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A Disciple's Path (Part 2 of 4)

Blessed are you, O God, Maker of all things ...

The first verse of the Bible frames our foundational understanding not only of stewardship but also of reality itself: "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). How did the world get here? How did we? What's behind everything? It's God, who is holy and blessed. Everything is imbued with God's holiness, and everything belongs to God.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it," reads Psalm 24:1, echoing the theme of God's ownership. In case we thought it was only the "stuff" that belongs to God, this verse makes clear that we ourselves belong to God.

Paul emphasizes this in Romans 14:8: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

We offer with joy and thanksgiving ...

The word "offer" captures the essence of faithful steward giving, implying free choice and a willing heart. By contrast, no one would consider a tax payment to the federal government an "offering." Even if we consider our taxes a fair price for living in a free country, writing checks to the IRS is mandated by law and failing to do so carries harsh penalties.



That's not how God rolls. We offer freely, without expectation of reward, and withhold offerings without fear of punishment. And it's not just our money we offer to God, but the totality of what we are, as expressed in the hymn "We Are an Offering" (ELW, 692):

"We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering."

We offer as happy and contented people, knowing that God provides all we have and all we need. This knowledge fills us with gratitude. "God loves a cheerful giver," Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 9:7, adding in the next verse, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

What you have first given us ...

God is the source of all our blessings. We cannot and should not take credit for anything we have. As Deuteronomy 8:17-18 warns people who are rich, "Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this

We gather together as a community of faith to proclaim God's love and minister to our congregation, the community and the world.

wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth."

Similarly, remembering that God is the creator of all, we would be wise to avoid regarding our possessions and our lives as ours to use as we wish. God's people often refer to our blessings as "gifts," but this is misleading, says Charles Lane, a Lutheran stewardship expert, author and speaker.

"With God, there is no transfer of ownership. God is still the owner," Lane remarks in *Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life*, which he co-wrote with Grace Duddy Pomroy in 2016. "We should quit using the 'gift' language in favor of language such as 'trust.' Everything we have is a trust from God, placed by God into our care and management."

Our selves...

"Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Psalm 100:3).

Because we are God's holy creations, all our energies are designed for godly purposes in service to the neighbor. "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life," Paul writes in Ephesians 2:10.

"I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last," Jesus tells his disciples in John 15:16. Paul enumerates fruits of the spirit as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

This aspect of offering illustrates the magnificent paradox of true spiritual offering, where our giving doesn't diminish what we have but actually increases it. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it," Jesus says in Matthew 16:25. The more we offer ourselves to God, the more we are blessed.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

Names in the News

Anniversary: Congratulations to **Nancy and David Kolls** who will celebrate their 72nd anniversary on August 20th!

Nonagenarian Birthdays: Happy Birthday to **Dorothy Stofen**, who turns 98 on August 6th, **Glenn Abbott**, who turns 91 on August 12th, **Barbara Skovsted**, who turns 96 on August 14th and **Deloris Isaacson**, who turns 91 on August 25th. May the good Lord continue to bless them with many more joyful years!

Condolences



Heartfelt love, sympathy and support to son Geoffrey (Sue) Anderson; daughters Catherine Anderson and Elizabeth (Doug) Nerad; grandchildren Elyse (Nathan) Thurman, Samuel Aiken, Emily Hays, William Nerad and Madeline Nerad; great grandchildren Ethan and Cooper Thurman and Joshua Aiken; sister-in-law MaryEllen Anderson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends at the death of **Joan Anderson** who passed away on July 10th.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15



Known to be Hospitalized

Hospitalizations: Ejner Lee (Laurie Belter's husband) hospitalized at St. Monica's. Cards can be mailed to 3900 N. Main Street, Apt. 110, Racine, WI 53402.

