



CHRIST LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

Celebrations of Freedom

By Pastor Paula

This 4th of July Americans will celebrate the 248th year since we declared our independence from Britain. I like reading history. I found it interesting that for our first 150 years the British basically left us alone to go about our business. Our business was to be a rich source of raw materials for them. Then came the French and Indian War in 1763. It was an expensive war for both the colonists and the British, but afterwards the British wanted to be compensated for their expenses. This was a very unpopular move. "We have already paid our fair share," was the colonists' argument.

By 1776 the colonists were fed up with being treated like second class citizens. (e.g., taxing without consent, quartering soldiers in citizens' homes – at their expense, and denying colonists the right to a trial). We picked a fight with the strongest empire in the world. The next seven years we fought for our independence. George Washington at first had dreams of glory. He wanted to win a decisive battle, but soon realized all he had to do was outlast the British. The British people back home would get tired of sending men and spending money on the conflict. He was right. The American Revolution officially ended on September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

Did you know we have a God who had even a greater passion for freedom? God sent Moses down to Egypt to announce to Pharaoh, "God says, 'Let my people go!'" Pharaoh wasn't interested in what Moses' God had to say. Pharaoh believed he was a god. He was the most powerful man in the world. Besides, his country's ability to build massive building projects was dependent upon cheap labor. His answer was "no." But God would not take "no" for an answer. God went to war with Pharaoh and 10 plagues later Pharaoh finally realized God was truly God. Pharaoh told Moses and the Israelites to, "Go! Get out of Egypt!" At Mount Sinai God gifted God's people with the Ten Commandments. It was a gift -because the Law showed Israel the way to stay free. The first being the most important, remembering that only God is God.

Roughly 1400 years later God sent God's Son Jesus to set us free once again. To free us from our sin. To get a good idea of what sin is, all you have to do is look back to Genesis 2 and the story of "The Fall." Once sin comes into the world Adam wants to LORD his power over Eve. That says it all. Sin is one person lording their power over another because for some reason they think they are better and are somehow entitled to treat another person anyway they want. It is all the "isms" we deal with each and every day; classism, racism, ageism, sexism, etc.

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Special points of interest

Sunday Worship is also
Livestreamed on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchStoughton>



JULY WORSHIP NEWS

July Worship News – One Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee before and after worship.

Every single worship service in July has something special planned. You will not want to miss one of them.



Sunday, July 7th: Worship with Holy Communion with Special Guest Preacher

You would think people would have welcomed the good news of God's love that Jesus preached, yet wherever they went they meet resistance. Why is that?

Guest Preacher: Cole Bentley

Liturgist: Pastor Paula

Cole Bentley never served Christ Lutheran as a pastor, but he spent five years with us between 1987-1994 going to Sunday school, singing in the children's choirs and participating in youth activities.

Following Worship there will be an Old fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social



It is 4th of July Weekend; what is more American than a Pie and Ice Cream Social? Donna Strandlie has already agreed to make a few of her award winning pies, but we will need more. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to make a few to eat or sell. All donations from the Pie and Ice Cream Social will go towards repairing the organ.



Sunday, July 14th: Baseball Sunday

Preacher: Pastor Paula

Baseball Lector: Brady Estervig

The Mission Group Participants will join us for a grand send-off. They leave for Kalispel and Bob Marshall Wilderness on Saturday, July 20th.

The "game" begins at 9:00a.m.

Families with children, this service is for you!!! It will keep the kids entertained. The service begins with our country's national anthem and first pitch and continues with a Hula Hoop Hustle, Beach Ball Bounce, Dance Cam and Seventh Inning Stretch with Peanuts and Cracker Jacks. Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite team's jersey! Immediately following worship a Baseball Brunch will be served – brats, hot dogs, chips, beans and orange and root beer floats. There will be baseball themed games in the hallways, narthex, Manna Café and outside.

In honor of Baseball Sunday, we will be holding a Baseball Raffle.

Tickets will be sold July 7th and 14th for \$10 each.

