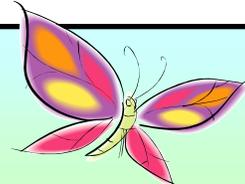


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MRS. KAUL WESTBY SCHOOL FACULTY 1969-2008

After 38 years in the Westby School system and a total of 41 years as an elementary teacher, Diann Kaul has decided it is time to move on to the next chapter in her life. As is usually the case, this change comes with mixed emotions. Diann stated, "I will miss the kids the most. Each school year brought me the best class I had ever had! One thing I won't miss is beginning my day at 6:00 am every morning."

A native of Terry, Montana, Diann's teaching career began in Lame Deer as a Head Start teacher soon after graduating from Montana State University.



Back stateside, Floyd and Diann, found themselves settled in Westby, a place they have call home for 39 years. Floyd is an independent oil pumper. Diann became Westby's second grade instructor in 1969 and would remain in that position until 1989 with one year off for family leave. Beginning in the fall of 1989, she taught a combined class of third and fourth graders. After 16 years she switched to a second-third grade class and is finishing her third year with this combination.

Diann mentioned, "My first class contained Eric Nielsen and

Her next assignment would be in a little Christian school in Okinawa where her husband, Floyd, was stationed. Although she only taught there for a year, she felt the experience she gained was invaluable.

Brenda Solberg. I have taught their children and as chairman of the school board, Brenda, is now my boss. I've taught two generations of many families in Westby. I don't want to wait for the third generation. It is time to move on."

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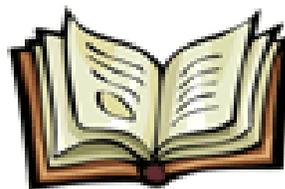


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A Day in the Life



Book Club

By Lorna Lagerquist

During the month of April Ruth Brown flew on Northwest Airlines to Orange County, California to visit her son Paul and family. While there she also visited friends in Anaheim Hills, Tustin, and Rancho Palos Verdes. She enjoyed meeting her whale-watching friends at Pt. Vicente and seeing some gray whales, dolphins, and a sea lion.

Bev Pederson and Ruth Brown traveled to Minot recently to attend a health seminar.

Senior Citizens met at the Westby Community Center on May 5th. The lunch was potluck. Progressive whist winners were John Tommerup - first, and Louise Nordhagen-second. The door prize was won by Louise Nordhagen. Guests were Ruth Brown and Mark Nordhagen.

Sandy Elm, Karen Meyer, Lorna Lagerquist, and Cathy Nordhagen all were in Plentywood on May 13th to attend a class given to election judges.

Casey Elm hosted his parents Sandy and Slugger, along with his grandmother Rose Frickson on Mothers Day at the Prairie Kitchen for dinner. Other guests were Marilyn Ming, Teresa and Clifford Johnson, and Shannon, Mike, and Cole Gebhardt.

Karen Meyer had her mother Arnette Haagenon and brother Randy Haagenon over for dinner on Sunday, May 11th in honor of Mother's Day.

The Westby Book club picked for our classic book, "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. The first book was published in 1943. It was so widely read that a special edition was published in 1947.

Francie Nolan lived in an apartment with her mother, Katie, father Johnnie, and her brother Neeley. Her mother worked hard everyday as the janitress of their building plus two others. Their father was not much account, getting jobs at eating places as a waiter and sometimes sang for the crowd. What money he made seemed to find it's way to the bar.

Francie worked at going to school, which she dearly loved. She turned sixteen and her Mother told her needed to go to work so Neeley could go to high school. Every job Francie got she excelled in, as she was able to catch on to her duties so fast, and was always moved up in her position.

