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A Disciple's Path (Part 3 of 4)

Our time ...

From birth to death marks a finite span of days in which we live, breathe and have our lives. Each moment is precious, as Psalm 90:12 makes clear: "Teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart."

How we spend our time may be the most crucial stewardship question of all. After all, income levels and talents differ widely by individual, but everyone is given the same number of minutes and hours in a day. How we use them says a lot about our priorities and values.

When we choose to give our time to church, to neighbor, to a ministry that works for God's purposes, we are stewarding our time wisely.

Our possessions ...

Whether we cut a \$100,000 check for the building fund or place a box of macaroni and cheese in the bin for the food pantry, we give out of the material abundance with which God has entrusted us, knowing that generosity blesses not only the recipient but also the giver.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," Jesus is quoted as saying in Acts 20:35. We receive many blessings when we give financially—including the satisfaction of helping others or contributing to a worthy cause—but the greatest ben-



efit may be how it changes us.

In giving financially, we break money's powerful connection to our self-interest. In giving, we learn to be generous-hearted people who can more easily love their neighbor as themselves. This is an especially important lesson for those who are well-off.

For those who don't have material possessions to spare, the church follows Jesus' teaching, made clear in the story of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44) that all offerings, no matter how small, are treasured and valued.

For those whose financial situation prevents them from giving monetarily, the church values and welcomes offerings of time and talent.

Signs of your gracious love ...

"God is love." Though the loving character of the Almighty is revealed throughout the Bible, 1 John declares it plainly, twice (4:8 and 16). Moreover, the iconic Gospel verse John 3:16 begins "For God so loved the world."

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

Since God is love, all that God does is done in love, and God's love permeates creation. Therefore, we can readily observe God's gracious love in all that we are, all that we see and all that we experience.

We would be misreading this line if we inferred that wealth is a sign of God's favor, because then the opposite would also be true—that poverty is a sign of God's disfavor. In fact, the Bible is clear that God holds the poor in special regard and that wealth can bring spiritual challenges.

In Luke 6, Jesus says, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God" (20) and "Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation" (24).

MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

Names in the News

Anniversary: Congratulations to Donald and Sandra Hansen who will celebrate their 55th anniversary on September 10th, Ollie and Alberta Nielsen who celebrate 57 years of marriage on September 12th and Donald and Jean Hemm who will celebrate their 62nd anniversary on September 26th!

Nonagenarian Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Helen Zelinger, who will turn 90 on September 2nd, Shirley Kamakian, who will turn 90 on September 4th, Arthur Iverson, who will turn 90 on September 5th and to Lois Beres who turns 91 on September 19th. May the good Lord continue to bless them with many more joyful years!

Baptism: ADELYN HEETHER daughter of Michael and Rebecca Heether was baptized on August 8th with Clifford and Victoria Freese as the sponsors. Welcome to our newest member!



Condolences

Heartfelt love, sympathy and support to:

Son, David (Christy) Andersen of Caledonia and Mike (Lisa) Andersen of Racine; his grandsons, Shawn and Landon Andersen; his brother, Tom (Alice) Andersen of Racine; his niece and nephew, Tom and Kathy Andersen; and his first wife, Donna Mae Andersen, and his longtime companion, Donelle Lloyd and friends at the death of **James Roy Andersen** who passed away on July 29th.

Children, Marla (Thomas) Hughes, Nancy (Randall) Frayer, and Mark Mattal; granddaughters, Corinne (Aaron) Kovac and Nicole Frayer; great-grandson, Maddox Kovac; dear friend, Betty Goodwin; and other relatives and friends at the death of **Doris Mattal Foley** who passed away on June 26th.

"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.

