

St. John's
Ev. Lutheran Church

2013
August -
September

MESSENGER



MISSION STATEMENT

**BY THE
GRACE OF
THE HOLY
SPIRIT, WE
WILL
REACH OUT
AND SHARE
CHRIST'S
LOVE, OUR
LIVES, AND
OUR GIFTS
WITH ALL
PEOPLE.**

Alternative to the Messenger

The new bulletin/order of worship seems to have been well-received. One benefit is it allows room for announcements and other items. When your congregational council first discussed a new bulletin format, we also talked about ways we could make the Messenger more relevant. One suggestion was to do away with the bimonthly newsletter and fold Messenger items into the bulletin. Much of what runs in the Messenger is already in the bulletin. Now there is room for the pastor's and council president's column to appear on an alternating, bimonthly basis. Popular items, such as birthdays and anniversaries, could run monthly or bimonthly. Those disciples of St. John's, unable to join us for worship, who receive the Messenger via mail, would still receive a regular mailing of upcoming church events and news.

We want to know what you think about this proposal. Please direct comments, questions and/or concerns to Pastor Jim, congregational council president Eric Houghton or any other member of the council.

Be blessed

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Words from Pastor Jim Lynch

How is your prayer life? What a question. There's always something that distracts us from that, isn't there? We looked at the story of Mary and Martha in the Gospel of Luke in the middle of last month. Martha was very distracted. She had no time to slow down, no time to sit, no time to contemplate her life with Christ in her midst. That is definitely the case for us today, even at times in the church. August will be a busy month in and for the community of faith. Busy can be good, especially if it brings us together with our neighbors. We kick off with Vacation Bible School the first full week of the month. It will be at Holy Nativity. We have a rummage sale in the middle of the month to benefit the youth and hunger relief. Don't fret. There is still time to bring in your donations for the sale. And we can always use help pricing, setting up and manning the tables. That will be followed closely by the church picnic. I pray that you all will be able to carve out a little time to support the rummage sale and a little more time to break bread with your fellow disciples at the picnic. Is that asking too much in the middle of what for many of us is the busiest time of the year? Well, if you don't include the holiday season and youth sports/activities season and the school year. With so much on our plates, is it even possible to listen to and heed the words of Martin Luther, who once said, "Tomorrow I plan to work, work from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." This may very well be the message Jesus was sending to us through Martha: Slow down. Sit with me. Talk with me. What you have to do will wait, at least for a little while. What you have to do is not more important than hearing my voice, my words. What you have to do is stay with me now, even for a few minutes, and know that I will stay with you forever. Be blessed as this summer season plays out. And take a few minutes each day to talk with God. It may seem like just one more thing in the day but it can and will be thing of the day.

**If your
Birthday was
missed,
please let
Mary in the
Church Office
know, so that
we keep our
records up
to date.
Thank you.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 7th— Edward Ellsworth
- 9th— Jacob Mayer
- 12th— Audrey Walsh
- 15th—Phyllis Anderson
- 18th— Mollie Darula
- 18th— Phyllis Hopf
- 26th—Gavin Houghton
- 31st— Julie Harbert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1st— John Peterman | 15th—Irene Bashinsky & Maria Cobo |
| 2nd—Ronald Waynes | 16th—Millie Barengo |
| 3rd— Jennifer Otis | 18th—Laurie Retzlaff |
| 5th— Matthew Burnett | 19th—Julie Merow |
| 6th— Sydney Tisch | 21st—Paul Slagoski |
| 11th—Nancy Otis, Margery Richter
& John Tomsheck | 27th—Michele Schmidt |
| 14th—William Darula & Amy Ziesemer | 30th—Elisabeth Schalk |

St. John's Church picnic

Circle Aug. 18 on your calendars in red. It's the day of the St. John's church picnic. It will be held at the Modders home, 600 10th Place. Start thinking about a dish to pass. A signup sheet will be on the table in the Gathering Space.

There will be no fellowship following service on August 18, instead come to the picnic for *great* fellowship!