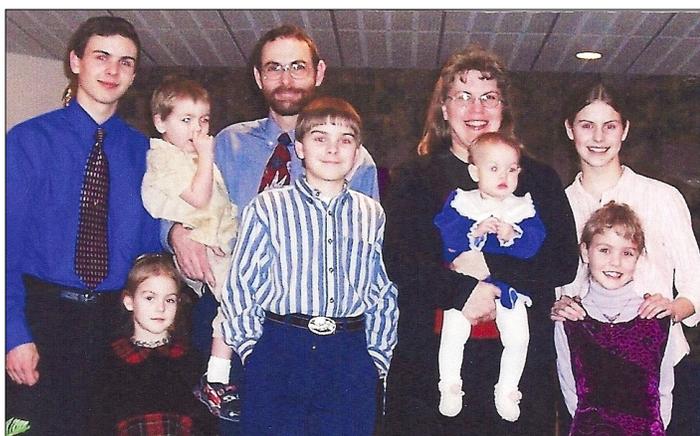
It was a hard life for all, but they made it as all of them loved family and stood up for each other.

Everyone really enjoyed the book and we all highly recommend that you read it if you have not. Even if you read it many years ago, it is worth reading again.

TAKE NOTE

On June 8th Immanuel Lutheran Church will be filled with the sounds of Gospel Bluegrass music provided by The Petersen family. There will be food and fellowship beginning at 5, and the music will begin around 7 PM.

The Petersen family enjoys sharing their love of God, family, and music through gospel blue grass music. Arlon and Jan, along with their 7 children, ages 1 to 17, play a variety of instruments including the guitar, bass, violin, mandolin, harmonica, and banjo. The family enjoys country life near Alamo, ND where they farm and raise a menagerie of animals. Their desire is that glory and honor will be brought to Jesus Christ through their music ministry. The Petersen Family have shared their music at many functions in Divide County including the DC Threshing Bee, Crosby Ludefest, and most recently for Palm Sunday services at Concordia Lutheran Church in Crosby.



Pictured above: The Petersen family will be performing at Immanuel Lutheran Church on June 8th.

Mrs. Kaul*(Continued from Front Page)*

As far as plans for retirement, Diann wants to make her husband, children and grandchildren a priority, which hasn't always been possible. Floyd and Diann have three children; Korby (Lisa) of Washburn, Jermaine (Don) of Billings, and Trevor (Nikki) of Williston and 10 grandchildren. "Reading, volunteering, and traveling will also play a part in my retirement, as well as, the endless things that wait for me at home."

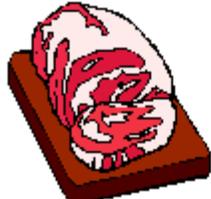
Floyd and Diann have a couple short trips planned for this year, but come September Floyd, the kids and the grandkids will be back on the back burner for a short time as Diann enjoys a trip of a life time. She, along with her brother and his wife, will travel to Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands for a month long adventure. Included will be a trip to the Outback, an Aborigine colony, and a tour of a local school system.

On May 5th the Westby School Board and administration held a retirement party in Diann's honor at the school cafeteria. Many were in attendance to wish her well in her retirement. The board appropriately presented her with a set of luggage for her many travels and her husband presented her with a most unique gift; a Westby letterman's jacket with "Teacher Diann" on the front and "Westby School faculty 1969-2008" on the back. Best of luck as you make the transition from Mrs. Kaul to Teacher Diann, and many years of happiness as you move to this next chapter in your life. Thanks for the many years of dedication to the youth of our area.

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POTLUCK TO FOLLOW



Never mind me, as the saying goes, “I’m not sure if I’m a foot or horseback.” Busy, busy spring, which goes without saying, but on top of that, I’m heading to California next week so am having a hard time concentrating on the tasks at hand. The anticipation of this trip, which will serve a dual purpose, has had images of Baby Colton running through my mind (of course, as his Grandma, I **do** have him literally running at 7 ½ months old) followed by Goofy, Mickey, Donald Duck, and a host of other Disney characters.

My Mother has wanted to take my three nephews ages 6, and soon to be 10, and 11 to Disneyland for quite some time. Well, the time is here and it will be loads of fun as not only are Grandma and Auntie going, but also their favorite cousin, Ashley, is going, as well. First stop, though, will be in Visalia to spend a few days with Chel and Heather and of course, Colton. The boys have not, as yet, been introduced to their new little cousin and they are very excited. In their mind it rates right up there with Disneyland, at least in the oldest ones’. We will spend a few days getting acquainted and reacquainted with Colton before we head to the next big adventure. The boys will love every minute of spending time in the pool and hanging out with their “big” and “little” cousins.