Strict patient confidentiality rules prevent the hospital from notifying the church if you or a loved one is hospitalized. *If you'd like a pastoral call/visit, please let the church office know.*

Council Highlights - July 2021

1. The Call Team will give an update on their progress at the August 1st service.
2. Our new live streaming equipment should be arriving soon! As noted last month, this has been made possible through a Synod grant and a generous anonymous donor.
3. More members are still needed for several congregational teams including the Tech Team, Usher Team, Communion Assistants, and Altar Guild. Interested persons should sign up on the "Yellow Sheet" or call Candy in the church office.
4. Our member, Bryce Helland, will be doing his Eagle Scout Project here at Living Faith! He and his work team will tentatively start Saturday, August 21st, to give a much-needed update to our courtyard.
5. Bell City Brassworks will resume rehearsing in Fellowship Hall in September. JOY (Just Older Youth) will also resume meeting in September.
6. It was recommended that a statement of weekly giving be put in the Sunday bulletin to keep members better informed as to our financial status.
7. Building & Grounds: the west parking lot sink-

Please pray for the Call Team

Please pray for the Call Team: Bob Reinders, Joy Webb, Kristie Cushman, Tom Isaacson, Chuck Frahm, and Karin Langlois

John 16:13 - When the Holy Spirit, who is truth, comes, he shall guide you into all truth, for he will not be presenting his own ideas, but will be passing on to you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. (*The Living Bible*)

The Call Team has begun preparing questions and information they will share during their interviews with prospective pastors. Pray for them to listen to God's wisdom in in this process. They need the leading of the Holy Spirit!

hole is temporarily being fixed in-house (permanent repair will cost about \$2,800), tuck pointing has been completed in two areas at a cost of \$6,200 (cost included repair of two doors badly damaged by the leakage; five other areas still need tuck pointing), and there are fifteen original wood windows on the second and third floor of the building that badly need scraping and repainting (bids are being sought.)

8. The "Junk in the Trunk" fundraiser and bake sale earned \$1,036 for the Fix-It Fund.
9. The Noisy Offering will restart on August 8th; we will use the collection to purchase backpacks with supplies for children at Knapp School.

Worship Opportunities!

Join us for In Person Worship!

Services are held at 9:30 am Sunday mornings at 2915 Wright Avenue. We hope you will join us!

Online Worship Opportunities

Live Stream on Living Faith Facebook Page:

- ◆ Go to: facebook.com/livingfaithracine

Services are broadcast in real time on Sundays at 9:30am, if you're not ready to join us in person. (You do not need a Facebook account to watch.)

Living Faith Website:

- ◆ Go to: livingfaithracine.org
 - ⇒ Click on "News"
 - ⇒ Click on "Online Worship Services"

A recorded version of our service will be posted to our website after the live service has ended.

Please note: Recordings are generally posted an hour after the service has ended, due to processing time of the video.





Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Stitchers of Blessings were able to remain active during the pandemic and have a number of prayer shawls available. Shawls can be given to persons who are experiencing life-altering events such as on-going medical issues, surgery, loss of a loved one, loneliness.

Celebrating joyous events such as births, milestone birthdays and anniversaries, weddings and graduations are also appropriate reasons for gifting a prayer shawl.

If you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone special for any of the above reasons, please contact Joy Webb at 639-2629 or Candy in the church office: 637-5671.

“Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl. I will treasure it always and when I wear the shawl will think of the prayers said for me that went into the making of it. I am blessed to have such kind and thoughtful friends.

God bless, Pat (Thompson)”

Living Faith Financial Picture - June 2021



Avg. Weekly Attendance:	69 (3 weeks)
Total Year to Date Income:	\$185,390.85
Total Year to Date Expense:	\$190,215.79

Living Faith received a second PPP (Payroll Protection Plan) draw of \$31,807. PPP is a federal loan designed to help businesses keep their work-

force employed during the COVID-19 crisis. It is currently being used to offset payroll expenses. We recently received notice that the loan has been forgiven; we do not have to pay it back.

Through June 30, 2021, the deficit is (4,824.94). Members will be receiving second quarter statements as well as a letter clarifying our current financial picture.



Rally Day - Sunday, September 12

4K through 5th grade Sunday School will begin with a special Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 12th. We will have carnival games with prizes, sweet treats and a make your own sundae bar in the south parking lot after the 9:30am service. The children will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for a “Group Kick Off” and then join their families after the sermon for prayers and Communion so that they can be a part of the worship service as well.

We are planning a great year for the children as they hear the stories and experience the love of Jesus Christ through hands on activities and monthly group Community Service Projects.

