

A Note from the Pastor

Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord.

This summer we have used the narrative lectionary, unbeknownst to me though that it was such good news in the midst of such a violent summer in this nation. Here in Petoskey and Emmet county we experience more and more poverty. Racism and sexism and genderism seem to be overtaking the nation causing a difficult divide. We seem to be caught up in division politically and for some reason, religion has entered the field like never before. There is so much death and suffering and pain in this world, and then we hear Job... Job, naming his despair, agony, grief... and calling on God our Creator. Light in the darkness... light to take away the chaos. Light in the midst of darkness...

Now this light exposes what is hurtful and painful but it also allows us to look at each other face to face and bridge the gaps that divide us. Let's try our best and pray fervently to God that we are bridge builders... that we have a really great story to tell of God's grace and love for EVERYONE... we can do this through the One who strengthens us and guides us. So PRAY! LAUGH! LOVE! GRIEVE... CONFESS... FORGIVE... BUILD! We can do this! Here is a little something from Psalm 119:50 *This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your Word has revived me! This is comforting...* that even in the desert and darkness, there is life.

It is a dismal situation that this world is in... but we can make a difference, step by step, in sharing the joy of recreation and new life in Christ! Go in peace and SERVE the Lord! Be God's hands here and now!

In Christ, Pastor Sherry McGuffin

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:

Along with a bath towel (new, dark color, size: 20" by 40" or 52" by 27") we need 3 bath size bars of soap, one adult tooth brush, one comb, and one nail clipper *for each kit. Items needed reminder cards are available on the Usher Counter in the sanctuary. Please take one.* Our goal is to be able to donate at

least 25 complete Personal Care Kits: to date we have enough items to complete 2. Donated items may be placed in the tub located near the mailboxes. Contact: Cyndi Yingling 231-525-8950.

Funds collected during this month's noisy offering are designated for this ministry.

Month at a Glance

Noisy Offering: LWR care kits

Aug. 7 & 21

Paper Pantry:

5– 7 PM 8/11 (prep @ 3:30)

9– 11 AM 8/25 (prep @ 3:30 8/24)

Soup Kitchen:

8/11 and 8/25

Due to office:

Hard Copy Newsletter submissions:

August 10th

E-submissions for Newsletter:

August 15th

Unavailable to serve in October:

August 15th

Committee Meetings:

Management: Aug. 1, 7 PM

Worship & Music: Aug. 22, 9:30 AM

Council: Aug. 15, 7 PM

Useful Info:

We will soon be transitioning to a new member database software package. In the coming months, expect to receive a hard copy of your information for verification and to fill in the gaps.

Readings for the Month

Our focus this month is The Lord's Prayer.

Worship and Music

This is the last month of our summer worship. Thank you to our worship and music team for helping set the worship. Thank you to Susan Hoffman and to Kathy Rusche for the beautiful painting in the sanctuary... we are reminded that Christ is living water... Every day!

We will worship at Festival by the Bay on August 21st at 10AM. We will have a very short prayer service at 8:30 am and then celebrate worship as the culminating activity for Festival by the Bay. Bring everyone you can!!!!

August 28th there will be one service at 10am.

Finances at a Glance

YEAR TO DATE	FUND STATUS FOR THE PERIOD:				
	Jan-June			2016	
	GENERAL FUND	PROPERTY FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTAL
OPENING BALANCE	-4789.81	-2223.66	6029.11	46473.83	45489.47
+ INCOME	55315.93	5227.66	8,231.61	1105.00	69880.20
- EXPENSE	62260.27	8332.33	9489.35	736.94	80818.89
ENDING BALANCE	-11734.15	-5328.33	4771.37	46841.89	34550.78
					0.00
2016 CHANGE	-6944.34	-3104.67	-1257.74	368.06	-10938.69

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
September 2016

September	Sept. 4th 8:30 AM	Sept. 4th 10 AM	Sept. 11th 8:30 AM	Sept. 11th 10 AM God's Work, Our Hands	Sept. 18th 8:30 AM	Sept. 18th 10 AM	Sept. 25th 8:30 AM	Sept. 25th 10 AM
Greeter	Russ & Sharon Scott	Karen Lewis	Hamal family	Carolyn Matzinger	Karie Jeisel	Jean Smith	Lois Ulrich	Bryan Young
Usher	Bill Hofmann	Jean Smith	Jeff & Karen Hamal	Kasi & Wes Meckstroth	Jenny Gauthier	Kathy & Ernst Rusche	Marilynn Smith	Matzinger/ Marshall
Lector	Boyd Manges	Janece Clark	Joann Wilder	Carolyn Matzinger	Karen Hamal	Bryan Young	Lois Ulrich	Jean Smith
Acolyte	Head Usher	Wes Meckstroth	Head Usher	Josie Poquette	Head Usher	Teague Meckstroth	Head Usher	Bryan Young
Cantor	Boyd Manges	Bryan Young	Mary Michelsen	Carolyn Matzinger	**	Jean Smith	Mary Michelsen	Bryan Young
Head Usher	Gary Engel	Bill Drake	Jeff Hamal	Bryan Young	Marilynn Smith	Carolyn Matzinger	MaryKay O'Donnell	Jen LaLonde
Asst. Minister	Boyd Manges	Bryan Young	Mary Michelsen	Carolyn Matzinger	**	Jean Smith	Boyd Manges	Mary Michelsen
Coffee Hour (2 per service)	Hofmann family Brent Smith	Janece Clark Maggie Frederick	Karie Jeisel Olsen family	** **	MaryKay O'Donnell Knibbs family	LaLonde family Kloss family	Marilynn Smith Finley/Honaker family	Manker family Jaskowski family
10 AM Nursery								
Counters	Bill Drake Ron Marshall		Bryan Young Toni Cone		Carolyn Matzinger Mike Smith		Gary Engel Jen LaLonde	
Baker					Manker			
Recycling					Manker			
Tech. Asst.					Rodgers			

We use our time and talent sheets to assign our worship volunteers and we are always willing to add new folks!