Rummage Sale

The first annual St. John's Church Rummage Sale will be held Aug. 16 and 17 at the church. Please start bringing in appropriate items. We will store them in the church. We will need volunteers to help man the tables at sale time, do pre-sale setup and post-sale cleanup, etc. Proceeds will go to the 2015 Detroit Lutheran Youth Gathering and a cause or causes, such as disaster relief or Habitat for Humanity, to be determined.

Outreach for Hope bike ride

The annual Outreach for Hope bike ride will be held Sept. 7, starting at St. Bruno Parish in Dousman. The 30- and 40-mile road rides will start at 8:30 a.m.; the 14-mile (or less) trail ride will start at 9:30 a.m. Until Aug. 18, registration is \$35 for an individual; \$70 for a family. The fee goes up \$5 after that. The Outreach for Hope is a ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod that supports churches and agencies working in low-income areas, including the Outreach Center and Grace Lutheran Church in Kenosha. Pastor Jim will be riding. For more information or to register, visit <http://ofhride.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1068263>

ELCA Outreach Center 2013 School Supply Drive

KUSD Common Pre---School through Middle School

- Crayons (24 count or larger)
- Colored Pencils (12 pack or larger)
- No.2 Pencils (20 count or larger)
- Red Pens (not felt or gel)
- Pens (no gel)
- Large Rectangular Pink Eraser
- 2 Pocket Folders with 3 prongs
- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks (70pg)
- Wide Ruled Theme Paper (200 ct)
- **Highlighters**
- **Scissors**
- **Ruler**
- **Book Bag/Back Pack**
- **Plastic Supply Box**
- **Pencil Pouch**
- **Washable White Glue**
- **Glue Sticks**

Collection dates August 12th to 16th, 2013

ELCA Outreach Center 2006 60th Street, Kenosha WI 53140

info@urbanoutreachkenosha.org

CAN YOU HELP?

Please save your extra coupons from the Sunday newspapers. They may be placed in the ELCA Outreach Center box (where we put the Items of the Month).

Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity groundbreaking

Habitat for Humanity Kenosha, one of our ministry partners, is moving forward. The designated lot is at 3914 14th Ave. Now, groundbreaking has been set. It will be held Sept. 7. It will be a good time to see what this faith-based group is doing in the life of our city.

Since the last Messenger our records show that the following donations were received:

- 1. from John & Pat Tomsheck in memory of William Richter (brother of Chuck & Margie Richter)**
- 2. from Audrey Walsh in memory of Allan Kirkpatrick.**
- 3. from Terry Powers.**



Dear St. John's Church,

Thank you for your recent gifts of \$23.00 and of \$150.00 to ELCA World Hunger. Your faithful generosity makes a life-changing difference for people in need around the corner and around the world. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

In the United States, congregations support a community food pantry where neighbors are treated with dignity and respect as they get back on their feet. In Central African Republic, a community gathers around a new concrete spring box that will make clean, abundant water available for years to come. In Haiti, young men and women learn skilled construction trades and leadership skills as they build homes for neighbors still recovering from devastating earthquake. To neighbors near and far who live with hunger and poverty, gifts like yours bring not only help, but hope. Thank you. Your gift brings us another step closer to ending hunger in our world,

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than any one of us could ever do alone. WE are a church that believes God is calling us into the world - together. Thank you for your support.

In Christ's service,

Daniel Raft

Director, ELCA World Hunger

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$200.00 gift donation which has brightened our day and will strengthen our mission of giving help and hope to those experiencing homelessness and hunger. As you know, the needs are many and resources are few.

Annually, we provide more than 40,000 Soup Kitchen and Family Shelter meals, 16,000 Family and INNS Shelter nights and 560 tons of Pantry groceries with 10,000 Pantry shopping visits. As we strive to meet the needs that face many, we greatly appreciate your gift

Gratefully,

The Shalom Center Board and Staff

Dear Friend:

Gifts top Carthage have a significant impact on our students and their educational experience. We are deeply grateful for your financial investment in the the College.

Thank you. - Elaine Walton

Gift Purpose : Nicaragua Water Fund

Amounts received: \$151.52 and \$60.00

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for your gifts of \$1,200.00 to the ELCA Urban Outreach Center. Your donations help us to serve our community through our adult programs, clothing closet, and programs for youth, Your support makes a difference. Without it we could not continue our mission.

God's peace,

Karl Erickson

Executive Director