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**PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP
WITH REDEEMER AT ST. PAUL'S
SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021 AT 10AM
Along with Live Streaming**

Pastor's Pen



“The Spirit’s presence within reminds us that the Creator who spoke the celestial and terrestrial worlds into the existence, the One in whose image we are created, the Divine Sculptor and Giver of Life has already said

‘yes’ to the wholeness and wellbeing of human community and of all that God has created.”-Veronice Miles

This quote, from theologian Veronice Miles, is from an essay she wrote that I regularly return to for insight, called “Hope Flows from the Inside Out.”

<https://thethread.ptsem.edu/culture/hope-flows-from-the-inside-out> In her essay, Miles writes about the character traits of hope, describing it as a gift that comes from God, not our own ability to muster an optimistic outlook. The above quote from her essay reminds me, when life feels overwhelming or “despair for the world grows in me,” as the poet Wendell Berry would say, that God is at work. In recent years, as tensions have risen in our country, as the ongoing civil rights struggle to become an anti-racist society has continued, and the experience of a global pandemic impacted us all, it can feel hard to remain hopeful. When we place our trust in human systems, or even in ourselves, as though we can “pull ourselves up” and avoid the suffering our world is experiencing, we miss the truth Dr. Miles so beautifully illustrates in her work on hope. God is the center of our being, and God has already “said yes” to the

resurrection life, to a renewed world, shining with the good news of God's triumph over all that holds us bound or causes us to feel despair.

The assurance that hope is a sure thing, a gift from God, who whispers the truth of God's triumph over death in the midst of challenging circumstances, keeps us going when the going gets tough. We don't need to avoid the pain of our siblings, to become calcified against the challenges our communities face, because we know that God is present, and hopeful, and calling us into a life of hopeful action, for the sake of the hurting world that God loves.

-Pastor Delaney



May Anniversaries
1st Howie and MaryEllen Voelz – 50th!
5th Steve and Nancy Day
21st Rich and Rita Monstrojanni



RIC Corner

This Easter season, we are spending some time focusing on theology from the perspective of LGBTQIA+ Christians. Through Bible study and Wednesday devotions, we grow in faith with the help of these siblings in Christ.



God Loves ALL People: Dismantling the Clobber Texts and Building an Inclusive Interpretation

Sunday Morning Bible Study on Zoom
8:30-9:15am
April 11-May 30

This month, our RIC Corner is an encouragement to take some time with Psalm 139:1-18 and reflect on the following questions:

- ~ What does it feel like to receive the assurance that no matter where life takes you, God goes with you?
- ~ Now, consider the parts of yourself which you may seek to hide. Imagine God embracing all those parts of you, reminding you that YOU are fearfully, and wonderfully made.



- ~ Think about those people in whom it is challenging for you or our society to recognize as bearing the image of God, then say aloud “They are fearfully and wonderfully made.”

LCM Celebrates Confirmation



Makayla Jones, a senior at Marquette University and a member of Lutheran Campus Ministry will profess her faith during the 5:00pm worship service on Sunday, May 2nd at St. Paul's.

Since October, 2020, Pastor Jess Short and students from Lutheran Campus Ministry - Marquette have been worshipping on Sundays at 5pm and recently had a great time during their lock-in here at St. Paul's.

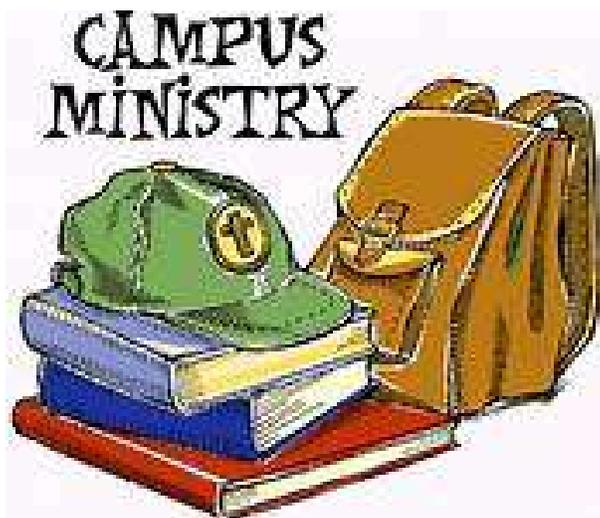
This has been an exciting and important partnership with the LCM. We welcome Makayla as a sibling in Christ.

