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Summer Worship Series: Story Time

Noah and the Ark, David and Goliath, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son. For those who grew up in the Christian faith, these are some of the most popular and recognizable stories in the Bible. These stories are so old and familiar that we sometimes take for granted the powerful messages of faith they teach us.

Throughout the summer, we are going to look at these favorite stories of faith a little closer. What is God telling us through these stories? How do these stories help shape our faith and family lives?

As we gather each weekend to worship together, we will discover how God breathes new life into our family through these familiar stories. We will also see how they can help us live out our faith in our daily lives. Our hope is that you will be able to take worship with you on your



Some of the 300 children from VBS 2012

Vacation Bible School 2013

June 17-21, 9am to noon

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

GET READY for a week of epic adventure at Kingdom Rock VBS 2013! Children, ages four to entering 6th grade, will learn to stand strong for God through incredible Bible-learning experiences including stories, crafts, storytelling, games, snacks and more. The Captive Free band will lead the rockin' musical portion of the daily celebrations and get kids excited to praise God. Your kids and their friends won't want to miss it! Registration is available at www.sheridanlutheran.org/2013summer or forms are available at the Welcome and Connections Centers.



This week is not possible without the countless hours volunteers give to lead stations, act as crew leaders, walk alongside small groups of children and create the decorations. Volunteers are still needed to make this an incredible week for the nearly 300 children who will attend. Sign up to help children stand firm for God at the Welcome or Connections Center or contact Julie Hestermann.

Backyard Barbeque Event June 9; RSVP needed by June 2.



You are invited to a barbecue hosted by our friends at one of Tabitha's Green Houses, Martha House.

This fall, a special relationship was launched between Sheridan's Wednesdays @ the Well community and the Martha House. Throughout the year, many different student groups have visited the Martha House for fellowship, teach, learn and listen to stories from the residents.

To strengthen that relationship, they are hosting this event for all of Sheridan. They need an accurate count, so please sign up at the Welcome Center by June 2. Please indicate if you are able to bring any of the needed supplies. We hope you join us for this fun afternoon.

If you have a baptism, birth, wedding, sympathy or other milestone to share, please call the church office (402-423-4769). We'd be happy to share your news with our church family in the monthly Scroll. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Births

Chance Charles Bailey son of Renae & Kevin;

Cooper Dean Hoehne son of Amanda & James;

Dennison Paul Jensen son of Toni & Martin;

Hudson John Ourada son of Christine & Jeff.

Baptisms

Ruach Lam Duer & Jona Lam
Duer children of Lam Jock & Nyawuor Lam;

Ryan Louis Klinzman son of Etienne & Melissa;

Oliver David Packard son of Sam & Denise;

Weddings

Tisha Williams & Marcus Minzel;
Brendan Plageman & Emily Ross;
Tyler Clarke & Oxana Dema.

With Sympathy

Chris (Carl) Mesecher family
on the death of father Larry Anderson;

Nate (Maggie) Hall on the death of father Danny Hall;

Mary Kelley, Coke (Dave) Wolhuis on the death of son/brother Tim Kelley;

Frank Pratt family on the death of sister Dana DeWitt Pratt;

Financial Statements

Financial Statements for 2013 are available for pick up in the Great Hall the weekend of May 25 & 26.

Summer Office Hours & Holiday Closings

The church office will be open 8am-4pm from May 28 through Aug. 30. The church office will be closed Mon., May 27, for Memorial Day and Thurs., July 4 for Independence Day.

Business Directory Available

The 2013 Business Directory is available at the Welcome Center or online at www.sheridanlutheran.org/businessdirectory.

Habitat Build Update

Saturdays, 8am-4pm, Parking Lot

Info: www.sheridanlutheran.org/habitat

The walls have been framed, raised and roof trusses are in place, but much work is still needed to help make this House of Hope a home and many people are needed each of the remaining build days. To help the plan for meal preparations, let the Habitat team know when you plan to come each time by signing up online at the website above or email habitat@sheridanlutheran.org.

Volunteers are also needed to prepare and provide meals for the workers each Saturday. If you are able to help with meals, contact Linda Eggen at habitat@sheridanlutheran.org or sign up online using the website above.