Prize #1: 4 tickets to a Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Game donated by Gunderson Funeral Home

Prize #2: 4 tickets to a Madison Mallards Game. Your seats will be located behind home plate in the Tricor West Bend Club. They are a 4-Top Table that includes food and beverage.

Prize #3: 4 Tickets to a Madison Mallard's Game donated by Steve Schmitt

Prize #4: 18 holes of Golf with cart donated by Coachman's Golf Resort

The proceeds from the raffle and the free will donations for the Brunch will go towards the organ repair.

DESIGNATED GIFTS TOWARDS THE ORGAN REPAIR ARE ACCEPTED. We need to raise \$20,000.

A few years ago it took no time at all to raise that amount for two new lawnmowers and last year we raised \$8,000 for a new freezer for the kitchen. **Come on Team, we can do it!**



Sunday, July 21: Worship with Holy Communion/ Hymn Sing and Special Guest Preacher

In today's gospel reading, Jesus' disciples become his hands and feet and voice as they go out to minister among the people. Jesus' disciples are still doing that today. In the worship service today we will sing hymns that have been favorites through the years.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Steve Kersten

Liturgist: Jen Hoffman

Steve served Christ Lutheran as an associate pastor with Pastor Alley from 1983 – 1986. Christ Lutheran was his second call. He is retired now, but still involved in ministry. His last fulltime call was at Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha.

Sunday, July 28: Worship with Yuke Fellowship

In John's gospel Jesus' miracles are called "signs" because they reveal the true character of God. In John 6, Jesus feeds over 5,000 people with the five small loaves of bread and two fish a boy was willing to share.

Guest Preacher: Kyla Betts

Special Music: Yuke Fellowship



New Members for Evangelism

The Evangelism board has had a few people join our ranks. This is a blessing because the board has a new responsibility which is to help with visiting our shut-ins. The staff really appreciates this ministry because we are unable to visit our members as much as we'd like. If you would be willing to join a team who go and share a cup of coffee and some conversation with another member, just let us know. Talk to Colin Harrington, Sandy Grant, Jen Hoffman or Pastor Paula.



Stewardship Update July 2024

Thank you to our members for keeping their pledges up to date. That is absolutely wonderful, but keep in mind we passed a \$35,000 deficit budget. The end of May is roughly 42% through the year and we marked 47.7% of our pledges for the year.

PHOTOS FROM YESTERDAY:



Some Photos from the Groundbreaking here at Christ Lutheran in 2006



150th Anniversary Celebration

Christ's Church:
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Wish List

Christ Lutheran is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. 150 years ago a small group of Norwegian Lutherans decided a congregation was needed on the east side of Stoughton. Some of their names are still familiar in our community. Some have probably been changed to make them easier to pronounce; 2 Andersons, 2 Pedersons, 2 Asjes, Janson, 2 Olsons, 2 Eriksens, Mikkelson, Tellefson, Ludvigdatter, Jamsgaard, 2 Wettlesons, 2 Bjornsons, Tostonsdatter, Bellington, Gjermusndsdatter, Gunderson, Mennes, Nieldatter and Hamsdatter. Each name represented a family, but yet, that was not a lot of people. This small group of individuals were a generous lot. In a span of two years they not only built a church, but a parsonage as well.

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, we want to give the congregation the opportunity to match the generosity of our founding church members. Below is our **Wish List**.

- 55" HD televisions for the Manna Café and Upstairs Youth Room - \$400 each
- 2 new VCRs - \$150 each
- Cricut Machine - \$250
- Laminator - \$250
- Spiral Binder - \$250 (With a Binder and Laminator we could produce our own Cookbook using recipes we have received from you all)
- \$22,000 for organ repair (The actual cost is \$84,000; the congregation has \$60,000 already in savings to put towards the project.)
- \$2,500 for a new phone system (The current system was donated to the congregation 19 years ago and was previously USED.)
- \$200,000 new roof for the church
- \$500,000 parking lot repair and resurfacing

If you are interested in donating to any items on our Wish List you can make a donation and indicate that it is a designated gift and put in the memo what wish list item you are interested in putting your donation towards.