Then it’s on to LA. It will be fun to see Disneyland through the eyes of a six or ten or even a whopping eleven year old. I have not been to Disneyland since 1980 when Chel was four (Mom took Pam and Ashley to Disneyworld when Ashley was 12) so even through these old eyes it will be pretty magical.

Which brings me to the point. I’m not sure when, in June, the first issue of *the Border News* will come out. I will do my best, but soon after I get home Chel, Heather and Colton are coming to Montana (after all, Grandpa was feeling kind of left out) for a visit. I just wanted to give everyone a heads up on this.

This week’s recipes are for baked goodies. I thought it a good time to share them since it is still cool enough to bake and some may still be packing lunches.

I asked for this cookie recipe from Eileen even before I knew the name of them (I am Swedish, in case you didn’t know). They are just delicious and we won’t discuss the fact they have two cups of butter in them.

Swedish Lemon Cookies

2 C white sugar
 2 C butter
 2 C flour
 1 tsp soda
 pinch of salt
 2 tsp lemon extract
 3 C old fashioned oatmeal

Cream sugar and butter for 8-10 min. Add lemon extract. Sift flour, soda and salt together. Add to creamed mixture. Then add oatmeal. Bake at 350 for 9-12 min. Cool on cookie sheet before moving.



This next recipe came to me from my daughter-in-law, Heather, who got it at an Illinois family reunion. Since we were on the butter kick, I thought this recipe would work in quite nicely.

GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

1 box yellow cake mix
 1 cup butter, divided
 4 eggs, divided
 1 box (16 ounces) powdered sugar
 1 8oz cream cheese
 1 t vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9X13 pan with cooking spray. Mix together cake mix, ½ butter, melted, and 2 eggs until moistened. Pat into pan covering bottoms and up half- inch or so on sides of pan. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth, add 2 eggs and vanilla, beat until combined, beat in ½ cup butter, melted, until blended. Gradually beat in sugar on low speed. Spread over crust. Bake 40-50 minutes, until sides are set and middle is still a little jiggle. Cool, dust with powdered sugar.

ENJOY! LIFE IS GOOD!

I'm off to Colton's Magical World *and* the Magical World of Disney!

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“MY FAMILY NOW HAS HOPE” THE DARCY BERVIK STORY

Only a few years ago, Darcy Bervik a 1977 graduate of WHS and the daughter of Glenny Bervik and the late Selmer Bervik, had hit bottom and she and her children were trapped in a terrible cycle of poverty, crime and abuse. The following is excerpts from her story as printed in the *Chronicle*, a publication put out by the Denver Rescue Mission.

Darcy’s nightmare began when she met a man who seemed charming and promised to give her and her two sons from a previous marriage a happy home and a good life. Before long, the controlling and abusive facets of his character revealed themselves. Darcy says, “I wanted to leave so bad, but I could not. I feared for my life and lives of my children. My husband convinced me I was not a fit mother and over time, I believed him. I had no confidence in myself and didn’t think I could do anything without him.”

In 2004 with two more children, the family became homeless and moved into the woods of Idaho. First, they lived in a tent, then a cargo van. The physical and mental abuse persisted and intensified. After Darcy gave birth to her fifth child, in 2005, her husband taught her two oldest boys how to rob banks. Over the next year, her husband and the boys were arrested in Oregon for the robberies, and Darcy was taken into custody as well. Her three youngest children were placed in homes with foster parents. Darcy thought of that time, I thought to myself, ‘How did I get here?’ I just started crying and praying to God because I really didn’t know what to do. I felt so alone.”

Determined to do whatever it would take to win her children back, Darcy researched different programs for women in the Rocky Mountain region.

In October, 2006, Darcy moved in to the Denver Rescue Mission’s home, Champa House, for mother’s seeking transformed lives. “Champa House has truly been a blessing for me,” Darcy says. The New Life Program at Champa House helped her regain custody of her three youngest children in August of 2007, and parenting classes, bible studies, and Christian counseling have helped her to grow in self-confidence. Darcy also completed her certificate in bookkeeping and will soon begin an internship after which she hopes to obtain a secure and rewarding position.