Update Your Contact Information

Have changes in your email or home phone number? Don't forget to update the church office with changes or visit www.sheridanlutheran.org/updateinfo to fill out an the online form with your changes or update your Constant Contact preferences.

Story Time

summer activities, because we will give you tools to apply what we've learned. Each week an email devotion, based on the story from worship, will be sent so your family can continue to grow in your relationship with God and with each other during these busy summer months. Your heart will be filled as we revisit these wonderful stories of faith each week.



JUNE 1/2: "BLESSINGS" MATTHEW 5:1-12

"Blessed are those..." The world we live in has its own idea of what it means to be blessed. Does this idea match up with God's? As we look at the Beatitudes, Jesus shares with us what God's idea of what being blessed looks like.

JUNE 8/9: "HOPE AND PERSEVERANCE" GENESIS 8:6-12

Noah and the Ark is one of the most well-known stories of the Bible today, but how well do we really know the story? There is much more to this story than Noah gathering the animals two by two and God setting a rainbow in the sky. This Biblical story is really not the happy, joyful, heartfelt story we choose to remember.

JUNE 15/16: "GOD PROVIDES" MARK 6:35-44

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle Jesus performed before the resurrection that is included in all the gospels, so it must be very important. Jesus is teaching us that, through him, we as God's children will never go hungry spiritually. On this Father's Day we look at this perfect example of a father showing unconditional love.

JUNE 22/23: "BE BOLD" 1 SAMUEL 17:41-49

So often we trust in our own strength. Or, just as bad, feel powerless and defeated because we don't have any strength. On this occasion, David articulates a basic principle of faith -- God will act on our behalf when we trust in him and are obedient to his voice. David shows us what happens when we are bold in our faith.

JUNE 29/30: "STEPPING OUT IN FAITH" MATTHEW 14:22-32

Jesus will give us water-walking faith and asks us to step out in our faith. No matter what the circumstances are around us, our Lord who created the winds and the seas is right there with us every step of the way.

JULY 6/7: "FREEDOM OF FAITH" DANIEL 6:16-23

Daniel was a great man of faith and prayer. When he had to choose between praying to God or facing death for his beliefs, he was faithful to God. Here in America, we are blessed to have great religious freedom. We are free to pray privately to God at any time and any place. We can thank Jesus that we have this privilege. We can look to Daniel as an example to stand up for our religious freedom, and to be faithful to Jesus at all costs.

JULY 13/14: "HOW TO SERVE" LUKE 10:30-37

The Good Samaritan is one of the most well-known parables of Jesus. In this story Jesus gives the word "neighbor" a new meaning: anyone in need. Jesus is telling us when we help others; we are being Christ to them and serving God.

April 2013 income:

INCOME

General Fund	\$105,719
Mission	\$8,132
Building Campaign YTD	\$134,026

BUDGET

General Fund	\$126,804
Building Loan Balance	\$575,000

April 2013 attendance:

	WKND	WED	WKLY
April 6/7	1,021	278	1,299
April 13/14	1,115	269	1,384
April 20/21	1,138	323	1,461
April 27/28	1,805	319	2,124*
2013 average*	1,270		1,567
2012 average*	1,469		2,011

*Includes Confirmation

*Includes Holy Week/Easter

Collection Sunday

First weekend of the month

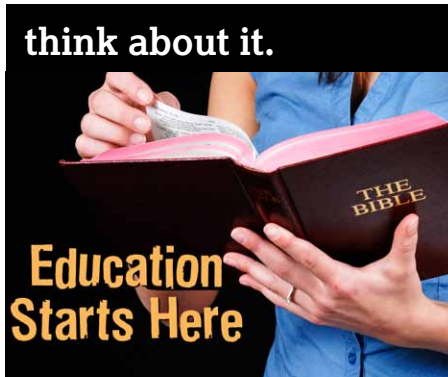
Info: r.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org

THE FOOD PANTRY needs all variations of tomato products (sauce, paste, diced, crushed, etc.), canned beans, soup, pasta and fruit.

CLINIC WITH A HEART needs various personal care and toiletry items.

THE BARNABAS COMMUNITY needs new or gently used and clean towels.