Makayla's Confirmation

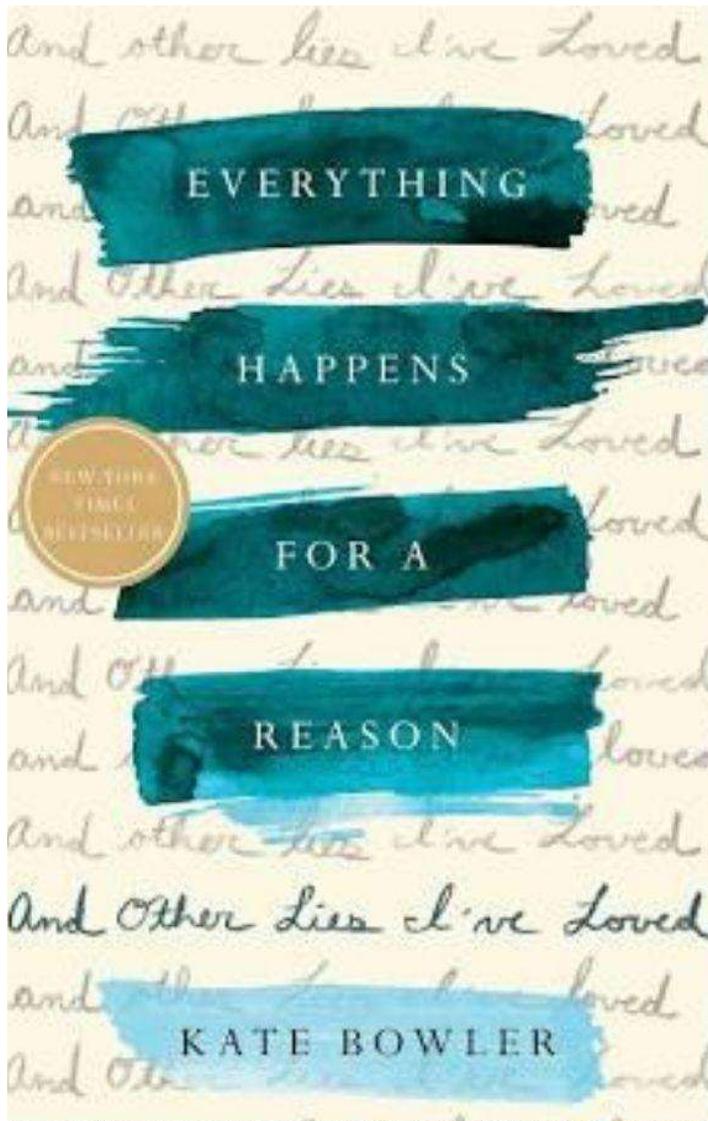
Sunday, May 2, 2021

5pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



LCM staff and students will continue to maintain social distance and ask everyone to sign in so that the attendees stay healthy as a community.



Summer
Reading
with
St. Paul's

"EVERYTHING
HAPPENS FOR A
REASON: AND OTHER
LIES I'VE LOVED"
BY KATE BOWLER

ON ZOOM

Mondays 6:30pm
June 7-July 26

Summer Book Study

This Summer, on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in June and July, we will get together on Zoom for a summer book study. This year, our book is "Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved." This book is a memoir, written Duke Divinity School professor Kate Bowler, upon her diagnosis with stage four cancer. It is a deeply moving, funny, and insightful book. **Please let Pastor Delaney know if you would like to be part of the book group, beginning Monday, June 7, 2021.**

The Mt. Meru Coffee Project

was established in 1999 to enable small coffee farmers living on the slopes of Mount Meru in Tanzania to have funds available to send their children to school, access and pay for health care, and to support local farm villages, markets, and merchants.



The Project provides small farmers with a fair price for their premium coffee. A fair price provides an increase in farm income, allowing the farmers to support their families with dignity.