Home again: Jill Steiner

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.*

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
— Mother Teresa

Living Faith Financial Picture - July 2021



Avg. Weekly Attendance:	58
Total Year to Date Income:	\$ 215,894.06
Total Year to Date Expense:	\$ 225,188.57



NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

Council Highlights - August 2021

1. Statements of weekly giving have started during our worship services to keep members better informed as to our financial status.
2. Our new live streaming equipment has been ordered and should be arriving soon. This has been made possible through a Synod grant and a generous anonymous donor.
3. Member giving statements will be going out soon with a letter from the Council.
4. Racine Unified will be taking one of the pianos we have been trying to give away. Anyone interested in the other one should contact the church office.
5. In light of the increase of Covid infections due to the Delta variant, the start of indoor Coffee Hours and the JOY (Just Older Youth) group will be delayed.
6. It was decided that the previously announced Rally Day activities, since they are outdoors, can still take place.
7. Building & Grounds: A new door is needed on the south side of the building by the alarm panel. It will be a steel door (to prevent break-ins) with a window (for the safety of those leaving the building.) Estimated cost: \$1,700.
8. Building & Grounds: The parking lot sink hole will be repaired, 4 fence posts will be replaced, and a tree will be removed from behind the fence for a total cost of \$800 to be paid from the Fix-It Fund.
9. The Call Team will receive names from the Synod and begin interviews of candidates soon.
10. A new freezer is needed for the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

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.



Office@LivingFaithRacine.org
www.LivingFaithRacine.org
www.Facebook.com/LivingFaithRacine
www.Instagram.com/Living_Faith_Racine

FaithWorks Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to:
Stock shelves
Assemble boxes
Bag produce
Carry boxes to cars & drive

We need YOUR help!

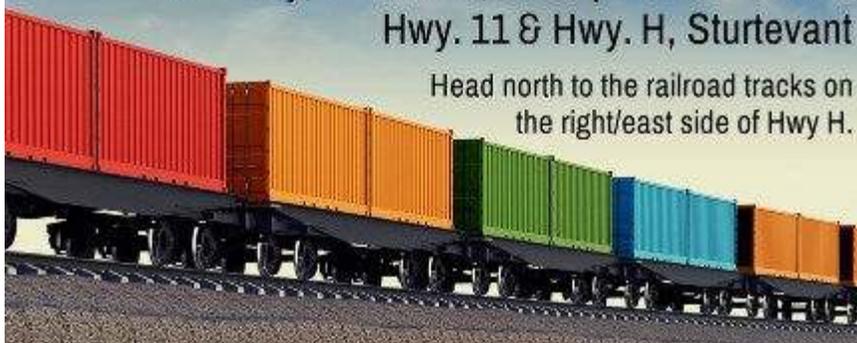
FaithWorks Food Pantry located at
Living Faith Lutheran Church - Racine, WI

HELP LOAD THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF BOXCAR!

Saturday, October 9, 2021 | 9:00 - 11:00am

Hwy. 11 & Hwy. H, Sturtevant

Head north to the railroad tracks on
the right/east side of Hwy H.



FaithWorks Food Pantry

If you'd like to join the FaithWorks Food Pantry team, give Margaret Robinson (262-939-7086), June Klingbeil (262-672-1526) or the church office (262-637-5671) a call.

Lutheran Social Services Needs Our Help!

Large numbers of Afghan refugees are arriving in at Fort McCoy in western Wisconsin (about 100 miles northwest of Madison) and the LSS Refugee Resettlement Team is gearing up to serve. This is a fluid situation, and details are still unclear, but **at this time, LSS is seeking:**

- Cash donations (to help pay for housing for up to 6 months)
- Personal hygiene kits (which include new, unopened shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, razors, lotion, sun screen, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss)

As the refugees are further relocated, there will be other ways to help.

Critical cash donations can be made in the following ways:

- Online: Go to lsswis.org. Scroll down the home page to the "Donate to Refugee Resettlement" button and fill out the requested information.
- Mobile phone: Text LSSREFUGEE to 41444
- Mail checks payable to:
Lutheran Social Services - Refugee
PO Box 88868, Milwaukee, WI 53288
- Through church:
Indicate "Refugee" on your check or envelope.

For further information or to donate hygiene supplies, please contact Lutheran Social Services main office at 414-246-2300. You can also contact Greater Milwaukee Synod Immigration & Refugee Task Force volunteer coordinator, Pastor Kelly via email at pastor.kelly.elca@gmail.com or by phone at 262-261-3059. Thank you!



