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10:00 a.m. - Worship

***Me, Myself and I***



ALEX WOODS

It is crushing to discover we are not the center of the universe.

However, when we truly care for others, our needs are met.

Life is not all about us; it's about "them" and God.

Learn these truths this week in church.

**...we do not live to ourselves.**

Romans 14:1-12

Exodus 14:19-31      Matthew 18:21-35      Psalm 114

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**Sunday, September 17, 2023**  
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## Ruth Hansen Service Was Held September 8



**RUTH A. HANSEN**

Ruth Hansen, 82, Rothsay, Minnesota, passed away on August 14, 2023.

A memorial service was held on Friday, September 8, 2023 at New Life Lutheran Church, Rothsay, and officiated by Rev. Jason Ritz.

Interment was held at Hamar Cemetery, Rothsay.

Ruth Ann (Erickson) was born on November 2, 1940, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Robert and Rosina (Arlie) Erickson. She has three sisters, Rebecca, who is Ruth's twin, Roberta and Rosalind.

She moved with her family from Minneapolis to Osakis, Minnesota when she was young. While in grade school, the family moved to the Eddie Gronseth cattle farm, located west of Rothsay. Ruth attended country school and later attended Rothsay Public School.

In her younger years, Ruth

participated in 4-H where she and her sisters showed cattle. They liked to tell other kids they were "from the southern part of the northern part of Wilkin county."

Ruth played on the first softball team in Rothsay Public School as the pitcher, which started her passion and love for softball through all levels of play. She also babysat for various families in Rothsay and Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

She graduated from Rothsay in 1958 then moved to Fargo, North Dakota with twin sister, Rebecca, and attended Interstate Business School for bookkeeping.

Ruth later started dating Lorin after working at DeVos in Fargo. They dated for three years before tying the knot on August 3, 1963. They were blessed with three children, Paul, who was adopted and joined the family in 1968, Diane in 1970 and Neil in 1972.

Ruth and Lorin moved from Felton, Minnesota to Rothsay in 1976. She played slow-pitch softball in the Erhard, Minnesota Women's League for many years as a pitcher.

Ruth started working at the Rothsay Elevator, then as the bookkeeper at the Co-Op. She later left the Co-Op and worked at the Fergus Falls Home Depot until she retired. Many customers at Home Depot that walked through the doors would receive a hug from Ruth.

She was active in the 4-H while her three children participated. She loved watching her children play various sports, including football, basketball and volleyball.

Ruth would take detailed stats during games and take photos, while disagreeing with the referees on occasion. She began taking photos in 1983 at all games that she could attend and continued to do so for 40 years.

Ruth would take pictures of family, friends of the family, along with other kids she knew within the community, including grandkids.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Rosina Erickson.

Ruth is survived by her spouse, Lorin Hansen; three children, Paul (Shellee) Hansen, Neil Hansen and Diane (John) Kunze, 13 grandkids, and 12 great-grandkids.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.olsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.olsonfuneralhome.com)



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**By: Pamela Iverson, Program Director**

Thank you to all that come to our Pie & Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 15. We enjoyed foot tapping music and some delicious pies too. Special thank you to the Rothsay Baptist Church for opening their doors for our event, Pastor Jason for washing dishes and the PARTNERS Board for baking pies and serving.

The Attic Thrift Store has new hours starting September 1, 2023, Tuesday – Friday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with donation drop off from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays only, and on Saturday The Attic will open earlier at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have some extra time and would like to volunteer, stop over, and see Shirlee, she will find something for you to do.

Tai Ji Quan is starting Monday, September 11 at 9:00 a.m., New Life Church. Wear sturdy shoes and comfortable clothes and join us as we move for better balance. You will improve your balance, strengthen your muscles, and reduce your risk of falling using Tai Ji Quan movements to help you stay mobile and independent.

This twelve-week class meets twice a week (Monday & Thursday) for one hour. Each session includes warm-up exercises, a mix of Tai Ji Quan forms and brief cool-down exercises. Through progressive movements, you build strength and improve your balance as you learn to transition from stability -to instability and back again. No prior experience is necessary, and all ability levels are -welcome. Call today and get back to moving for better balance! Dail 218-867-1234 to sign up.

Our Foot Care Clinic is held the second and third Tuesday mornings of every month at PARTNERS in Rothsay and the first Tuesday every other month at Foxhome or Elizabeth. We have openings for September 12 and 19 at Rothsay, please call 218-867-1234 to make an appointment. For the low cost of \$15, we will soak your feet, trim your toenails, and message your feet. The Breckenridge/ Wahpeton Community Foundation and United Way of Otter Tail/Wadena County help financially to keep the cost down.