As was mentioned, Darcy’s husband and two oldest boys were arrested for the robberies they committed. Charges were brought and at this time, Farron Hawkins is serving a 30 year sentence in Idaho for his part with no chance for parole. Travis, who is now 19 and the youngest of the boys, was a juvenile when the crimes were committed, has served his time and is presently working for a construction company in Colorado. Twenty-three year old Garrett is serving a 17 year sentence in the state of Colorado while awaiting a new hearing.

Today, despite the adversities, Darcy has recovered her self-esteem, has been reunited with her youngest children, and finds hope for the future, not only for herself, but for all of her children.

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who made my retirement party such a memorable occasion. It was a lot of fun to visit with everyone, and I treasure all the kind messages and gifts I received. I would like to especially thank the Westby School Board for their part in giving this party. I look forward to a new chapter in my life, but a part of me will always remain in the Westby School.

Sincerely,

Diann Kaul

STATE MUSIC

FESTIVAL RESULTS

The Eastern Montana State Music Festival was held at Billings West High School, May 2-3. Westby High School musicians earned two superior ratings and one excellent rating. Kayla Pulvermacher earned a superior rating for her flute solo and combined with Terrance Bjorgen in a flute duet to bring home a second superior rating. Samantha Olson and Kylie Ryals earned a II on their saxophone duet. The WHS musicians are under the direction of Mr. Greg Janick. Pictured below is Kayla and Terrance.

LION'S RAFFLE

The Westby Lion's Club is holding a raffle with proceeds going to enhance their emergency fund. Tickets are \$5.00 and the winner will receive \$400.00 of beef, cut and wrapped, from Al's Meat. Tickets are available at Al's Meat or from any Lion's Club member.



BOYS QUALIFY FOR STATE GOLF

Four boys from Westby qualified for the Class C Montana State Golf Meet held in Livingston on May 13th and 14th. Derek Hellegaard, Taylor Nielsen, Soeren Bach and Colton Hellegaard, coached by Chuck Somppi, combined for a team score of 603 during this meet.

Although this wasn't a strong enough finish to place in the top ten, Colton thrilled his fellow teammates when he aced the par 3, 110 yard No. 8 with his pitching wedge during Monday's practice round. Soeren exclaimed, "It was amazing to watch!"

BEREZAY

Memorial Services for Marion E. Berezay, 73 of Plentywood were held at 2:00 pm Saturday, May 10, 2008 at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Plentywood with Pastor Greg Smithson presiding. Cremation had taken place; interment of cremated remains followed at the McElroy Cemetary near Westby. Honorary Pallbearers were all of Marion's family and friends.

Marion passed away peacefully at her home May 4, 2008. She was born December 4, 1934 in Westby one of six children born to Edward & Marie (Gabrielson) Nordhagen. Marion's father passed away when she was 8 years of age. They moved to Spokane Marion's Junior year in high school. Marion was home sick and would not eat or sleep. Their mother had to sell the house and move back to Westby. She graduated from Westby and then traveled in 4 states as a typist for an oil abstract company.

While working, she met Ray Berezay in Cutbank, Montana. They later were married on June 23, 1956 in Westby, MT. To this union were born two children Keith & Rhonda. Ray was killed tragically in a plane crash on April 8, 1962.

Marion worked years as a typist at the Plentywood Herald. She also worked at Randy's restaurant and at the Sheridan Memorial Hospital.

She later met Carl Zimmerman who was a dear friend for many years and later on passed away.

She was very close with her sister Mickey and together they loved to fish. As private as Marion was, it was a completely different matter when she was fishing! It was not unlike her to announce to the people on any particular lake that she and Mickey were fishing that she had just landed a fish with one of her trademark yells! She and Mickey also took a trip to Branson Missouri that was a great memory of Marion's.