Cash donations are always welcome and needed to meet immediate needs. Please mark all financial contributions, "Food Pantry", "Clinic with a Heart" or "Barnabas Community."



SLC offers educational programs for children and adults. For a full listing of programs, visit us online at www.sheridanlutheran.org or call the church office.

VBS Volunteers and Training

Sun., June 2 at 9:45am or Wed., June 5 at 7pm

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We are searching for people who would like to teach kids to stand strong for God by becoming crew leaders or station leaders at Kingdom Rock VBS, June 17-21. If you have completed 5th grade, love the Lord, children and having fun, this job is for you! All volunteers are required to attend one of the training sessions listed above. Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome or Connections Center or contact Julie Hestermann.

Safeguarding God's Children Training

Mon., June 10, 6:30-9pm, Room 316

Info: k.paisley@sheridanlutheran.org

Volunteers who work with children and youth, ministry leaders, staff and parents are asked to take Safeguarding God's Children Training at Sheridan. This is a program geared at preventing and responding to child sexual abuse. It provides information needed to protect children and also informs participants how to protect themselves from abuse. Let's do our part to keep child sexual abuse from happening in our community.



Captive Free Hospitality Needs

Mon., June 17 – Fri., June 21

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

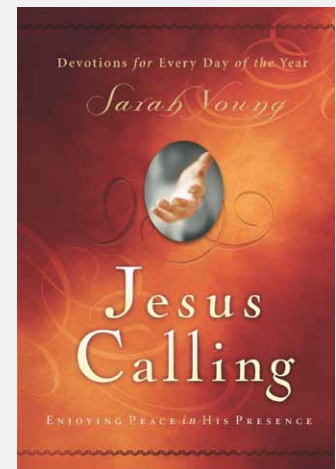
We are searching for one additional household to host a member of the Captive Free team. They need their own sleeping space and will need to eat some simple meals in the host home. Lunches will be provided at church. We are also searching for people to provide three more lunches for the Captive Free team during the week of VBS. Meals can be homemade or purchased and would need to be delivered to the church by noon. Please contact Julie Hestermann if you are interested in helping in this way.

1st Steps for Baptism

Sun., June 30, 11am, Conference Room

Info: k.paisley@sheridanlutheran.org

This class teaches about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, gives you an opportunity to meet other families preparing for this special day and offers some encouragement for you as Christian parents. You may bring your baby along and the nursery is available for older siblings. Feel free to schedule the baptism prior to attending the class.



Summer Toolbox Feature

JESUS CALLING by Sarah Young

Written as if Jesus were speaking directly to you.

An excerpt: "Hold My hand and walk with Me through this day. Together, we will enjoy all the good things that this day holds. And together we will find a way through the difficult things.... Don't worry about what's on the path up ahead. Just enjoy walking with Me today."

WAM Camp for 1st - 5th Graders

June 3-7, 1:30-3:30pm

Info: j.anderson@sheridanlutheran.org

Registration: www.sheridanlutheran.org/2013summer

Register now for Sheridan's Worship and Music Camp for 1st-5th graders. In WAM Camp, kids will learn praise songs, rotate through instrument stations and create prayer reminders. Campers will present a short Worship Celebration on Friday at 3pm for parents and guests and will sing in worship on June 9. Nine more spaces are available; cost is \$25 per camper. Sign up at the Welcome Center or download a registration form online.

Worlds of Fun Day Trip

Sat., June 8, Kansas City; Cost: \$60

Info: c.mcdaniel@sheridanlutheran.org

FAQ: <http://tinyurl.com/HeartfestFAQ>

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/Heartfestsignup>
29:13 Ministries is planning a day trip to *Heartfest* at Worlds of Fun. This trip includes entry to both Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun as well as several concerts. The artists at *Heartfest* include Casting Crowns, Newsboys, Building 429 and more! This event is open to all current 6th-12th graders.

29:13 Ministries Summer Mission Trip in Dallas

Info: c.mcdaniel@sheridanlutheran.org

29:13 ministries will be traveling via motor coaches to Dallas with nearly 225 young people as a part of the Nebraska Synod Mission Trip the last week of June. While in Dallas, participants will be staying at Texas Wesleyan University and working on a variety of different service projects that will be assigned shortly before departure.