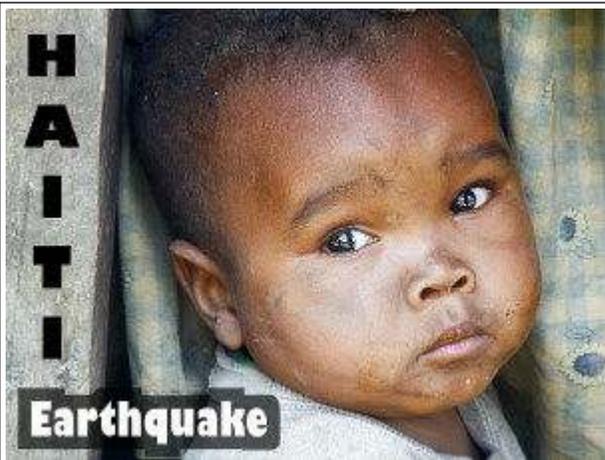
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PO Box 88868
Milwaukee, WI 53288



Haiti Earthquake

On Saturday, August 14th, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti. At least 2,200 people have died, more than 12,200 were injured, and hundreds remain missing. The earthquake severely damaged the cities of Le Cayes and Jeremie. More than 50,000 homes were destroyed and another 77,000 damaged. Sixty places of worship, twenty schools, and twenty-five health centers were among the buildings destroyed or damaged.

Then, on Tuesday the 17th, Haiti was hit by Hurricane Grace, causing widespread flooding and landslides. It's estimated that 240,000 people, 60,000 of which are children, have been affected by these natural disasters.

Ways to Help

Cash donations can be made in the following ways:

- Online: Go to elca.org, → Click on the "Our Work" tab → Click on "Lutheran Disaster Response" under "Relief and Development" in the 3rd column → Click the "Give Now" button and fill out the requested information.
- By phone: Call 800-638-3522
- Mail checks to: Lutheran Disaster Response, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check memo line.
- Through church: Indicate "Haiti Crisis" on your check or envelope.

Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake.

As time goes on, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, and Quilts will be heavily utilized by Lutheran World Relief as they deliver aid. Please look for the lists of items needed as you enter church and in *The Journey* for the kits we are completing here at Living Faith. The Quilters are also in need of supplies – please think about donating fabric or money to them as well. **Together, as church, we can be there for our neighbors in Haiti.**

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

Ephesians 4:11-13 – [Christ] also gave apostles, prophets, missionaries, as well as pastors and teachers as gifts to his church. Their purpose is to prepare God's people to serve and to build up the body of Christ. This is to continue until all of us are united in our faith and in our knowledge about God's Son, until we become mature, until we measure up to Christ, who is the standard. (God's Word Translation)

The Call Team will receive their first names for prospective pastors from the Synod and begin scheduling interviews this month. Pray for them to leave room for the Holy Spirit to guide them in the discernment of the gifts in the candidates God may send. Their task is not simply a matter of "hiring" someone, but of allowing the Spirit to work in and through them (and our congregation) to build up the church.



Quilters

The quilters are looking for donations of cotton fabric or donations so they can buy fabric. They are always looking for people to join them on Monday mornings at 9am. Call Cyndy at 262-634-8006 for more information.



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."



Rally Day - Sunday, September 12

Come one, come all! Rally Day is for kids of all ages and that includes YOU!

Please join us in the south parking lot after the 9:30am service on Sunday, September 12th for a special Rally Day Celebration. We will have carnival games with prizes, sweet treats, a make your own sundae bar as well as coffee and lemonade!

This marks the beginning of our Fall Programming at Living Faith including Sunday School for 4k - 5th grade. 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.

A special invitation has been sent to all families with children but if you know of some who would like to join us, please give Candy a call in the office 262-637-5671.

*Chairs will be provided for the outdoor event, but if you can, please bring a lawn chair to make set up a little easier.

Invite your family and friends to join us for fun and refreshments at Rally Day!

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, the "Make Your Own Sundae Bar" and donate pre-packaged cookies or bars. Face painting anyone?

Please sign up on the long yellow sheet in the weekly bulletin, or call the church office to let us know you would like to help at this exciting day. You will be contacted to confirm. Thanks in advance!



Did You Notice? Special Thanks to Monica Miller for sponsoring the brand new banner which adorns our main entrance on Wright Avenue! “With Open Hearts and Minds for All God’s People, We Strive to Walk In the Footsteps of Jesus Christ” is the vision we have for Living Faith for our future. Thanks to Monica, we were able to share that vision with the community and neighborhood!



