

# The Messenger

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## St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church



### Graduates to be Recognized



Graduation from any educational institution is a significant life transition, and we are eager to acknowledge that transition within our community of faith. Developing our God-given intellect is one of our important callings, and we celebrate all growth in learning.

At worship on Sunday, **May 21st** we will recognize all those from our congregation who are graduating from any educational institution (e.g. High School, Technical School, College, Graduate School, etc.). We want to list in the bulletin all those who are graduating, but - in order to do that - we need your help. Please call the church office to inform us of any graduates within the congregation and encourage them to be with us at worship on **May 21st**.

### Celebration Worship and Barbecue!

**Sunday May 21, 9:00AM**

**Schuster's Round Barn**

We will not have worship in the church this day. Instead join us as we celebrate...graduates and the end of Sunday School. We will worship with the Promised Band and then join in fellowship around a meal of Brats, Hotdogs, chips and bars. Join us for this fun filled morning!



### Acolyte Training

**Wednesday May 10 from 6-7:30**

Families of sixth graders are welcome to join us for dinner at 6pm in the Education Center. We will then go up to the sanctuary for Acolyte Training from 6:30-7:30. Both the meal and training are important pieces of preparation for Confirmation in the Fall.



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are: a congregation called, gathered and united by Christ*  
*We trust: in God's creative and reconciling love through Christ*  
*We live: to celebrate, study, proclaim and live-out the Gospel in our family community and world.*

## Pastor's Pen

When asked what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow, Martin Luther said, "I would plant a tree."

Martin Luther

QuoteAddicts.com

Part of our world ended this past month. As our family has grieved the loss of our first mother, Donna and for the girls, their first grandmother "the ferry grandmother," we have been overwhelmed by the support of the congregation. I know that many of you have been through similar experiences and your wisdom, embraces and words have meant so much to our family. Thank you.

This death has hit at a time of year in the church where we are continually oscillating between death and life. Cold weather and rain reminds us of the death of Winter, sunshine and fresh cut grass remind us of life. Good Friday brings to the forefront death, Easter morning brings us to the hope of not only life, but life eternal.

As we were greeting people during visitation at Hooverson Funeral Home in Sauk City, I saw a plaque that had the following excerpt on it:

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*The Funeral: helps confirm the reality and finality of death. Provides a climate for mourning and the expression of grief. Allows the sorrows of one to become the sorrows of many. Is one of the few times love is given and not expected in return. Is a vehicle for the community to pay its respects. Encourages the affirmation of religious faith. Is a declaration that a life has been lived as well as a sociological statement that a death has occurred.*

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We continually face death and life daily in different ways. Yet the ways we acknowledge both make a world of difference. I more deeply appreciated Holy Week this year to acknowledge my own death in our family in a communal way and cling to the promise of the resurrection in a profound way.

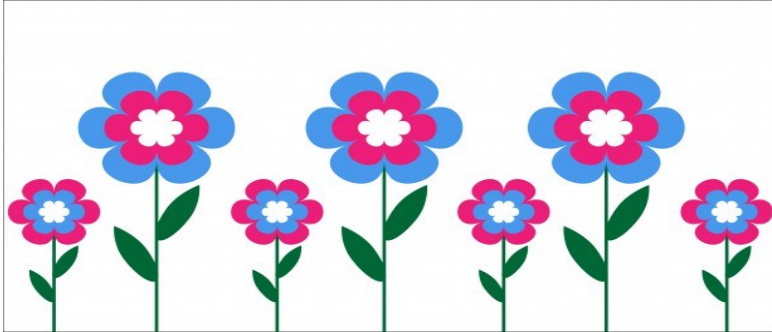
Through our liturgy, the words and rhythm we share during worship... through the images of photographs or butterflies or lilies....through the connecting with old and new friends. We support one another authentically as church community.

So as we plant our grandma tree when the ground warms a bit more, we will be reminded that hope will return through the budding of leaves and that grandma's love will continue to grow with each year the tree grows. So thank you for ministering to me and my family.



## Favorite Hymns

It is time for you to submit your favorite hymns so that we may include as many as possible in our worship during the summer months. Please write them on the back of a communion card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or email your requests to the church office.



**Please Sign-up  
to water the  
flowers at the  
Church!**

Call the church office  
if you are interested.

### Youth Mission Trip Fundraise to Build

This year the youth are going to build as part of their mission work in New Orleans. They have to raise monies for the supplies and welcome your assistance. They welcome your "purchase" of any of the following items assist in raising funds to build:

\$2 for a paint brush

\$5 for a hammers

\$10 for a saw

\$20 for a paint can

\$10 for a tank of gas to get the group there and back!

