VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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From the Minister

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

- Psalm 100

We are pleased to share history with the Salem Lutheran Church, our church neighbors right across the street. We are pleased to share in this historic recognition. On this day tours will also be given of West Granville.

Salem Landmark Museum Building Sesquicentennial State Historical Marker Dedication August 10

Come and celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Salem Landmark Museum building and dedication of a State historical marker on Saturday, August 10. Day-long activities begin at 9:30 am with a worship service followed by the dedication of an historical marker from the State of Wisconsin recognizing the beginnings of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Other activities include a performance by members of Wisconsin's Civil War era 1st Brigade Band, opening of the church cornerstone, an address by WELS President Mark Schroeder, guided tours, and displays from other

historical organizations will also be available. Lunch will be available for purchase. Lawn chairs are recommended for the outdoor marker dedication. Events take place at 6814 North 107th Street in Milwaukee. For more information www.welshistory.org or email welshistory@gmail.com.

God Bless, Dee

Pastor Anderson will be out of the office July 8-14 and August 5-11

WORSHIP IN JUNE AND JULY

Summer Worship: 9:30 AM

June 30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth share from Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, MI.
Scripture: Micah 6:8 Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

July 07 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion

Special Music: Battle Hymn of the Republic with soloist and percussion

Jim Sewrey and Lynnette Buzzell

Sermon: Law & Justice

Scripture: I Kings 21 Naboth & King Ahab

July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Barbara Jordan, Guest Preacher

Worship Elder: Noel Adams

July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Notes From the Global Church Persecuted for Righteousness Sake: Blasphemy & the Christian Community

Scripture: Matthew 5: 10 Blessed Are You

Milwaukee Brewer Game & Tailgate following Worship

July 28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Music: Sally Schwarz The Lord's Prayer

Sermon: *Great is Thy Faithfulness-*

Lamentations and listening to the Voice of a Silent God Scripture: Lamentations 3:19-30 Waiting in Silence

WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Summer Worship: 9:30 AM

August 04 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Communion

Special Music: Trombone Choir

Scripture: Luke 4:18 *Bind up the Broken Hearted* Sermon: *Mission: What God is Doing in the World*

August 11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Barbara Jordan, Guest Preacher

August 18 Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

Rain or shine ~ Worship & picnic will be inside if raining **Special Music: Saxophone Quartet led by Celia Meisel**

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-12 Burning Bush

Sermon: Moses & the Burning Bush-Finding God in Unexpected Places

Bring a lawn chair

Bring a side dish to share & your own table setting Meat & veggie burgers and beverages will be provided

August 24 Vacation Bible School at Pike Lake State Park

August 25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Speak the Truth in Love-Living Beyond Blame

Scripture: Ephesians 4:15

Looking Ahead

September 01 Labor Day Weekend

Last Sunday of summer 9:30 Worship

Special Music: an Iona Song:

Bring Your Best to their Worst, Lynnette Buzzell

Sermon & Scripture: *The Rabbit Hutch:*A Dramatic Reading by John Bell

September 08 Fall Rally Day

9:15 Church School 10:30 WORSHIP

Special Music: Papi Makaena 11:30 Ice Cream Social

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Military Deployment

Alex Ausberry Jr., Afghanistan Stephen Savage, deployment

Immediate Need

Judi Holmes-Jensen's mother, Marjory, struggling

Long Term

Susan Allen, health concerns Nicole Rupke, is in our on-going prayers Dan Ryan, continuing care

Children Long Term

Sophie Sanders, granddaughter of Ed Kress, leukemia Ruby Patricia Tylenda-Emmons, special needs and continuing care Madison Ford, special needs and continuing care

WGPC 150TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

Copies of the 150th Anniversary video are finally available for you to enjoy! Located on the bookshelf in the lower-level Pine Room, there are six copies to share and a sign-out sheet. In addition, if you are interested in looking at the other historical projects and events that were part of the 150th year-long celebration, there is a collection in the library next to the balcony. The collection is stored in an orange print zippered box and has copies of the calendar, Cemetery Walk, special bulletins, and other interesting documents, etc. for your review. The Archives Committee is happy to have these materials available for your review in the library but ask that you do not remove any items from the collection.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, Vacation Bible School returns to Pike Lake State Park in Hartford. With a focus of Mission, your kids will learn the value of being of service. We'll have activities, games, food and enjoy a dip in the lake to relax. Watch your email for an Evite with more details and an opportunity to RSVP. Mark your calendar now for **Saturday**, **August 24** and start looking forward to the fun!