Please pray for those attending: Maya Gardner, John Strayer, Connor Tryon, Tori Tryon and Eric Ullman with adult leaders April Hilpert-Whitney and Cameron McDaniel.

Sunday School Schedule

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

There will be no Sunday School classes or Children's Church from May 28 through September 1. Sunday classes will resume on September 8.

Summer Devotions for Families

Watch your inbox for weekly devotions connecting the weekend worship scriptures to daily life. Devotions will be delivered on Wednesdays, beginning June 5.

School of Rock Worship Arts Day Camp



July 15-19, 10am-2pm; plus participate in all worship services on July 20 & 21; Cost: \$25

Info: c.mcdaniel@sheridanlutheran.org

A camp for middle and high school students to experience all aspects of Sheridan's Worship Arts Ministries. The week will focus on Psalm 18:31 "For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God?"

Youth will sample each rotation from singing on a praise team, playing in a praise band, operating a sound board, creating and operating visuals, writing and acting out dramas and rank their favorite experiences. The remainder of the week will be spent learning and practicing two aspects of Worship Arts, engaging in worship or devotions and

fun activities. On July 20 & 21, the youth will share their experience with the congregation during all weekend services. Cost includes a T-shirt and lunch on Friday, please bring a sack lunch Mon.-Thurs.

Camp staff includes Julie Anderson, Children's Music Coordinator; Jaymie Freye, Music Associate; Cameron McDaniel, Youth Coordinator; Molly Schmit, Director of Worship Arts; Bryan Tepe, Sound Technician as well as guest artists.

Abiding Month

Sheridan practices Abiding Month during July. This means a minimum of scheduling for programming and meetings so staff can fully use the time to abide in Christ for rest and renewal. Jesus tells us in John 15 that abiding in him is the best way to bear fruit. If we are to walk as disciples of Christ, we must learn to practice the rhythm of nature, that is, to rest and spend time abiding in God's presence, focusing on Him. Abiding will give us concentrated time receiving power and strength from the Father, renewing our call in this world. Worship, of course, both individual and corporate is a priority during this time as is Bible study. We encourage everyone to be intentional in renewing your soul and spirit during July. When we start again from this place of rest, we can return with renewed creativity and energy for God's work at Sheridan and in the community.

Volunteer Profile: Dannielle Oestreich

Reaching Out and Giving Back

Written by Cheryl Stubbendieck, Executive Director of Barnabas Community

Dannielle Oestreich joined Sheridan in 2005 because of the wonderful welcome she received. She was a single mother at the time and hadn't felt accepted in her former church. "Everyone was just so friendly, so welcoming. I loved the upbeat services, the way people were laid back...that everybody was doing stuff." After her grandfather's death last summer, Dannielle felt called to serve as he had. She became a Babies in Christ Mentor last fall, then a Story Reader at the Barnabas Community, accompanied by her 12-year-old daughter McKenzie. "That was only once every three months and we wanted to do more," Dannielle explains, so they began volunteering in the Barnabas Store. In April, Dannielle taught the first "Nutritious Cooking on a Budget" class at the Barnabas Community Center.



Her family now includes husband John, a managing principal with Waddell & Reed, and their son, Tucker, 3. Dannielle works part-time as marketing director for Cornhusker Billiards and also has a personal ministry, Cards for Seniors, leading family and others in crafting handmade Christmas cards for lonely and isolated seniors. Volunteering has helped her to feel more appreciative of what she has, she says: "I like helping people and I think it's important to model service to my children."

Tornado Recovery Giving

Many homes were damaged or destroyed as tornadoes touched down throughout Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Illinois and Iowa. As strong winds and warm fronts continue to move across the nation, the threat for future tornado outbreaks is looming.

Your help is needed to bring hope to our sisters and brothers in need. Lutheran Disaster Response affiliates are already on the ground, assessing the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the tornadoes. We already know it will be a long road to recovery, and your gifts are needed now to begin coordinating volunteers, rebuilding homes and offering spiritual and emotional care to those in need. Our church is reaching out in response to these devastating storms and collecting donations for the storm repairs to send on your behalf. All gifts given to Sheridan designated to "US Tornadoes" will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response. Gifts designated to "US Tornadoes" through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely — 100 percent — to help survivors of tornadoes rebuild their lives and livelihoods. Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your partnership.