A special invitation will be going out to all families, but if you have children in your family who would like to join us, please give Candy a call in the office 262-637-5671.

Rally Day Helpers Needed!

All Hands on Deck for Rally Day! We are looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up, supervise the games/prizes and the “Make Your Own Sundae Bar”, donate cookies or bars and face painting. Please sign up on the long yellow sheet in the weekly bulletin, or contact the church office to let us know you would like to help at this exciting day.



Take Part in Communion while Watching the Live Stream Service - If you are watching Living Faith church services via the live streaming on Facebook and would like to participate in communion, the pre-packaged communion elements that are used at church can be delivered to you so you can participate in real time.

We have volunteers available to bring you the elements to your home. If this would be something you would like to do, please contact the church office at 637-5671.



Celebration of Life - Lance King passed away on April 7, 2021. His family invites you to join them for a celebration of Lance's life on Sunday, August 15th from 11am -4pm at Smolenski Park (438 S. Stuart Road, Mount Pleasant, WI.)



Join the All New Tech Team! - We're looking for Tech Team members to learn our Live Streaming system, to help support us as we worship in person again. Initially, we'll utilize simple smart phone technology, then progress to a cinema camera with zoom and wireless microphones. Please call Chuck Frahm at 262-886-5810 to sign up.

Noisy Offerings - Remember the fun of hearing all the change rattle around in the buckets during our Noisy Offerings? Well, we are happy to announce that the ever popular "Noisy Offering" will return on Sunday, August 8 in connection with the visit from Rich Wyttonick, principal at Knapp. Offerings collected will be dedicated to the purchase of back packs to be filled with school supplies for the students as they begin a new year. We also welcome the quiet sound of paper money in the bucket. Thank you for sharing your blessings!



Altar Flowers - Honor a special occasion or place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one. Living Faith is working with Flowers by Eileen, who will provide an arrangement for as little as \$25.00. Please call the church office or fill out the long yellow sheet to sign up.

Name Tags are Back in Fashion - Pastor Bill says "Thank You" for wearing name tags on Sunday morning! It has helped him to get to know who we are as well as helping us remember who we are as we get reacquainted and meet new friends! Supplies for making name tags will be at each entrance and there is a special blue name tag holder at each entrance for you to keep them till next week. *Let's be like Cheers: A place where everybody knows your name!*



Lutheran Men in Mission—"One Year to Live" Men's Retreat - "An experience that meets men where they are." One Year to Live is NOT your typical men's retreat! Developed by LMM in partnership with Lyman Coleman, pioneer of small group ministry, CEO and founder of Serendipity Publishing House. The One Year to Live retreat is designed to be a life changing, lay led event. Be prepared for a spiritual boot camp. This 45-hour experience is not for the faint of heart! This event is being held at the MacKenzie Center in Poynette, WI September 10-12. For more information on the retreat, go to www.lutheranmeninmission.org and click on the "One Year to Live" logo.

News from Knapp



“Backpacks for Knapp” Ministry

We are happy to bring back our “Fill A Back Pack for Knapp” Ministry again this year! On Sunday, August 15, you will have the opportunity to take as many back packs as you like from the front of the altar and fill with school supplies for Knapp Students. A list of Items needed for each back pack will be attached and are: a 24 count box of crayons, 6 pencils, 8-10 pack Crayola markers, glue sticks, 3 folders & 3 notebooks. Please return to the altar on Sunday, August 29th when they will be blessed before being delivered to Knapp Elementary School.

Socks, Undies & Jogging Pants Sundays

As we continue and are blessed to have a partnership with Knapp Elementary School, we will resume our “Socks, Undies & Jogging Pants Sundays” the last Sunday of each month. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the narthex or at the west entrance and will be delivered to Knapp monthly to help stock their Family Resource Room (sweatshirts are also a needed item.) Thank you for sharing your blessings again and again in so many ways. God Bless!



It's Time to Gather Items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits



Photo Credit: Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org)

A Personal Care Kit contains the following items:

- 1 metal nail clipper*
- 1 bath towel (about 27” x 52”, new or gently used)*
- 2 bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)*
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush (in original packaging)

*These are the items we need the most.

