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Dinner Church
Monday August 26 at 6pm

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.”

-Luke 12:35

Pastor's Pen



In June, I had an amazing opportunity to go to Princeton Theological Seminary for a week of continuing education focused on preaching. Along with about 50 other pastors

from around the country, I spent the week thinking, learning, reflecting, and gaining new tools for proclamation. Each morning, I attended a class called “Embodied Hope” all about hopefulness in a time of great despair and upheaval in our world and society. I chose this course for my weeklong intensive because I, like many of you, often find myself slipping into a place of despair, when I read the news or listen to the radio, listening to that voice whispering, “It will never change; things will always be this way.” Having a hard time with the word “hope,” I signed up to spend the week with Dr. Veronice Miles exploring this concept in a new way.

So often in our culture, especially as Christians, we equate hope with happiness or optimism, or “positive thinking.” But what happens when the trauma of one’s life, or the situation of the world we live in, or the state of our planet’s health, cannot be placated by these sorts of surface tactics shouting, “don’t worry, be happy”? In my week at Princeton, I engaged these questions with a group of preachers and a brilliant professor who encouraged us to

think beyond hope as positivity, instead recognizing and identifying hope as coming from within, a gift from God.

Our professor talked to us about the idea that hope is the continually speaking Spirit of God inside us, calling us back to our identity as "imago Dei". She shared with us that hope is not a feeling and does not come from the outside, but rather comes from God who dwells within us, who impregnates us with hope and anticipation, and calls us to align our commitments with God's commitments. WOAHH. This idea that hope is not about optimism or emotions or "happiness", instead it's something God is doing in all humanity, is revolutionary. This is the hope that sustains people through extreme trauma, and this is the hope that fills us; it cannot be created, it is simply part of who God has created us to be.

Dear friends, this is the truth of what it means to be created in God's Image: we have been called "good" and "beloved," by our creator, who has breathed God's very Spirit into us, gifting us with that "always speaking voice" of hope.

-Pastor Delaney

What was Pastor Delaney up to in July?



Pastor Delaney spent lots of time in conversation with various individuals and groups. Pastor Delaney met with the Fall Leadership planning team from the Greater Milwaukee Synod to plan a leadership event to take place in October. Pastor Delaney also continued to meet with members of our congregation and leaders in the community. On June 30, Pastor Delaney met with members of the council and MET Team to think about the future of St. Paul's. She also met with Members of Our Savior's and St. Paul's to discuss the possibilities of working together in the future. July also saw our second experience of Dinner Church on the 15th. From July 17-27, Pastor Delaney was on vacation in California and Oregon with her husband, Matt, to celebrate a friend's wedding and explore the natural beauty of the West Coast. If you would like to meet with Pastor Delaney in August, let her know!



Our next **Dinner Church** opportunity will take place Monday, August 26 at 6pm. We hope to see as many people there as would like to join this creative, beautiful worship opportunity!

Visioning for the future at St. Paul's

On June 30, the council and MET Team got together to discuss the mission and vision of our congregation. The group talked in depth about the purpose of church, as well as the distinct identity of St.

Paul's here in our community. As St. Paul's moves into a new chapter of ministry, discerning where we are headed, and making some decisions about our life together, stay tuned for more conversations. This is an important time in our life, and it is imperative that we share, listen, and dream together about what could be. Please mark your calendars for our next conversation, which will be open to all in our congregation who wish to participate on: **Saturday, August 17 from 9:30-11am**

September 4-6 Continuing Education

Pastor Delaney is headed to Pennsylvania to participate in a friend's installation and go on a short spirituality retreat for a couple days at the beginning of September to start fall off on a refreshed foot. If you are in need of pastoral care while she is away, you can contact Pastor Lindsey Beukelman of All People's Church. Contact the office for Pastor Lindsey's phone number.





Doors Open Milwaukee is a two-day public celebration of Milwaukee's art, architecture, culture and history. This event offers behind the scenes tours of more than 170 buildings throughout Milwaukee's downtown and neighborhoods and 30+ ticketed tours led by

community leaders.

Buildings for the 2019 program will be published later this month. We are excited that St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be among the buildings with Doors Open! Mark your calendar for September 28 & 29 and visit.

Lunch and Paint

In an effort to prepare the building for Doors Open Milwaukee in late September, we have been using the report from the Mission Consultant to update our spaces in the building. We will be painting the south alcove and the welcome/lounge area on Saturday, August 17, from 11am to 1:30pm. See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. For those attending the visioning conversation at 9:30am that day, lunch will be brought in.





Outreach News

Summer is busy for Kim's Closet. In June and July there were over 55 neighbors participating. Thanks to all who help on Wednesday nights as well as other days to complete those behind the scene tasks that need to get done!

We were blessed to have a youth group from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa helping on July 17th. They helped with handing out Blessing Bags (hygiene packs) provided by Galilee Lutheran, served food, cleaned in the kitchen, assisted neighbors with looking for clothes, called ticket numbers and worked on sorting clothing. The group of 10 were part of a larger group of over 100 youth from St. Paul's doing mission work in Milwaukee.

