 25, was the major focus of the day. It was gratifying to see so many children with their parents in the throng.

A special note about Sunday, May 23: we plan to have a group picture taken of all the children in the church school, and hope they will all be present! Mark it on your calendar, please. We think a pictorial record each year will be especially meaningful.

Pat Cautley

Work Day at Prairie

May 16, after service, will be a work time. We will have a pot-luck lunch and then work. There will be outdoor and indoor work. Please look at the annual meeting building report for tasks--choose yours and bring equipment to work.

Bob Nelson

Saturday & Sunday, May 29 & 30
Memorial week-end canoe trip - call Dick Bonser, 274-3248, if interested

Sunday, May 30
10:00 a.m. -- Family films at Prairie

Next Prairie Fire Deadline: May 16
SPRING PARISH MEETING

New officers elected at the Spring Parish Meeting on April 25 were:
President, Marty Drapkin; Vice-President, Joyce Crim; Secretary, Shirley Czoschke; Treasurer, Nina Mattarella; Finance Committee, Gail Ostler; Housing & Property Committee Co-chairs, Glen Chambliss and ?; Long Range Planning Committee, Dorothy Lee; Program Committee Co-chairs, Dave Zakem, contact, Carolyn Briggs, Megan Kroger; Denominational Affairs Committee, Barb Park; Religious Education Committee Co-chairs, Alice Bullen, Erin Bosch; Social Action Committee Co-chairs, Les Lyons, Norma Briggs; Committee on Committees, continuing member, Bob Nelson, Bob Park, Mel Micke, Diane Molvig and one person to be appointed from the new board.

Lay Ministers will be as follows:
First Quarter, Bob West: Crosscurrents in Modern Society; Second Quarter, Shirley Grindrod: Aging; Third Quarter, Mary Mullin: Environment & E-Way.

Other business included an amendment to the by-laws which makes the chair of the denominational affairs committee a member of the executive board.

The treasurer's report indicated that actual expenditures for the year will probably be somewhat under the amount budgeted.

PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION WEEK-END

Are you interested in going to St. Paul, Minnesota with a group from Prairie to attend the radio program: Prairie Home Companion? A Prairie group is planning to make the trip the week-end of June 19. Tickets are $4.00. If you are interested, call Megan Kroeger, 255-6051.

Spring Again, Ever
Metje C. Butler 1969

My little boy is nature-gone...
He loves the bugs and flies;
And all the living creatures;...
The earth and sun and skies.

He loves each season in its turn,
The summer, warm and gold...
The fall so many-colored, and
The winter blue and cold;

But after winter's long repose,
Sweet springtime comes again;
Earth-moistened breezes waft us back
The robin and the wren;

And then my son begins to leap,
And run and shout for joy...
And tell me of the budding sprouts,
Like some new wondrous toy!

He checks the garden daily, just
To see what's newly there...
For as the flowers come to bloom,
His friends are everywhere...

And oh, what fun to see them come,
The ant, the bee, the fly,
The ladybird, and all her kin
So please my little guy!

Some day,...when I am very old,
I hope that there may be
A grandson like my little boy,
So full of "joie de vie"...

Then I, fatigued with age, and worn
Beyond the beck'ning call,
May joy in him, remembering
The wonder of it all.

This was written for and about Metje's son, Jeff, when he was 8 years old. He will be 21 on Easter Sunday and is now living in Alaska on a farm he just started to "Homestead". He retains his love of nature and joy in life, according to his mother.