Haiti Vacation Bible School – Fet Bondye – Party by the Sea!

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere where the average life expectancy is only 48 years old. Diseases like malaria, cholera, HIV/AIDS ravage the population. Children in Haiti live in a culture that still practices child slavery, called 'restavek' in Creole. Many children at the age of 5 or 6 are sold for an average of \$50 US dollars because their family cannot afford to care for them. They are held captive and made to do domestic work without having the chance to attend school. Children are very vulnerable in Haiti, rarely do they get to do something special to

develop faith and a sense of hope. Sheridan, in partnership with The Haitian Timoun Foundation, is working to foster that sense of hope.

Six youth and adults from Sheridan will help lead Fet Bondye, which means "Party by the Sea." Fet Bondye is very similar to our version of Vacation Bible School. Please pray for Alex Bouvier, Raeann Bronder, Alex Henning, Pastor Rhonda Bostrom, Julie Hestermann and Cameron McDaniel as they go to work alongside 35 other Lutheran youth and adults from Georgia and Colorado, as well as Haitian college students. Also, be sure to read Haiti updates on the Sheridan blog at www.sheridanlutheran.blogspot.com

A way you can support Fet Bondye is by visiting the child sponsorship table in the Great Hall June 15-23. There, you can learn more about the children and women that benefit directly from our work in Haiti.

VBS Tradition

Sing-Along and Ice Cream Social

Thurs., June 20, 7 pm, Worship Center & Family Life Center

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

Everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of music, fellowship and fun. This is a great opportunity to celebrate being a church family. The Captive Free band will be on hand to help lead songs while the children sing along. It will be just like the opening time of VBS complete with a puppet show and maybe even a visit from Bibleman! We'll top the evening off with an old fashioned ice cream social with all the makings for sundaes and root beer floats.

Cards Group

Sun., June 2, 3-5pm, Room 111

Info: c.peterson@sheridanlutheran.org

Join us for cards, followed by a potluck supper.

Photo Presentation for Fathers

Photos are needed for a Father's Day weekend slide show, June 15 & 16. As a special way to celebrate the gift of fatherhood, you may submit a favorite photo of fathers and/or grandfathers (with or without their children) to Bryan Tepe (b.tepe@sheridanlutheran.org) or you may drop off a photo to the church office. All photos will be returned. Deadline for submissions is Sun., June 9.

Family Fishing & Fun Night

Sat., June 29; Starts at 3pm; Eat at 5pm

Terpsma Family Pond: 12200 Roca Rd. Benet, NE

Info: j.freye@sheridanlutheran.org

The Men's Ministry is sponsoring this event for families of all ages for a night full of fun, fishing and fellowship at Bob and Gretchen Terpsma's pond. Please bring your own fishing gear, chairs, food to grill and side dish to share. Plates, silverware, iced tea,

lemonade and water will be provided. The fun will start at 3pm and we will start grilling at 5pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or email Pastor Jeremy if your family plans to attend.

Book Fair for El Salvador Habitat Build

Sat., June 8; 5-7pm and Sun., June 9; 9am-1pm

Family Life Center

Info: j.freye@sheridanlutheran.org

The El Salvador mission team is asking for book donations for their Book Fair on June 8 & 9. Everyone is invited to come and see if there are any books they would like to have for a free will offering. The Book Fair is to benefit the purchase of building materials for houses the mission team will help build.

Congregational Breakfast Fundraiser for El Salvador

Sun., June 9; 9-11:30am; Family Life Center

Sponsored by El Salvador Mission Team

Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship between each of the morning worship services on June 9. This will take place in conjunction with the Book Fair. Everyone is invited to this free will offering event.

Alex Henning Writes from Haiti

Check out the Sheridan blog at www.sheridanlutheran.blogspot.com to see how he feels about being called a "Blanc" in Creole and some new friends he has already made in his short time there.