To quote the Lutheran World Relief website: “When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it’s often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush... and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. You can share God’s grace and love by providing that simple comfort.”

Now that we’re back to in-person worship, you can bring your donations to church with you. Another option: Sponsor a Personal Care Kit for \$10, and we will purchase the needed items. Please mark any offering given for this purpose “Personal Care Kit.”

Thank you for your support of people in crisis around the world!!

“Junk in the Trunk” and Bake Sale Fundraiser



We are excited to announce that we raised \$1,036.05 at our first parking lot fundraiser in support of the “Fix It Fund!!!” The “Junk in the Trunk” Flea Market brought in \$560.75; the very popular “No Price Bake Sale” brought in \$427.80 worth of donations and the Puzzle/Book sales raised \$27.50!

It was so exciting to watch the parking lot being transformed into a mini flea market with everyone’s treasures displayed in their trunks or tables nearby. The weather was perfect and we had several customers comment on what a great idea it was. It is true what they say: “Your Trash is Someone Else’s Treasure!”

Special thanks to all who participated as a seller, donated items and baked goods or helped in so many ways to make this a successful event. There is already talk of another event next summer with new and exciting ideas!

News from the Crazy Scrip Lady!

♪ “It’s summertime, and the livin’ is easy...” ♪

Can you believe it? It’s already August and it’s time to buy school supplies! AND, we’re once again partnering with Knapp to provide backpacks with school supplies for the children in our neighborhood. (Keep your eye out for the article with all the details.)



Cards are available for local and national retailers including Target, Office Depot, Walmart and many, many more. Retailers set aside a certain percentage of their profits for charitable giving, and they often prefer to give that money to causes supported by their customers. **Someone** will get those charitable dollars from the retailers – **why not support the children living around us and Living Faith’s ministries at the same time buy using Scrip to fill those backpacks?**

Need your SCRIP right away? We keep the cards

listed in the left hand column on the front page of the order form in stock in limited quantities – first come, first served. Need a small gift? We stock a number of cards in denominations of \$10 (there are even a few \$5 cards available.)

Now that we are back to in-person worship, you can talk to Dick or Karin Langlois before or after the service to get your Scrip.

If you’re not comfortable returning to church yet, we would still be happy to deliver it to you (this could be done without direct contact, just call me and we’ll figure it out) or we can mail it to you.

Call me, Karin Langlois, at 262-672-0635 or email me at cinders216@yahoo.com to order your Scrip. I can also email you a copy of the order form or send you a paper copy.

Please note: Orders are usually placed on Sunday evening, so please have orders in or contact me by Sunday afternoon.

“One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world.” – Malala Yousafzai

“Fix-It” Campaign Update



Our current balance in the Fix It Fund is \$6,034.92 after receiving the proceeds from the “Junk in the Trunk” fundraiser and bake sale of \$1,036.05! An additional offering of \$500 plus \$46.35 from the Fix It Fund Donation Box was received as well. We have no new expenses to report as of this writing.

The grand total that we have raised thus far for the Fix-It Campaign is \$24,060.92! That is amazing and we are so thankful for your generous donations! This is an ongoing campaign and we welcome any donations made that makes it possible for us to address necessary repairs and have the funds on hand to pay the cost. Looking for a place to drop your loose change or paper money? A “Fix-It Fund” donation box is located at the west entrance. **Thank you** for your continued support.

If you have particular skills that would be beneficial for fix it projects, please contact Ollie. Just like in your own home, there are always lots of items on “Ollie’s To Do List!” Thanks!

“Fix-It” Campaign Projects

We need some “handy” volunteers to help work on various projects, and generous members who can really help, by donating a few dollars to our “Fix-it” Campaign. Please drop your donations into the clear box located near the side door into the sanctuary or put in the envelope provided. Our wonderful church building needs continual “tender loving care.” To volunteer to help, contact Ollie Nielsen at the office, or sign up on the yellow sheet inside the Sunday church bulletin. Thank you so much!