Let the office know if you would like to be added as a volunteer or if you have had to change your volunteer duties with someone.

You can call the office at 347-5448 or email at crossofc@sbcglobal.net

Ministry Information

Bible Studies Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448

Monday Night Study

(Will resume on Sept. 12th.)

As part of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Monday night Bible Study will be reading the following book. The cost is \$20 and there is scholarship available. Please let Pastor Sherry McGuffin know if you would like a book. They have been ordered and are on their way. We can reserve one for you!

Daughter of the Reformation

Many books have been written about the great Reformer Martin Luther, but we know considerably less about his wife Catharina von Bora, the primary relationship in his life. Mary Rasmussen Jackson tells Catharina's dramatic story with authenticity and compassion, deftly reporting what we know about von Bora and filling in the missing content with imagination, clarity, and compelling dialog. The reader is invited to walk beside Catharina, listen to her thoughts, and feel her emotions as she enters and eventually flees from the Nimschen Convent, meets and marries Martin Luther, and brings stability and grace to the Luther household even as the Reformation storm rages

around them. The author writes with an intelligible style that is sometimes descriptive and other times evocative. She brings to the project the authenticity of one who grew up in a parsonage and experienced firsthand the rhythms of the parish that shape the flow of family life and relationships. For all of these reasons, this book will be helpful in deepening our understanding of the role of Catharina von Bora, "the Morningstar of Wittenberg," in the momentous life of her beloved Martin and the history shaping events of the Reformation.

Ladies' Bible Study

This group is also on hiatus for the month of August and will resume at the church at 1 PM on Wed. September 21st.

We will work with the Revised Common Lectionary at that time. You will need a Bible!

Elderberries

President: Norm Cutshall 487-1707 Secretary: Cyndi Yingling 525-8950

Date: Fri. Aug. 12th

Time: 1 PM

Location: East Park

Bring a dish for the potluck picnic!

Youth Groups Contact: Pastor Sherry 347-5448

YOUTH GROUPS will resume in September. Happy vacation... remember to take time to go to church wherever you travel... stopping to give thanks to God is always a good experience!

Noisy Offering: Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

August 2016

September 2016

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 31	Aug 1 7:00pm Management Team	2 9:00am Pastor in TC 5:30pm Yoga (CM)	3 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW)	4	5	6
7 Noisy Offering - LWR 8:30am Holy Communion 10:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Nursery	8	9 5:30pm Yoga (CM)	10 8:00am NL Subs Due (hard copy)	11 12:00pm Soup Kitchen 3:30pm Pantry Prep 5:00pm Paper Pantry	12 1:00pm Elderberries (East Park)	13
14 8:30am Holy Communion 10:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Nursery	15 12:00pm E-sub due for NL 7:00pm Council 7:00pm Manna (offsite)	16 9:00am PS in TC 5:30pm Yoga (CM)	17 3:30pm Brownie Mtg (DW)	18	19	20 9:30am Recorder Society (UL)
21 Noisy Offering - LWR 8:30am Holy Communion 10:00am Worship by the Bay (Baseball field at the Marina)	22 9:30am W&M meeting	23 5:30pm Yoga (CM)	24	25 9:00am Paper Pantry 12:00pm Soup Kitchen	26	27
28 10:00am Nursery 10:00am SINGLE Holy Communion Service	29	30 5:30pm Yoga (CM)	31	Sep 1	2	3

7/31 - 8/5

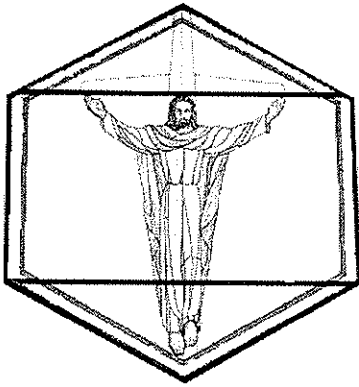
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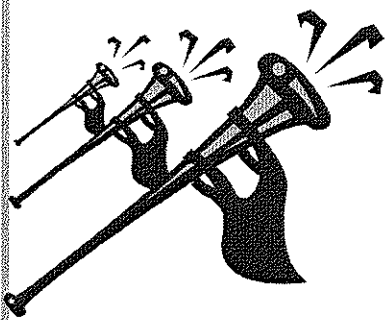
8/28 - 9/2

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Lead, and Serve***

**Check out ELCA.ORG for updates on advocacy, worship,
the Bishop's Letter, and other Church Wide information.**



Access to affordable, clean, safe water is still an obstacle for the residents of Flint.

As a fundraiser, we will be collecting bottles and cans (the returnable ones, with MI deposit) all during the month of August.

The funds raised will be sent through to Salem Lutheran in Flint for them to put them to the best use of the moment: bottled water, replacement filters, and/or pipe replacement.

**There will be a collection container designated by the beginning of August.
Contact: Tricia Rodgers 347-5448**