She is preceded in death by her infant sister Pearl Marion; her parents; her husband of only 5 years, Ray Berezay and her dear friend Carl Zimmerman.; She is survived by her son Keith (Tricia) Berezay and family of Plentywood; her daughter Rhonda (Tom) Christensen and family of Polson; her brothers James (Jennie) Nordhagen; Milo (Louise) Nordhagen; Paul "Buddy" Nordhagen all of Westby and her fraternal twin sister Marlys "Mickey" Martini of Glendive; also by her dear friend Marlys Marsh of Plentywood.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood had charge of arrangements.



Pictured Left: Marion Berezay



*Pictured Right:
Cecelia Nordhagen*

NORDHAGEN, Cecelia "Cece's"

Passed away April 27, 2008 in Spokane Valley, WA. Born on November 22, 1923 in Kansas City, MO. A resident since 1959, she graduated from high school in Westby, MT. She worked in manufacturing custom drapes. She was past President of Veradale Eagles Auxiliary. Mrs. Nordhagen raised Appaloosas in the Valley and was a Girl Scout Leader. She married Earl Clayton Nordhagen in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She is survived by daughter, Lois (George) Houchens, Liberty Lake, WA; son, Bryce (Rosie) Nordhagen, Spokane, WA; daughter, Cherri (Rich) Mauch, Vancouver, WA; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Joyce Rush, North Pekin, IL. Special thanks to Delores Simioniw who was Mrs. Nordhagen's caregiver.

Mrs. Nordhagen enjoyed knitting, sewing, dancing, reading and crocheting. She made good homemade bread, buns and Lefsa. Services were held Friday, May 2, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at Thornhill Valley Chapel, 1400 S. Pines Rd., Spokane Valley, WA. With Pastor Ray Ruef officiating. Interment followed at Pines Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association Research, 910 W. 5th Ave., Suite 256, Spokane, WA 99204.

Cecelia was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Loveless of Alkabo, ND.

Lutheran Parish

- 22nd - Immanuel Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 25th - WORSHIP - SJ - 8:45 am, Imm - 10:00 am, Coffee - Charity
- 26th - Memorial Day
- 27th - Bible Study Leaders Meeting - 7:00 pm

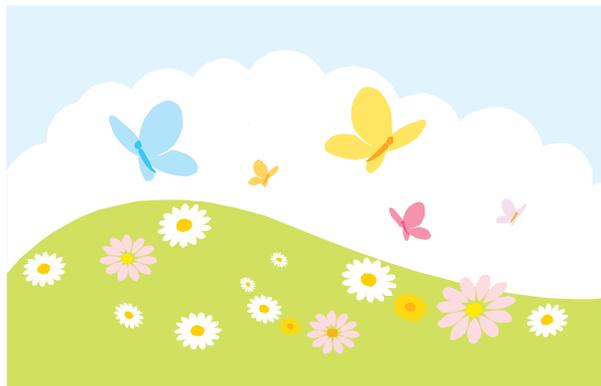
- ### UPCOMING EVENTS
- 20th—Nine Weeks Tests Periods 2 & 8
 - 21st—Nine Weeks Tests Periods 4 & 6
 - 22nd—Nine Weeks Test Periods 3 & 7
 - 23rd—Last day of School—students dismissed at 11:00, Grenora Graduation—6:30 MT, Nine Weeks Tests Period 1
 - 26th—Memorial Day Program at 10:30 followed by potluck



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GIRLS QUALIFY FOR STATE TRACK

The Divisional Track Meet was held in Sidney on May 15th. The Westby girls placed fourth with 66 points and only three participants. First place went to Hinsdale/Saco with 101 points and Fairview and Circle tied for second and third with 70 points.

Here are the results:

Samantha Olson-High Jump-1st, 400 M-2nd, Javelin-3rd, 100 M-6th, 200M-6th, **Kylie Ryals**-Javelin-4th, **Maria Sundsted**-Long Jump-1st, Triple Jump-2nd, 400 M-3rd, 100 M-3rd, 200 M-3rd.

Colton Hellegaard was the lone boy and place 10th in javelin.

Maria, Samantha & Kylie have qualified for the State Track Meet to be held in Helena on May 23th & 24th. Samantha's time in the 400M set a new school record. The high school track coaches are Sue and Kim Meyer.