“Fix-it” Team Projects:

1. The windows on all three levels along the south and east corner of the building need scraping and repainting.
2. The wrought iron gate into the courtyard needs sanding and repainting.
3. The wrought iron railing on the front entrance needs sanding and repainting.
4. The section of the wood fence along the south parking area needs to be re-positioned and re-enforced. (Snowplow damage).
5. Re-mulching is needed around the church perimeter.
6. Bushes along the east side of the building need to be trimmed.

Major Projects:

1. Parking lot sink hole and cracked asphalt both need repair.
2. Boiler computer control system needs to be replaced.
3. Parking lot re-striping needs to be done.
4. Additional brick tuck pointing needed.
5. Water damage needs to be repaired in the Sanctuary, east stairway wall and storage room ceiling.
6. Some of the older bathroom fixtures need to be updated and replaced.
7. Air conditioner outlet pipe needs to be relocated.
8. A tree needs to be taken down, located between the south neighbor’s garage and our wood fence.

News from Synod Assembly

Whether you attend a synod assembly in person or via zoom, you can't help but be inspired and filled with the Holy Spirit! Kristin Nielsen, an assistant to the Bishop opened the May 1st Saturday session with a time of centering while leading us to give to God that which has been pulling on our hearts and minds. She had us take some time to breathe, to let the Holy Spirit move among us, to allow God to make something happen in us and open our doors to let the Spirit blow through us. She based her devotion on John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches." We are all connected with those branches to our neighbors around the world and to the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Our synod offers many different resources that can help us as part of the ELCA. It offers care to military families, servicemen and women coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan when it comes to finding a home or residence as well as medical care and mental health services. Lutheran Campus Ministries, which helps students going to Marquette University and UW-Milwaukee, share relationships of laughter and play, support, prayer and a shared faith. Lutheran Social Services helps with mental health, substance abuse and disorders, counseling and therapy, foster care, public adoption, skill building, affordable housing, financial assistance, rental assistance and more. Through the IRIS program, help is offered to medically needy with transport to medical and dental appointments plus many other needed services.

Two resolutions were discussed and voted on. The first was a continuation of resolutions passed in previous years concerning the Greater Milwaukee Synod as a whole committing itself to being a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Synod which means a Synod committed to authentic diversity and inclusion and a Synod committed to anti-racism. These commitments only have meaning if they lead to concrete changes in our life together. The Synod has been blessed with the gifts of many people of color and

members of the LGBTQIA+ community and yet people in these communities have not always had their gifts affirmed by being welcomed into the ministry we share. It was resolved that the Synod Staff should encourage all congregations to learn about their communities and neighborhoods and develop plans geared toward authentic diversity and inclusion representative of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic class and ability. Furthermore, that the Synod Staff "journey with willing congregations" to commit to authentic diversity and inclusion. The resolution was passed 170 yes, 47 no and 18 abstained.

The second resolution addressed the need to Modify or Change Gendered Language in Synod Nomination Processes. This means that in future Synod elections, instead of the nominations being presented as "Lay Female" or "Lay Male," that changes be made to be inclusive of all genders and identities. The Greater Milwaukee Synod Vision, Mission, Values, and Practices Statement states that God's vision is "a world that embodies the fullness of life: justice, peace, equity, hope and love for everyone, including all races, genders, identities, abilities, and social statuses. It was resolved that the Synod Council create a task force to study and determine how best to represent, invite and recognize gender diversity in nomination processes for synod leadership. Also, that the Synod Council commit to updating these wordings around gender diversity to better celebrate and reflect the growing and changing community. The resolution was passed: 190 yes, 39 no and 14 abstain.

In closing, Kevin and I strongly encourage you to prayerfully consider being a delegate to future Synod Assemblies. There is no better way to see and hear how the Holy Spirit is indeed leading our Synod to do God's work and share the love of Jesus Christ around the world.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be Living Faith's Synod Assembly delegates, Kevin Ehnert & Vicki Siefert

Senior Housing



SeniorHousingNet.com is an industry-leading senior care organization dedicated to providing tools and essential resources to help enhance the lives of older adults of all walks of life. They've published a dedicated page that provides detailed information for families and senior citizens who are looking for senior living and care options that can help maintain their independence and quality of life in Wisconsin.