Every Monday at the Westrom Apartments from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., enjoy a cup of coffee and a game or two of cards.


We are going to Battle Lake on Monday, September 18th, we will leave the PARTNERS' building at 10:30 a.m. and head over for some lunch and enjoy the sites. Please RSVP before Friday, September 15 to let us know if you are going by calling 218-867-1234.

Wednesday, September 20 PARTNERS is hosting a Men's Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. Come on over and join Pam and Stacey for some homemade goodies, coffee, and conversation/tall tales.

The last Thursday of the month, September 28, at 10:00 a.m. is Book Club. The book for September is Murder on the Red River by Marcie R. Rendon. Pick up a copy from PARTNERS, read the book, come and join us, and be a part of the discussion.

Look ahead to October – Annual Fall Leaf Tour and Everything Pumpkin Day – dates to be announced.

**CLASS REUNION ORGANIZERS.**



*After your reunion, be sure to bring a picture of your gathering into the Record-Review office for publication in the Rothsay Regional Report. Either drop off a picture at our front desk, at the PARTNERS office or email us the picture at [newsrecordreview@bvillemn.net](mailto:newsrecordreview@bvillemn.net)*

*Include the names of all those attending and the madien names of the ladies so the hometown folks will be able to recognize everyone.*

*There's no charge for the service. We're happy to have your class back in the area and want to give you as much publicity as possible.*

**-- Rothsay Regional Report**

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**ROTHSAY AREA CHURCH NOTES**



All area churches are welcome to submit their church notes to be published in the Rothsay Regional Report. Please email to [newsrecordreview@bvillemn.net](mailto:newsrecordreview@bvillemn.net) or they may mailed to the Rothsay Regional Report, PO Box 203, Rothsay, MN 56579



**LITTLE BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Parish Office 218 867-6557  
8 Miles SE of Barnesville  
Sunday, September 17 - Worship, 8:45 a.m.

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**SOUTH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Mailing Address: PO Box 93  
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572  
Location Address:  
38041 Cty Hwy 21  
Rothsay, MN  
Pastor Phil Tobin  
Telephone: 218 731-4353  
Church Secretary: 218 863-4085  
Sunday, September 17 - Worship, 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship. Sunday School.

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**LAKES AREA WORD FELLOWSHIP**  
Vergas, Minnesota  
Spirit-filled Family Church  
Pastors Larry and Terry Vosika  
Telephone: 218 847-8499  
Church: 218 342-2620  
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
Worship service at 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays - Midweek services, 7 p.m.  
Remember a church that's alive is worth the drive.

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**ROTHSAY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rothsay, Minnesota  
Pastor Jason Ritz  
Church: 218 867-2268  
website: [rothsaybaptist.com](http://rothsaybaptist.com)  
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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## Food Pantry Available For Those In Need

The Barnesville Area Food Pantry is open and staffed with volunteers each Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

These hours are subject to change to match school closings, snow closures and federal holidays.

The Food Pantry serves residents for Barnesville, Rothsay, Baker, Rollag and surrounding rural areas. Located just north of the library on Front Street (look for the green building).

Persons who may be in need of food and other household necessities, are invited to come in for assistance during regular hours. For emergency assistance or more information, please call 218-493-4397.



## D. Anderson Joins WCI's Communications Team

Dana Anderson has joined West Central Initiative as its Communications Officer. Dana most recently served as an Associate Professor of English and Communications at the North Dakota State College of Science.

"We're thrilled to have Dana on the West Central Initiative team," said Sarah Casey, West Central Initiative's Director of Strategic Communications. "Her years of experience as a communications professional and communications educator will serve our team, our organization, and our region well. She's highly skilled and ready to jump into this new role."

As the Communications Officer, Dana will serve as a strategic partner to further West Central Initiative's regional philanthropic and economic development work. She'll develop and execute communication plans that support the organization's strategic framework and promote its programs and services throughout the region and beyond.




DANA ANDERSON

According to Dana, she was drawn to West Central Initiative because of its purpose-driven work and organizational culture. "It's exciting to find a job opportunity that not only aligns with your skills but also your values and interests," Dana said. "The more I learned about West Central Initiative—the strategic framework, the mission, the people—the more I wanted to join the team and do good work!"

Dana lives in Wahpeton with her husband and three sons. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, writing, spending time at the lake, and cheering on her boys at sporting events.



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