As they raise funds, they will keep you posted on what they will be able to purchase and build.



### “Noisy Bucket”

Twice a month the Mission Trip Youth will pair up and follow the normal offering process and pass a “paint can” to allow the congregation to toss in loose change which will be used to support the youth on their mission trip

Thanks—

Thank you to everyone for the generous donations to the Youth Mission Team at the Easter Breakfast. It was greatly appreciated.

## Stewardship Corner

### *Become a good receiver*

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*Luke 14:25-35*

*25 Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore,*

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**Church Building as part of creation:** Sign up to water the pots from now until Fall

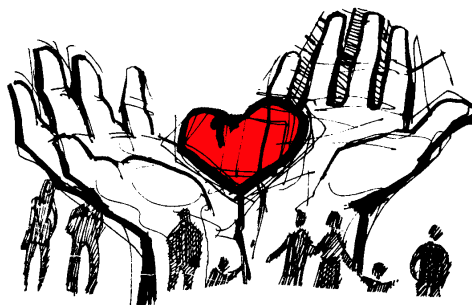
**Recognizing our Gifts:** Clean up a local park. Donate any old sports equipment to families that might need them.

**Responsible Finances:**  
**March 2017 (Year to Date)**

Income: 40,071.00

Expenses: 38,080.00

Income less expense: 1,991.00



### **F**irst **F**riday **F**ood and **F**ellowship

**F**riday June 2 at **6:30PM**

Join us on the **F**irst **F**riday **F**our times a year for **F**ood and **F**ellowship. Think you know everyone in the congregation...or wanting to get to know people in the congregation a little better? Or have someone you would like to invite into the congregation in a less formal setting.

We'll join us for these events.



## CROSS+GEN LIFE TOUR

Thursday May 25, 2017

St. John's Lutheran Church, Oregon, Wisconsin

The more people who go, the cheaper it gets! Let Pastor Holly know if you would like to attend!

### **Every week at church & every night in every home™**

There is something very new, yet very old stirring in the church. Maybe this year the next new thing - and the next Reformation - will start with you intentionally combining the wisdom of the elder and the wonder of the child in the same sacred space every week, and in each other's prayers every night in every home. Invest a day with Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim and friends to:

**Explore** case studies of faith formation pioneers who have implemented various Cross+Gen ministries in their own churches, and are transforming the fabric of their congregations to include the gifts of all ages in worship and faith formation.

**Learn** about a world of fun and effective Cross+Gen resources that draw children, teens, young adults, parents and elders into the same "eduworship" space, fostering cross+generational faith formation, fellowship, relationships and care.

**Experience** a sneak peak of the new Luther Rock Opera, a great cross+generational way to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

**Leave** with a plan to immerse and include a wider community than ever before in your lifelong learning, worship and faith formation practices.

### SCHEDULE SUMMARY

**8-8:45 AM** -- Registration

**9:00 AM** -- Intro to Cross+Gen Ministries - Every Week at Church

**10:15 AM** -- Case Studies

**12:00 PM** -- Working Lunch (lunch is included with your paid registration)

**1:00 PM** -- Recap

**1:15 PM** -- Intro to FAITH5 Ministries - Every Night in Every Home

**3:00 PM** -- Working Break

**3:30 PM** -- Designing Cross+Gen Life for the Post-Television World

**4:30 PM** -- Customizing a Strategic Plan for Cross+Gen Ministries

**Graduates:**

We celebrate with our high school graduates on May 21. Please keep the following young adults in your prayers as they finish this journey and begin a new journey:

- Clara Bliske
- Kailee Coffey
- Kody Fiez
- Samantha Hayes
- Andrew Hepfinger
- Billy Hommen
- Jade Meske
- Jenna Meyer
- Lillian Otteson



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE OF BLESSING will be held here at Deerfield Lutheran Church at 7pm, Sunday, May 21st. This is a service of blessing for graduating seniors from Deerfield High School as well as graduates in our area with Deerfield ties who are home-schooled or attend other high schools. There will be a time of fellowship afterward and all are welcome.

**Sympathy to:**

- Family and friends of Donna Slataer (Nick Slater’s mother)
- Family and friends of John Brower  
(family member of LeRoy Vander Galien)
- Family and friends of Orpha Grossman

**Baptisms:**

Isabel Kathleen Snyder daughter of Ben & Sarah Snyder baptized on March 4th. Sponsors are Dennis & Erika Snyder.