Bridges to Hope Bike-a-Thon

Sat., June 15, 9am

Info: infob2h@windstream.net or 402-420-5696, www.BridgesToHopeNE.org

Bridges to Hope Ministry invite all ages to ride in the Second Annual Bike-a-Thon on the Jamaica/Homestead Trail. Registration is \$20 and participants are invited to bring additional sponsor donations in support to Bridges to Hope. All donations benefit this ministry as they provide former prisoners access to free clothing, furniture, and personal items necessary for re-entering society. Register at <http://getmeregistered.com/BridgestoHope> by June 12 or complete and mail a registration form found at the Welcome Center.

Lincoln Social Singles 30Plus

Info: Betsy Howe, 402-580-4566,

lss30plus@gmail.com

Join our group of active singles/widowed/divorced, ages 30+, interested in meeting new people and trying new things!

"Race Away" at Eagle Raceway

Sat., June 8, 5pm; SCC main campus east parking lot

Hot laps start 5:30pm; racing begins at 6:30pm on "America's Fastest Half Mile Track." Cost: \$10 entrance fee.

Eat at Tandoor Indian Food

Fri., July 12, 6pm; 3530 Village Dr. #1

This is one of Betsy's favorite restaurants. RSVP to Betsy.

Sign up for our "meet up group" through www.meetup.com, groups in Lincoln NE, Lincoln Social Singles 30Plus.

Summer Changes for *The Scroll* Submission and Publication

The Scroll will be published mid-July and mid-August to take time to celebrate the summer's special programs and prepare to kick off another program year.

The Scroll will return to its regular submission and publication schedule in time for the October edition. If you have information you would like to be included in *The Scroll*; please submit information to a.wagner@sheridanlutheran.org by the following deadlines:

July 1: July/August edition

August 1: August/September edition

September 15*: October edition

*Regular deadline for *Scroll* submissions

Remember to look for the special editions of *The Scroll* this summer.



Nebraska Synod Assembly

Each spring, rostered leaders, congregational delegates and others from ELCA Lutheran churches in Nebraska gather in

assembly to uplift and celebrate ministries and address issues facing the leaders, congregations and agencies within the Nebraska Synod. The Nebraska Synod truly believes the Holy Spirit will inspire and light the fuse as we know that with God, "Mission is Possible!"

Mission will be possible as assembly speakers inspire and evoke in us a sense of how God is leading us as the church today in a shifting culture and world. Many other leaders, musicians and guests will also be a part of our worship and sessions. Bishop Brian Maas will guide the assembly in celebration of many missions already possible, a celebration of the 20th anniversary of our relationship with the Northern Diocese, a celebration of the 25th anniversary of our partnership in the ELCA and much more.

Staff members from Sheridan attending the assembly are Pastor Greg Bouvier, Pastors Eric & Rhonda Bostrom and Kathy Paisley. Sheridan's delegates include Larry Harnish & Vickie McDonald, Craig & Julie Frederick, Ray & Cindy Swanson and Mary Wobig. Please pray for those from Sheridan who are attending the assembly as they seek God's guidance in making sure this mission is indeed possible.

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Assoc. Pastor: Eric Bostrom

Assoc. Pastor: Rhonda Bostrom

Assoc. Pastor: Jeremy Freye

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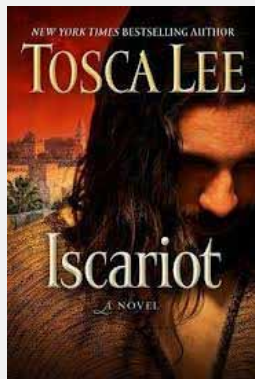
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Cameron McDaniel

Communications Coordinator:

Amy Wagner



Author to join June Book Discussion Group

ISCARIOT by Tosca Lee;

books are available in the office for \$12.50 (please have exact amount)

Wed., June 12, 6:30pm, Room 316

Award winning author, Tosca Lee, will be our special guest at Sheridan for our Summer Book Discussion Group. Tosca Lee's latest book, *Iscariot*, is a compelling portrait of biblical history's most maligned character – from his tumultuous childhood to his emergence as the man known as the betrayer of Jesus. This book also offers an extraordinary view into the life of Jesus and the political and social climate of that time.

For a complete staff listing, please visit our website at www.sheridanlutheran.org.