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.

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.



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.

Socks, Undies & Jogging Pants Sundays - The last Sunday of each month will be dedicated to collecting socks, undies, jogging pants and sweatshirts to be used in the Knapp School Family Resource Center. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the narthex or at the west entrance and will be delivered to Knapp monthly. Thank you for sharing your blessings and God Bless!



News from Knapp



“Backpacks for Knapp” Ministry

Noisy Offering - \$409.01 was collected at our “Backpacks for Knapp” Noisy Offering on Sunday, August 8 and was used to cover the cost of purchasing the back packs to fill with school supplies for the Knapp Elementary Students. We also received another \$100 dollar donation to be used for backpacks and school supplies. The cost of the backpacks was \$151.20 and we spent an additional \$32.16 to complete back packs not taken plus a few left over from last year, leaving a balance of \$325.65. Principal Rich Wytonick mentioned on Sunday the 22nd that the staff at Knapp will be sponsoring a school supply drive as well, so we have decided to donate the \$325.65 to them to help with the expenses of needed supplies. Overall we completed 55 back-



packs!

Remember when we were kids and how excited we were to have new school supplies when we went back to school in the fall? Especially that “New Box of Crayons!” Thank you so much for all the ways you help to give the students a happy and successful school year!

Last Month to Gather Items for Lutheran World Relief Kits

This month, we’re going to try to fill out the kits we have started, so we especially need the following:



For School Kits:

- 70-sheet notebooks
- Blunt scissors
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags with shoulder straps, about 14”x 17”



For Baby Care Kits:

- Gowns or sleepers without feet
- Cloth diapers, flat-fold preferred
- T-shirts, short or long sleeved, NO onesies
- Pairs of infant socks
- Jacket, sweaters, or sweatshirts with hoods, *OR include a baby cap*



For Personal Care Kits:

- Metal nail clippers

Now that we’re back to in-person worship, you can bring your donations to church with you. **ANOTHER OPTION:** Sponsor a kit for of your choice, and we will purchase the needed items. Please specify any offering given for this purpose with the name of the kit so that we can honor your wishes.

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

Photo Credit: Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org)

Let's Get Moving Continues this Fall!

"Let's Get Moving" is an hour-long gentle "chair based" exercise program and is a fun way to improve your health and flexibility.

The program is led by licensed instructor Arlene Verborg and is open to men and women, church members, friends, relatives, and folks from the community. Stop in for a "free trial visit" with no obligation.

Stop in, sign up and pay on the day you start. We will be wearing masks and hand sanitizer will be available. Questions? Call Alice Frahm at 262-886-5810.



LET'S GET MOVING!

An hour-long gentle 'chair based' exercise program, open to all ages and abilities.

Dates: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13
Time: 11:00am - 12 Noon
Location: Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$10.00 for all six weeks!

Strict social distancing rules will be followed. Wearing a mask is required.

FUNDRAISING

News from the Crazy Scrip Lady!

It's September and school has started! **Do you still need school supplies or know someone who does?** Use SCRIP to make those purchases and Living Faith benefits, too. Cards are available for local and national retailers including Target, Walmart, Office Depot, and many, many more.

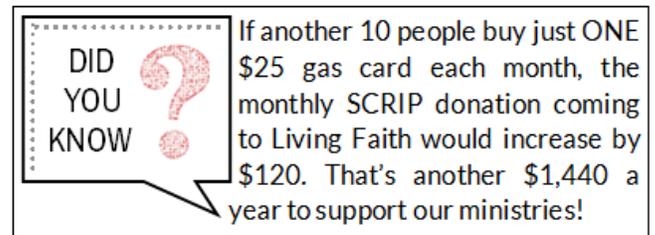
Retailers set aside a certain percentage of their profits for charitable giving. **Those charitable dollars WILL go to someone – WHY NOT HELP MAKE THAT MONEY COME TO LIVING FAITH TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES?**

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 send me an email 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.



DID YOU KNOW ? 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!