Pearly Barbra Huebner daughter of Mike & Brianna Huebner baptized on April 1st. Sponsors are Courtney Smith, Neil Diestelmeier, Melissa Phelps and Robert Phelps.



## Deerfield Community Center Events

### 2017 Josh Fischer Spaghetti Dinner & Raffle

Wednesday, May 10th

Deerfield Elementary School from 5-7:30

All proceeds benefit the Josh Fischer Memorial Fund which provides Athletic Scholarships for youth sports participants

### Deerfield Community Garage Sale Days—May 18-20

To be listed on the community map, please contact DCC by noon on May 15h at dirtordcc@gmail.com or call 764-5935. the listing is free. Community Center Garage Sale is at the Firemen's Park Pavilion

#### May Birthdays:

1. Melody Elmer  
Staci Williams
2. Sarah Jahn
3. Camryn Hein-Beardsley
4. Kirk Eilenfeldt

#### Ruth Scheel

5. Robert Zickert
6. **Lyndon Meyer**
7. Alexis Eilenfeldt  
Renee McAllister
8. Donna Rahn  
Lily Ziciert
- 10 Tyler Coffey  
Kaidence Reed
12. Heidi Eilenfeldt  
Brody Olson  
Autumn Shanks
13. Richard Olson
15. Ann Holmes
- 17 Lisa Birkrem  
Mackenzie Kapral  
Tom Zickert
- 18 David Tofte  
Avery Schutte
- 19 Cody Farnsworth

- Brian Zickert
- 18 **Wilma Birkrem**
  - 22 Jodi Conover  
Steve Holmes  
Matthew Rahn
  - 23 Kurt Borrud  
Chance John  
Kristin Lemke
  24. Nick Jensen
  - 25 Todd Jourdan
- #### Jan Olson
- 26 Siri Borrud  
Rose Zahn
  - 27 Vicki Latsch  
Pat Meyer
  - 28 Easton Klein  
Declan Pohlman  
LeRoy Vander Glaien
  - 30 Katy Henn  
Kelly Henn
  - 31 Troy Coffey  
Colin Farnsworth  
Sue Matson
- #### Jim Mickelson



#### May Wedding Anniversaries:

- 3 Justin & Kristine Schutte
- 4 Dwight & Judy Huson  
Jason & Denise Kelley
- 8 Clark & Karan Bliske
- 10 Chuck & Jammie Anderberg
- 12 Benjamin & Stephanie Shanks
- 14 Michael & Mary Lou Pohlman
- 15 Eric & Robin John
- 18 **Wayne & Ruth Scheel**
- 26 Stan & Sue Jahn
- 28 Scott & Michele Wee-Pratt
- 30 Glen & Sue Matson

Anniversary of 50 years and over and Birthdays over 70 are in bold. Please call the church office if you are not listed

**The Cenemety Assoiaton received a donation** from Orpha Grossman's 90th birthday for the donation for the purchase of trees.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS.....

The WELCA would encourage a \$12.00 per year donation from every member of the WELCA. Please give to your Circle chair or mail it to the Church Office.

### WELCA Calendar

May 14th WELCA Board Meeting at the Ed Center following church

June 8th Pie Making Day

June 9th Deliver Pies to Fireman Park

June 13th Women's Night Out at 6pm at 1855 in Cottage Grove

August Women's Night Out TBA

Oct. 3rd Lefse Making Day

Oct. 3rd - Oct 7th prepare and set up for the Fall Dinner

Oct. 7th Fall Dinner at the Ed Center

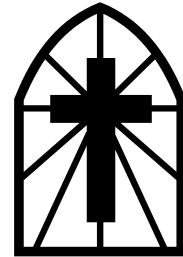
Nov. 9th Pie Making Day

Nov. 11th DES PTO Craft Fair

Nov. 28th Lefse Making Day

Dec 2nd WELCA Annual Cookie Walk

Board Meeting: Welca Board complete except for a co chairperson for the President position. (Faith- Karyn Saemann and Stephanie Shanks, Miriam- Vickie Latsch and Caroline Latsch, Charity- Marla Tofte and Michele Wee, and Hope- Ethel Lund and Denel Ireland) Council made change to rental policy for Ed Center requiring a returnable \$100 deposit. New Born Kits completed at the meeting (21). The kits will go to the Synod Meeting at the end of April. Lenten Dinners went very well. Trays will be ordered to add to the supply at the Ed Center. Will obtain bids for painting at the Ed center. Pastor Holly will check with scouts regarding painting the classrooms at the Ed Center. Board still trying to get complete contact info for WELCA members, then complete the WELCA Booklet. New members for WELCA Hope Circle- Lindsay Weisensel, Faith Circle- Sarah Synder, Charity Circle Laurie Wetzel-Schammel and Miriam Circle- Brianna



### OPEN HOUSE

at Rail House in Deerfield

May 20th 2pm -5pm

celebrating Wilma Birkrem's 90th birthday.