Coming up...Hot Dog Sunday! **God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 8th** and once again the Board of Outreach members will provide hot dogs, chips, cookies and water to our neighbors and members after worship. Other service activities are being planned so that all can participate. Watch the weekly bulletin for more information.

- Nancy Day





NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collections at the Worship Services every first Sunday of the month.

August 2019
Neighborhood House

Founded in 1945 as a safe and nurturing place for urban youth, families and seniors, Neighborhood House is a community center in the settlement house tradition serving individuals and families at all stages of life and regardless of income. Neighborhood House reaches over 4,000 people annually through wrap-around services including quality early child care, after school programs for youth and teens, adult education for refugees, and parenting support.

Neighborhood House goals align with major community initiatives aimed at helping people of all ages realize their full potential through

- * educational preparedness
- * academic engagement and achievement
- * access to post-secondary opportunities
- * and family engagement in the educational process.

Neighborhood House is based on Milwaukee's near west side with programs at its main site, 2819 N. Richardson Place, as well as International Learning Center at 639 N. 25th Street, Safe Place at Albert Story School at 3815 W. Kilbourn Avenue, and a 93-acre Nature Center in Dodge County. With a traditional service area bounded by 35th Street on the west, 20th Street on the east, Cherry Street on the north, and Wisconsin Avenue on the south, participants also come from Concordia, Avenues West, Merrill Park, Cold Spring Park and Midtown neighborhoods, and the northwest side, south side, and beyond.

SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS

August 4 - 25

August 4

Ecclesiastes 1:2,
12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43

August 11

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

August 18

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29--12:2
Luke 12:49-56
Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

August 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17
Semicontinuous
First Reading and Psalm
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6

*"May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope.
-Romans 15:13*



**The Greater Milwaukee Synod
hosts the ELCA Churchwide
Assembly in Milwaukee**



The Churchwide Assembly
August 5-10, 2019

The Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave
We Are Church!

Anniversaries



14th *Mark and Debby Van Engen*
23th *Mike and Suzi Moylan*



Birthdays

7th Callie Moylan
8th Jodi Eastberg
18th Robbie Bromberek
19th Jon Polinske



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

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|------------------------------|--|
| Brush these daily | ___ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do this to your shoes | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> _ |
| This rises in the east | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ |
| Cold breakfast food | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _ |
| Hot breakfast food | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ |
| Talk to God | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ |
| Morning meal | ___ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ |
| Extend your limbs | <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _ |
| Fruit drink | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ |
| Waffle machine | ___ <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Eat these scrambled or fried | ___ _ <input type="checkbox"/> |



Because of the LORD's great love...
 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answers: teeth, the sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions

A day away in a quiet place

From The Newsletter Newsletter, page 5, August 2019 content

Maya Angelou said “Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us.” Similarly, when Jesus’ disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek “a day away” not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but with him — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience a few hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28, NIV).

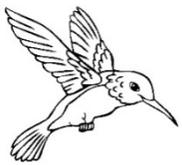


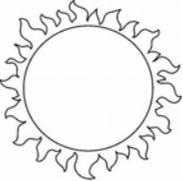
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

July 2019

St. Paul's Office Hours
 Mondays 8:30am – 12:00pm
 Tuesday 8:00am -2:00pm
 Wednesday 8:30am – 2:00pm

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1	2	3
	Movie Club	
8	9	10
→		
15	16	17
2:30pm faith-based neighborhood tour		9:30am-11am Vision Meeting 11am-1:30pm Lunch & Paint
22	23	24
9:00am Dorcas Quilting Circle		10am Door Open Orientation
29	30	31
		

4	5	6	7
10am Worship Noisy Offering 11:30am Amazing Faith Ministries Worship	Office Closed Church-wide Assembly →	Office Closed	Office Closed
11	12	13	14
10am Worship 11:30am Amazing Faith Ministries Worship		7:00pm Council	
18	19	20	21
10am Worship (WOV) 11:30am Amazing Faith Ministries Worship Board of Worship & Music Meeting		September Messenger Deadline	6pm Kim's Closet
25	26	27	28
10am Worship 11:30am Amazing Faith Ministries Worship	6pm Dinner Church		

WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: August 2019

	August 4 Pentecost 8	August 11 Pentecost 9	August 18 Pentecost 10	August 25 Pentecost 11
Assisting Minister	Bob Bromberek	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day
Usher Team	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Ron Karbel	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Ethel Walter Judy Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich
Greeter(s)	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Communion Assistant	Mary Klug or Mark Van Engen	Judy Gilbertson	Wayne Ringwolski	Matt Prahlow
Communion Type	Traditional	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
Open	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Wayne Ringwolski
Close	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Voelz	Bob Bromberek
Counting Team	3	4	1	2
Fellowship	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>