"There is a clarity about September... the sun seems brighter, the sky more blue, the white clouds take on marvelous shapes; the moon is a wonderful apparition, rising gold, cooling to silver; and the stars are so big." – Faith Baldwin

TerraCycle Update



Focus: Personal Care & Beauty Program *Any Brand!*

Each year millions of personal care products and beauty product packages are needlessly discarded and end up in landfills. We are partners with TerraCycle® and Garnier® to create a second life for these empty containers. Every time you finish your personal care or beauty product we want you to save the packaging and bring it in so they can be recycled into fun and innovative products.



Personal Care & Beauty Program accepted waste: ANY BRAND lipstick cases, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases & tubes, shampoo bottles, conditioner bottles, bronzer cases, foundation packaging, body wash containers, soap tubes and dispensers, lotion dispensers, bottles & tubes, shaving foam tubes (no cans), powder cases, chap stick tubes, face soap dispensers & tubes, face lotion bottles & jars, eyeliner cases & pencils, concealer tubes & sticks, lip liner pencils, hand lotion tubes, hair gel tubes, and hair paste jars.

Please Note: Hair spray cans, nail polish bottles and nail polish remover bottles **ARE NOT** accepted at this time.

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!

Living Faith Lutheran Church
invites you to

RALLY DAY 2021

Sunday, September 12
9:30am - Godly Play
Sunday School & Worship

Join us after worship for
carnival games with
prizes, a build your
own sundae bar and
other sweet treats!

Living Faith Lutheran Church
2915 Wright Avenue, Racine



North Cape Lutheran Church
37th Annual

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Boil

Saturday, September 25, 2021
3:30PM–7:00PM

The North Cape Lutheran Church Fish Boil is back in 2021! This will be a Drive Thru Carry Out only event. The fish boil serves boneless, skinless ocean cod with melted butter, new jacketed potatoes, boiled carrots and onions as well as a dessert.

Tickets are \$13 for adults if purchased prior to the day of the event. Please use this link to order and pay for your meals online. Then print out your order confirmation as your ticket to show when you pick up your meals.

<https://form.jotform.com/212246457962158>

Tickets are \$15 on the day of the event. Children's tickets for ages 6-11 are always \$5. No presale orders are needed for children 5 and under as they are free. You can also order a meal by calling the church office at 262-835-2206 by Sept. 23, and pay when you pick up your meal!

Ways to Give to the Church

In addition to dropping your envelope in the plate at Sunday worship, here are ways you can give to Living Faith.

Electronic giving:

- ◆ Through your bank or credit union's on-line bill pay
- ◆ Living Faith Website - Open the Give tab (Checking, Savings, or Credit Card may be used)
- ◆ Give Plus Mobile - Download the free App to your iPhone or Android device (Checking, Savings, or Credit Card may be used)
- ◆ Simply Giving - Monthly automated withdrawal from your checking/savings account through Thrivent & Vanco. Download form at: thefellowship.com/downloadssimplygiving.pdf



Via U.S. mail:

- ◆ Checks payable to: Living Faith Lutheran Church, 2915 Wright Ave., Racine, WI 53405

“Fix-It” Campaign Update



Our current balance in the Fix-It Fund is \$8,390.43, after having received two generous donations; one for \$1215 and the other for \$1000. An additional

\$140.51 was received in the Fix-It Fund Donation Box located at the west entrance.

We have no new expenses to report as of this writing and the grand total that we have raised thus far for the Fix-It Campaign is \$26,416.43! Wow! That is amazing and because of your generous donations we have been able to cover needed maintenance repairs and special projects as they are completed.

This is an ongoing campaign and we are so thankful for your support to help keep our building safe and in good repair to allow for our ministries to continue. We will always keep you updated with future expenses so that you know exactly what your valuable donations are being used for. 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 and generosity!

Ollie's "To Do List" is ever growing, so if you have particular skills that would be beneficial for fix-it projects, please contact him to let him know you would like to be a part of his "Fix-It Team." Thanks!

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.

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.