Cake and refreshments provided

### Open House Celebration

for Wayne & Ruth Scheel's

60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 21st

1:00 - 4:00

Education Center

No Gifts Please



# ST. PAUL'S LIBERTY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Monday March 27, 2017

6:30pm @ Ed Center

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report - Accepted

Pastor's Report

The Lenten services seem to be going well. Yesterday was another generational event with 7 generations represented. The group was smaller but allowed for a good conversation. There is a good group of new members that are coming in.

### Committee Reports

#### *Evangelism*

New member reception is on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with soup and bread. Discussion for the Evangelism committee is about making May Day Baskets. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Discussion on the checking account. Evangelism will be closing the checking account out and merging the funds with the church's account

#### *Worship and Music*

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> is outdoor service and Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Bonfire service . The announcement page will be a separate page with the bulletin. Decision for fixing communion issues: the deacon will talk to the ushers before the service about putting people "in line" for communion. We will try to line people up to the aisle that goes to the Narthex.

#### *Building & Grounds*

The ceiling for the Ed Center will cost around \$1000. The endowment committee provided a \$2000 check for the ceiling. The church will do their own removal and painting. The new lights are being donated by a member. Central Ceiling is giving us a 40% discount on the charges. Project will start 17<sup>th</sup> of April. Compressor on the refrigerator at the Educational Center had an issue. The refrigerator is still under warranty we pay for installation. Values are being replaced on the oven with correct LP connections. Denny will be fixing concrete breakout out on the north rail.

#### *Youth*

Dates for Mission Trip are July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 18 teens who are going and 3 adults. Michelle will be looking for one more. Fundraisers have been: Lenten supper, America's Best Gift Cards and Noisy Bucket. Easter Breakfast is the next one.

#### *Education*

The Sunday school will singing on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Barn Service. Palm Sunday the donkey will try a parade out front instead of having try to get into church. They are trying to figure out something for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class that will be leaving Sunday school. Steve is making some kid sized boxed drums. First Communion is on Maundy Thursday.

#### *Stewardship*

Committee meeting is after Lenten Service this Wednesday night. Looking at going with less flowers this year outside of church because they block the sitting area that is out at the church.

New Business

#### **A. LEAD Event** – overview from participants

Discussion on what was experienced at the LEAD event by : Pastor Holly, Lou Ann Lunda and Larry Lunda.

#### **B. New members**

We have three families – Huebner, Weisensel and Snyder - that will be joining us on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion to accept moved to accept the three new families in church passed.

#### **C. Clean up Day**

We need a spring clean-up day will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. The Boy Scouts are to move the fire pit.

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**WHEN...**

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- Your committee or group plans to have a meeting, or cancel a meeting.
- Your home or business telephone number has changed.
- You are planning to move out of town or locally.
- A new baby arrives in your family.
- A death occurs in your family.
- You or a member of your family leaves home for college.
- You have a prayer request for worship.
- You have a change of address.
- You need transportation to worship or any other church event.

**St. John's Lutheran Salad Luncheon**

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Lunch at 12:00PM Program at 1:00PM

Speaker is Rochelle Pennington

“Author, Speaker, Newspaper Columnist”

Tickets: \$9 per Adult \$3 per Children

St, John's Lutheran Church

625 E. Netherwood St

**The Deerfield Food Pantry Is In Need  
Of The Following Food**



St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran is looking to help the Food Pantry. They are in need Instant Potatoes and, Rice .

Our goal is to donate 50 or more boxes in the next few weeks. You may place your donations in the grocery cart in the north narthex or drop them off at the church office.

**“Noisy Bucket”**

Once a month the Mission Trip Youth will pair up and follow the normal offering process and pass a “paint can” to allow the congregation to toss in loose change which will be used to support the youth on their mission trip. They “Noisy Bucket” done on the third Sunday of every month.

**Thank You to....**

- Volunteers who helped with mailing the April "Messenger" Kay Herms, Dave & Diane Wilkinson, Rose Zahn, Jan Olson, Wayne & Ruth Scheel, Jim Smithback, Sue Cobb.
- Sue Cobb & Kay Herms for assembling the bulletins
- Jacob Bultman for helping in the office
- To all who helped with the Ed Center ceiling and painting.
- All those who helped with the spring outdoor cleanup.

Pastor Holly Slater

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