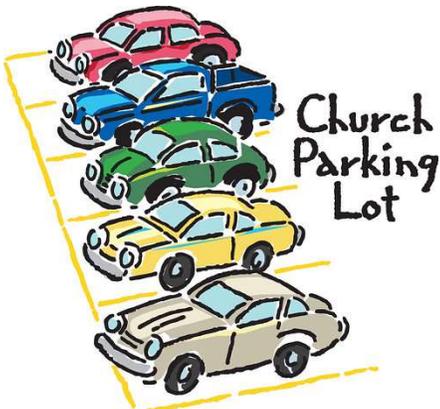
Mt. Meru coffee is available in flavored or non-flavored, beans or grounds, caffeine or decaf. If you are interested in ordering coffee, contact either Matt Prahlow or Suzie Moylan.

Matt: mattprahlow@gmail.com or 414-460-6438

Suzie: smoylan1208@icloud.com or 414-416-7340

Parking Lot Communion

As we continue to meet in person and via live-stream for worship, we will continue our practice of parking lot communion through May. Please join us for communion in the parking lot at 11am on Sunday, May 9th.



**We will celebrate Pentecost on May 23rd and communion will be part of the worship service beginning at 10am.

“Bonus Offering”

For years, our congregation has offered coins on the first Sunday of every month for a nonprofit or ministry we support.

As bank lobbies changed their policies and it became harder to process change donations, we have decided to move away from coins and toward other forms of offering. Starting in April, we will no longer be able to receive coins for organizations.

If you would like to donate to the monthly cause through our new “Bonus offering,” please do so by cash or check with “Bonus Offering” in the memo line.



Hunger Task Force – Milwaukee

Did you know about the 208-acre farm in the suburb of Franklin? During the growing season, fresh fruits and vegetables grow and enhance the nutrition of those who normally rely on canned or nonperishable foods. A variety of different produce, including peppers, tomatoes, corn, watermelon, beans, spinach, greens, broccoli, cauliflower, apples, pears are available. Last year, Hunger Task Force delivered more than 9 million pounds of food to serve Milwaukee’s hungry.

To learn more about the Farm and Adopt-A-Crop program, visit their website at <https://www.hungertaskforce.org/>



To make a direct donation to the Hunger Task Force, feel free to use this link:

<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/donate/donate-now/>

May

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Sunday

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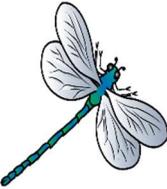
Tuesday

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Saturday

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2 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship w/ communion	3	4	5 	6	7	8
9 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship 11am Parking Lot Comm.	10	11 7pm Council	12	13 	14	15
16 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship w/ communion	17	18 	19	20 10am June Messenger Deadline	21 	22
23 Pentecost 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship	24	25	26	27 	28	29
30 8:30 Bible Study - Zoom 10am Worship w/ communion	31	June 1	June 2 	June 3	June 4	June 5



BOARD OF OUTREACH UPDATE

The Board of Outreach has had a busy “Covid” schedule this past year. We have been actively involved in transforming Kim’s Closet to an outdoor venue, entitled Kim’s Table. We successfully served food, hygiene packs, and clothing to over 50 people in our neighborhood, once a month, from July 2020 to October 2020. With a donation of 50 coats from a parishioner at St. Matthew’s Church in Wauwatosa, we were able to distribute the coats in October 2020, just in time for winter. Kim’s Table will start up again, the third Wednesday of the month, in May of 2021.

During the winter months and into the spring of 2021, we created a Hospitality schedule, delivering treats to neighborhood businesses once a month. The thought was to introduce ourselves, offer “thanksgiving” for the work they were doing in the area and understand the programs they offer. The treats were purchased from black owned businesses, with our Outreach grant funds.

We are not accepting clothing donations at this time, but we would love any donations of time that you might be able to offer.

Thank you, The Board of Outreach

Suzie Moylan, Nancy Day, Mary Ellen Voelz, Jane Prahlow,
and Pastor Delaney

Bread of Healing Clinic at Cross Lutheran Church

Bread of Healing is currently offering Covid -19 vaccinations in the sanctuary and is in need of volunteers; you don't need to be a medical professional to help.