JUNE 8TH

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Westby, Montana

THE PETERSEN FAMILY

Alamo, North Dakota

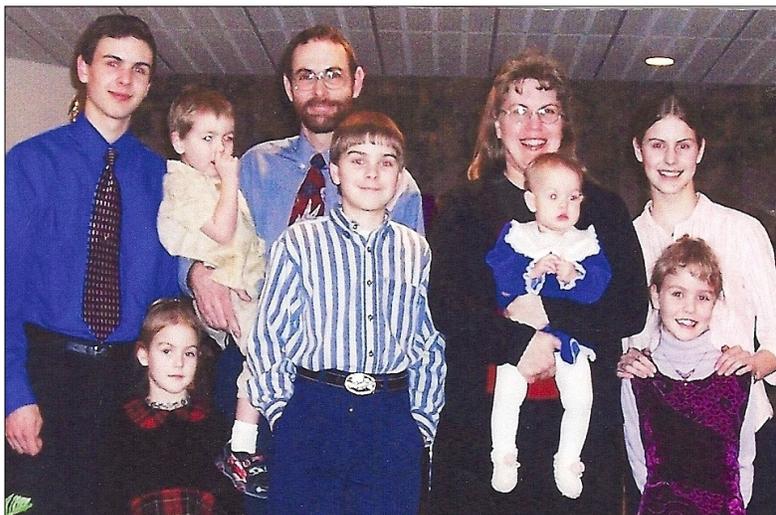
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WESTBY AUXILIARY HOLDS MEETING

Westby American Legion Auxiliary President Christine Schmidt, called the monthly meeting to order. Irene Stageberg offered two prayers for our devotion.

We sang the National Anthem. In prayer we remembered our war dead and prayed for peace. The Preamble was repeated. Roll call was taken with five members present. Adeline then presented the minutes of our April meeting and Ethel Harshbarger read our treasurers report. Both were approved.

Christine sent 32 small stuffed animals to Miles City VA, and we received a nice thank you. Our treasurer gave Christine a check for the expenses. The letter of the month was read from District President Geraldine Pennell.

Adeline brought the eight poppy posters our 4th and 5th graders constructed and decided on the gift we shall give them. Thanks kids, and your teacher, Wade Drew. We are so glad they will make the posters

We will have posters made for our Memorial Day Observation, which will be at the school on Monday, May 26th at 10:30 with a potluck dinner to follow the program, we planned part of the dinner.

Everyone is invited to spend the day with us and to help, (it would be nice if you bring something to serve at our meal). Thanks folks!

We remember our women who have been members of our Auxiliary for over 50 years. We thought of Theresa Anderson (deceased) 57 years. Audrey Andersen, 57 years, Irene Stageberg, 57 years and Martha Chaffee 54 years. Our blessings to all of you.

Our next meeting will be September 1st at the Community Center with Irene as hostess. Christine served cake and coffee. Meeting adjourned.

Adeline Lagerquist,

Secretary



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Westby Development Corporation is sponsoring a city-wide garage sale to be held on July 12th in conjunction with the LYO Rummage Sale and Prairie Fest 2008. The WDC will do the advertising and distribute the list of garage sale sites. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Val Moore at 385-2315.

SUGAR, SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE....

Hannah Jade Sorenson was born May 4, 2008 to Perry and Laura Sorenson. She weighted 2 lbs 5 ½ oz and was 14 inches long.



Anyone wishing to send cards may send them to:

Perry & Laura Sorenson
3725 Vista Blue Circle
Billings, MT 59101



SPRING CLEANING

The Westby Lutheran Youth Group will be holding a rummage sale on July 12th in conjunction with the Prairie Fest. Any and all donations would be appreciated. Items may be dropped at the Community Center or call Shari Olson at 385-2299 for pick-up or more information. The Immanuel LYO is earning money to attend the Western States Youth Gathering to be held in Anaheim, California July 29-August 1, 2008.

*What sunshine is to
flowers, smiles are to
humanity.*

— Joseph Addison

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