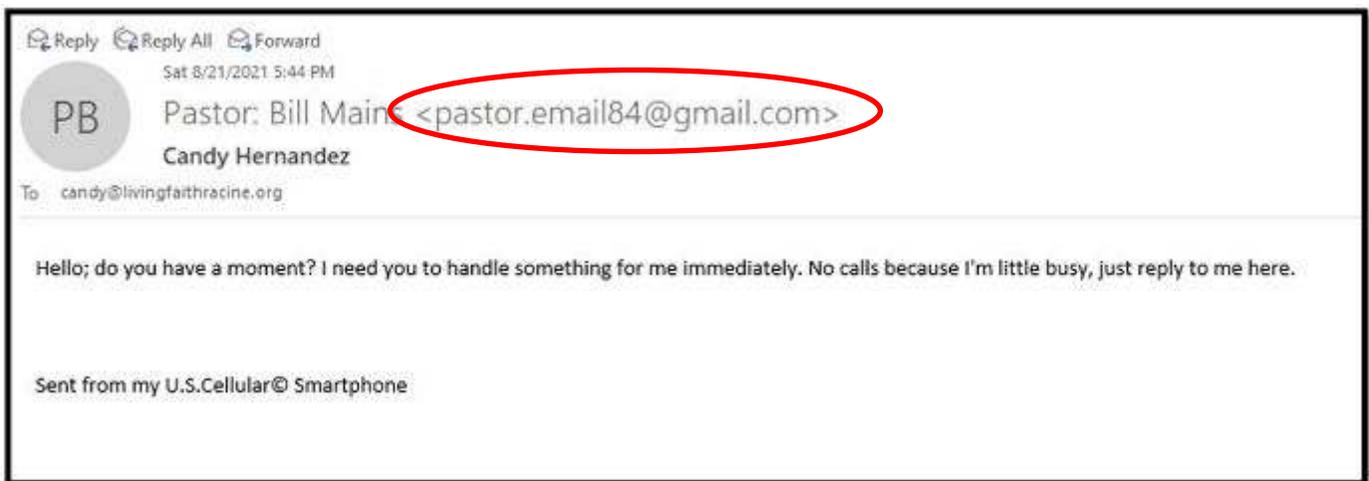
This free resource provides information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in every city and state across the country. Go to <https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniors/senior-living-us/wisconsin> for more information.



Beware of Scam Emails!

Church office staff have recently been receiving scam emails from someone pretending to be Pastor Bill. At first glance, the emails have appear to be sent from Pastor/Reverend Bill Mains, but they are not being sent from his legitimate Living Faith email address.

The email Pastor Bill uses is pbill@livingfaithracine.org.



Here are a two quick ways to spot a scam email message. (A quick Google search will pull up many good articles with more tips on spotting an scan email.)

- Incorrect Email Address/Domain Name - Messages from any Living Faith staff member will be sent from the livingfaithracine domain. A common trick of scammers is to use an address that at quick glance looks correct (Example: livingfaithrac1ne In this example Racine is spelled incorrectly.) Check the email address by hovering your mouse over the 'from' address.
- Grammar and Spelling Mistakes - Although all of us have sent out messages with typos or awkward grammar mistakes, a message with many grammar or spelling mistakes can be a sign of a scam email.

If you ever receive an email from church staff that you are not comfortable with, call us.

We will always be happy to confirm if it came from us.

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

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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.

September Readings

September 5: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Psalm: Psalm 146
 Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
 Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

September 12: 16th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm: Psalm 116:1-9
 Second Reading: James 3:1-12
 Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

September 19: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Psalm: Psalm 54
 Second Reading: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a
 Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

September 26: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
 Psalm: Psalm 19:7-14
 Second Reading: James 5:13-20
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-50



A reminder from
the church council:

Face masks, please!

Like you, we're committed to everyone's safety. Let's all make sure that we wear our face masks and practice social distancing when we're at church.

LIVING FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - RACINE, WI

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-2:30pm
 Wednesday, Friday: 7:00am-1:00pm
The office is open by appointment only. Call the office at 262-637-5671 if you'd like to stop in.

“Renewal of mind begins with reading and mediation on the Scriptures.”

- Lailah Gifty Akita



Newsletter Deadlines

October Journey: September 20
 Weekly Journey: Tuesdays at noon
 Articles & photos should be sent to: diane@livingfaithracine.org.
 If you are not receiving *The Journey*, give the church office a call and let us know.

Service Times

Sunday Worship Services (Wright & Quincy) 9:30am

Living Faith Church Office Hours (Wright & Quincy)

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 2:30pm

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

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With open hearts and minds for all God's people, we strive to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.