The clinic learns on Fridays what our vaccine allocation is for the next week. Bread of Healing adds more volunteer positions as they get more vaccines, so it is constantly changing. The clinic has also added some mobile delivery teams, and have 2 people taking vaccines to homebound individuals. (If you know anyone related to your churches that needs the vaccines at home, please let Pastor Delaney know!) Here is the link for the Sign-up Genius to choose a time to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aacab28a7ff2-bread>

Bread of Healing Clinic at Cross Lutheran Church is located at 1821 North 16th Street in Milwaukee, 16th and Walnut.



May Birthdays

- 4th Jane Prahlow
- 9th Dick Klug
- 9th Pastor Sue Lindberg
- 13th Dave Pearson
- 20th Nancy Anderson
- 21st Joyce Nordbeck

Bread
of
healing
clinic



Stewardship

A few weeks ago, you received a stewardship letter in the mail, thanking you for your generosity and focusing on the gifts of God we share with one another. This week, take a moment to list all the blessings you have received from God which sustain your daily life. Write these gifts down, and then thank God in whatever way feels best to you. Part of stewardship starts with gratitude.

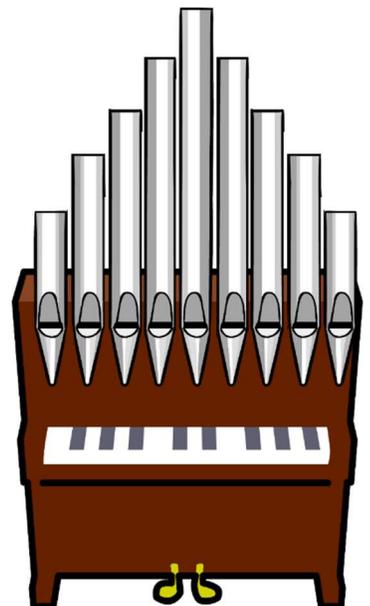
Mini Organ Concert Series

Incarnation Lutheran on 15th & Keefe will resume our “Mini Concert” series in May. For many years a 30-minute organ concert was held on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Due to Covid -19 pandemic, the mini concerts were put on hold.

Beginning May 4th, at 11:30am, the series will resume in person at 1510 West Keefe Ave., Milwaukee OR join us via zoom.

Please visit

www.incarnationlutheranchurch.org for the website calendar and front page zoom address/directions. Jim Stoebe is the organist at Incarnation Lutheran.



SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

May 2 – 30, 2021

<p><u>May 2</u></p> <p>Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8</p>	<p><u>May 9</u></p> <p>Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17</p>
<p><u>May 16</u></p> <p>Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19</p>	<p><u>May 23 - Pentecost</u></p> <p>Acts 2:1-21 Ezekiel 37:1-14 (alternate) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 Acts 2:1-21 (alternate) John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>
<p><u>May 30</u></p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17</p>	

*“Mightier than the waves
of the sea
is his love for you!”*

- Psalm 93:4



Working at Home and...

Pastor Delaney and Dianne Polinske continue to work from home however, Pastor Delaney will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, while Dianne will be in the office on Wednesday mornings. Pastor Delaney can be reached at (414) 292-6164 or dschlakekruse@gmail.com, Dianne can be reached at StpaulsMKE@yahoo.com

Many Reasons to Celebrate this month

While looking on line for fun things to add to our Messenger, I came across an article *31 Reasons to Celebrate in May, Special days and unconventional holidays to observe* by Christie Donnelly from *the Spruce*. A lot of the celebrations revolve around food and drink (yay!) As more of us become fully vaccinated and the weather improves, enjoy a few of the celebrations this month. For complete list, visit

<https://www.thespruce.com/reasons-to-celebrate-in-may-4160362>

- 2nd National Truffle Day
- 3rd World Press Freedom Day
- 4th Bird Day
- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 6th International No Diet Day
- 7th National Cosmopolitan Day
- 8th Iris Day
- 9th Mother's Day
- 10th Stay up All Night, Night
- 11th National Eat What You Want Day
- 14th National Buttermilk Biscuit Day
- 15th Chocolate Chip Day
- 18th National No Dirty Dishes Day





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