This free resource provides information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in every city and state across the country. Go to <https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniors/senior-living-us/wisconsin> for more information.

TerraCycle Update



Focus: Air Care Program Any Brand!



TerraCycle® strives to develop effective recycling solutions for items that are not widely recyclable at a local level. Once collected, the air care products we're highlighting this month are cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products. This program is sponsored by Febreze, a company that believes in actions speaking louder than words and consistently demonstrates progress on environmental sustainability. Their motto: *Leave Nothing But Fresh Air Behind.*

Air Care Program accepted waste: ANY brand of air freshener cartridges & plugs, packaging & flexible film packaging, and trigger heads. (This program does NOT accept aerosol containers.) Turning in your collections is easy. A TerraCycle® collection box is conveniently located inside the south entrance. **Remember: We can ONLY ACCEPT THE ITEMS WE FOCUS ON in these updates.** Other recyclable items should be put in your recycle bin at your home. Thank You!

Mail 'em or Save 'em When You Have 'em!

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting and bringing in the Box Tops for Education symbols. There's still a few out there! Eventually, the Box Tops program will become digital-only.



Remember: When you see "No More Clipping" means just what it says - we can't turn in that symbol for credit.

When you see that symbol, you have 2 choices:

1. Follow the directions for choosing Knapp School to receive the credit at BTFE.com & download the Box Tops app to your smart phone (you will use your phone to take a picture of your receipt through the app), or
2. **Bring your receipt to church within a week of getting it, put it in the offering plate,** and Karin Langlois will make sure Knapp gets the credit for you. (Mark your envelope ATTN: Karin Langlois.)

As an added plus, during their transition to all-digital, Box Tops for Education will award credit for both ways of collecting. Questions? Contact Karin Langlois: 262-672-0635.

FAITHWORKS FOOD PANTRY
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 pm
Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm
COMMUNITY MEAL
Sundays 4:30 pm
Living Faith East Campus
2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

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33rd Annual Convention of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization
Convention Registration Form



Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in Love"

Saturday, October 9, 2021
Registration begins at 7:30 AM ... Opening Worship begins at 8:30 AM
Mount Zion Lutheran Church
12012 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53226

"Early Bird" Registration Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2021 - \$50.00
Final Registration Date, includes late fee: Friday, September 24, 2021 - \$60.00
Student Fee (12-18 year olds) - \$25.00
For first time attendees only: Registration fee - \$35.00

There are **no registration refunds** ... you can, however, transfer your registration to another person.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there is a slight possibility that this year's convention will have to be cancelled. If that should happen, you will be notified by email or telephone call so please be sure you have included that information on the Registration Form. Be advised that no checks will be cashed prior to the convention, in the event of cancellation, and your check will be returned to you. It will be helpful if all participants pay for their own registration to facilitate payment returns. Thank you for understanding.

Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization - Sue Seidemann, President

Do you have any special needs or dietary requests? _____

*Return this form with your check, made out to the **Women of the ELCA** to:*

Karen Hoffman, Registrar
5302 Mansfield Drive, Greendale, WI 53129
414-421-9249

email: ksh3231gw@sbcglobal.net

All registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail, if e-mail address is provided.

Check one: I am a Voting Member I am not a Voting Member

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____
Home Church _____ City _____

Is Child Care Needed? ___yes ___no

If the answer is yes ... what is the age of the child/children _____

By registering for this event, you give Women of the ELCA permission to use your image (picture) & comments in educational, informational, and promotional materials in a variety of media, including electronic media.

August Readings

August 1: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

Second Reading: 78:23-29

Gospel: John 6:24-35

August 8: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

August 15: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

August 22: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

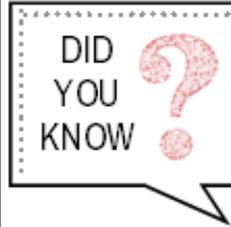
August 29: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm: Psalm 15

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



If another 10 people buy just ONE \$25 gas card each month, the monthly Scrip donation coming to Living Faith would increase by \$120.

That's another \$1,440 a year to support our ministries! Get your SCRIP today!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-2:30pm

Wednesday, Friday: 7:00am-1:00pm

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