LUNCH BUNCH

Friday, July 12th and Friday, August 9th at 1:00, for all ages. See Nancy Baum for details.

MEMBER CARE GOLF OUTING

When: Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Where: Blackstone Creek in Germantown

Our Third Annual Golf Outing will be at Blackstone Creek Golf Course in Germantown (across from the Germantown High School). We are planning to play 9 holes in this event; scramble style. The cost is \$15.00 for nine holes and \$22.00 with a cart. There are discounts available for seniors. There is a full-service food service after the golf. You don't need to be a pro or a church member to join us. Hope to see you there! If you are interested in joining us, please sign up in Perseverance Hall or the Narthex! If you have any questions, you may contact Scott Prill at 414.351.5960.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

On behalf of the WGPC Member Care Committee, we would like to welcome you to join us for our annual Brewer Game Outing on **Sunday, July 21st**. We will be leaving after church at approximately 11:00 a.m. for a little tailgating before the game. We will be looking for volunteers who would be willing to drive a group to Miller Park. The Brewers will go up against the Miami Marlins at 1:10 p.m. This will be a great event for fun and fellowship! We have 11 tickets left, so all sales will be first come, first served. Look for a ticket voucher in this Sunday's bulletin!

OPEN CIRCLE

The annual Strawberry Festival was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Many thanks to all who helped hull, slice, bake, scoop, whip, shop, mix, serve, pour, set-up, clean-up, wash-up, and put-away! And a berry big thank you to all the diners, donors, and honorary Open Circle helpers! Thank you so much for taking note of all the local and worldwide Missions we support with your generous free-will offerings!

Open Circle's next event will be the **Pie & Ice Cream Social on Rally Day, September 8th**, immediately following Worship.

Open Circle will meet in **October** to plan for the year, date and place to be announced. All women of the church are welcome and invited.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Have your blood pressure checked by our Parish Nurse, Barb Feehan, after church on the first Sunday of each month.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE May 26 92

June 2 120 June 9 83 June 16 133

* OUTDOOR WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 *

You are invited to join us for outdoor worship and our annual church picnic at the church. See Jo Ann Olson for more information.

What to bring:

- Lawn chair
- Food to share
- Your own plates and settings

We will provide:

- Lemonade on the lawn and other beverages
- Games for the young and young at heart
- Brats, burgers and veggie burgers

WGPC BOOK NOOK



See the West Granville Library in the Pine Room
(lower level below the Sanctuary!)
No complicated check-out system or overdue book fines ~
Just the opportunity to find a great book to borrow or to
pass along a great book you have read for others to enjoy.

PULL-TABS STILL NEEDED

We are still collecting your donations of pull tabs from cans and the Ronald McDonald House could really use them. As a reminder, they can come from canned soups, animal food cans, soda and beer can tops. Please bring them to Perseverance Hall and drop them into the cardboard Ronald McDonald house now located on the window ledge in the office. Joan Schroeder will collect them and turn them over to the Ronald McDonald House.

SUMMER PLEDGES

Thank you for supporting the church through your pledges and gifts. During the lazy days of summer it may be easy to lose track, but the church bills still need to be paid. The church appreciates all efforts to keep the church offering current during the summer months.

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Consolidated General Fund	31-May-13
Operating Statement	
Income	
YTD pledged receipts	46,446
YTD prepaid pledged receipts	14,486
YTD non-pledged receipts	11,794
YTD per capita	4,497
YTD other income	955
YTD transfer from NCF	8,680
TOTAL	86,858
Expenditures	
·	46.044
Payroll	46,811
Programs	2,643
Mission	2,519
Operations	24,215
TOTAL	76,188
Balance on hand	10,670

Thank you for your continuing support. As we all make plans to enjoy the summer months, please remember that the finances of WGPC will not be taking a vacation this year.

Your Finance Committee

NEWS FROM MALAWI MISSION CO-WORKERS

A letter from Jim & Jodi McGill in Malawi, March 2013

Dear Family and Friends,

~ continued from last month ~



Local water company beginning repairs on appropriately simple, inexpensive but broken pump

So instead I went to three sites to monitor the progress and quality of hand-drilled wells being drilled by three different new companies. In between visiting the sites I remembered that an employee of Mzuzu University, where the Centre of Excellence for Water and Sanitation is located, had persistently been requesting that we assist with a pump for her well. On her well we found a locally manufactured and innovative but non-functioning pump and proceeded to try to sort out how best to assist her to have access to water again.

The producer of both the well and the pump had left his phone number written on the top slab, so we knew that he already understands a bit about marketing and producing business for himself. As we took the pump apart, we found he had used locally available spare parts for a local hand pump in order to produce his own simple pump and had improvised for the parts that were not readily available. He had quite cleverly put together an extremely low-cost pump made with locally available pieces but one that was costly to repair.

This is exactly the type of person that we are trying to build up and support through our "Smart" water and sanitation Centre. We can work with him/her to make the pump more repairable by working with the producers of the parts to begin to make the parts more available. As the pump becomes more repairable, the pump also becomes more expensive. So we work with both customer and water supplier to ensure that the supplier gets paid immediately upon completion of his services and that the customer, if needed, has access to a sliding scale loan service that allows up to one year for repayment.

In this particular case Mzuzu University is willing to work with us to deduct an agreed-upon amount from the employee's salary to pay back the loan. In most cases customers do not have employers, so we are beginning to work with Village Savings and Loans and other micro-financing institutions on "smart" financing schemes. We do know that increasing the length of repayment time enables more people to purchase their own water and sanitation facilities, which in turn provides a larger market for the producers of the water points. Studies have shown that ownership of a water point increases the income of a family on average of over \$200 per year. Most of the people with whom we are living have less than \$1.25 per day, so this is a significant boost to their livelihoods.

Many of you have been supporting this work through prayer as well as financial and physical support, some through supporting the purchase of the vehicle that allows us to do the field work to monitor and train, some through training and through support of individual wells. We thank you all for your concern for your brothers and sisters here in Malawi and your willingness to help.

The McGill Family

JULY COMMUNION GROUP: Pat Grogan, Njoki Kamuiru, Jo Olson, Llew Tietz, Tammy Wood

JULY USHER/GREETER TEAM: Deb Bascom, Robert Bonnett, Angie Snowden, Bob Streich

JULY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

14: Wood family28: Anderson family

AUGUST COMMUNION GROUP: Eleanor Ellner, Lon Crane, Tom DeBuhr, Dorothy Harris, Angie Snowden, Kathy Weberg

AUGUST USHER/GREETER TEAM: Jacques Sewrey, Tony Anderson, Jean Casey, Shirley Jaccard, Jo & Roger Olson, Jim Sewrey

AUGUST COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

4: Stroschin family
11: Serebin family

18: Church Picnic

25: Tess-Mattner family September 1: Daniel family

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lori Martens
- 2 Jerica Ellner
- 3 Sarah Daniel
- 4 Leigh Otten
- 8 Sarah & Dominic Bichler, 2006
- 8 Carol Buck
- 9 Steve & Carol Otten, 1977
- 11 Elizabeth Sandretti
- 13 Diana Essoka
- 13 Rob Pearson
- 13 Cean Ryan
- 14 Erik Anderson
- 14 Daniel Ryan
- 15 Kerry Tylenda
- 16 Evan Anderson
- 16 Prentice Jones
- 17 Alison Crane
- 17 Alexis Kress
- 17 Jon Buck
- 17 Sandy Roy
- 18 Lauren Meyer
- 21 Cristin Jones
- 22 Helen Kidd
- 24 Jennifer Emory
- 25 Jim & Cathie Stroschin, 1987
- 25 Tom Grogan
- 25 Karen LaPorte
- 25 Njoki Kamuiru
- 29 Rachael Radder
- 29 Will & Jennifer Emory

If your dates are missing or in error, please inform the church office.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 David Suyama
- 4 Amy & Dave Mikec, 2007
- 6 Tony Anderson
- 6 John Reiss
- 10 Bill & Barb Suyama, 1974
- 11 Shannon Cannestra
- 11 Todd & Dawn Famularo, 1990
- 12 Alice Mayer
- 13 Amy Suyama
- 14 Stephen Kamuiru
- 16 Marilyn Allan
- 16 Joy Hartman
- 16 Donna Blommel
- 17 Alexander Hrovat
- 19 Tom & Marty Suyama, 1950
- 19 Rob & Lois Pearson, 1968
- 21 Danielle Clay
- 22 Tom Warnke
- 22 Miriam Daniel
- 22 Lucia Daniel
- 23 Farrukh Daniel
- 23 Jennifer Otten
- 25 Linda Ryan
- 26 Jim Rhines
- 26 Maureen & Prentice Jones, 1989
- 27 Louis Fehr

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