Music in Ministry

July Music Nerds

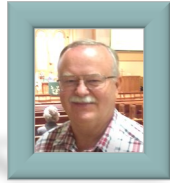
Holy, Holy, Holy was written in the early 1800s by the Anglican bishop Reginald Heber who authored more than 100 hymns. It has been described as one of the rare hymns which appears "in just about every hymnal". This hymn was used nearly every Sunday for many years as the Processional Hymn at Christ Lutheran.

The text speaks specifically of the Holy Trinity, having been written for use on Trinity Sunday. The opening line (Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!) references Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8 and mirrors the opening line of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts) from the Latin Mass. Described as a reverent and faithful paraphrase of Revelation 4:8–11 the text does not "initiate praise", but is rather an invitation to join in an endless song.

The first stanza opens with an invitation to worship God in the morning; The second stanza magnifies the opening idea, with saints joining "in adoring the Majesty in heaven." The third stanza describes attributes of the Christian deity, while the final stanza is a climax of the preceding with "earth and sky and sea" joining in praising the divine.

The tune for this hymn, *Nicaea*, was composed by John Bacchus Dykes. The tune name is a tribute to the First Council of Nicaea – held by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325 – which formalized the doctrine of the Trinity. It is a good example of Victorian hymn tune writing, with "solid harmonies and subtle chromaticism." It begins with an ascending major third, which can be seen as symbolizing the Trinity.

(Continued from the front page) On July 4th we celebrate our freedom and independence from Britain, but each and every Sunday we worship we celebrate a God who wants freedom for God's people – each and everyone of us.

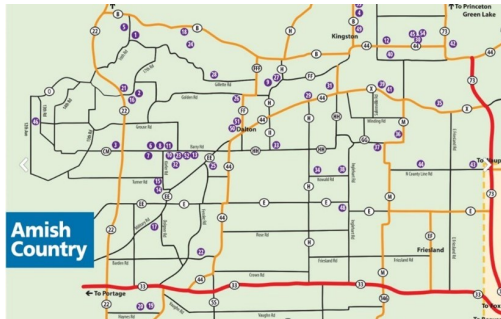


GO AND TELL BY ROGER SLACK

Jenny asked me the other day, "Are you going to write another article for the Ambassador?" My response was "Do you really want me to?" We laughed.

The last few years my hope was to instill in each one of us, myself included, the desire to read the Bible and get to know who Jesus is, what He thinks, what He does, what He says and to whom He says it. There is one Verse that means a lot to me, John 17:3, in a chapter that is referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The verse He prays for us goes like this, "And this is Eternal Life, that they may know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ who Thou has sent." There is an awful lot said in just those few words when we stop and actually listen to what He says.

I always suggest to someone who says they are going to start reading the Bible, to not start at the beginning with Genesis, but to start with the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. I do love to read the Old Testament historical books, don't get me wrong. They help make sense to what the Old Testament Prophets say later on. The Gospels in the New Testament are for me, a breath of fresh air on the first nice day of Spring. I never race through them as you miss so much. Sometimes just one verse or one paragraph of what Jesus says, if you take time to think about it, is all you need for the day. That time we spend is when the Holy Spirit gets a chance to recreate us from the inside out, one day at a time. It is hard to be patient as we tend to want God to make us "perfect" right now!! I always say, "If you are satisfied being a mushroom, over night is good enough, but if you want to be as strong as an oak tree, that takes a lifetime".



SENIOR EXCURSION LET'S EXPLORE AMISH TERRITORY FOR A DAY THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:00 A.M. DALTON/KINGSTON AREA AMISH

Green Lake and Amish territory is a little over an hour from Stoughton, it is time that we explore it. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. to plan our day and be on our way by 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 to your driver for gas, plus lunch and whatever you purchase.

There are many small Amish businesses just a short drive from Fox Lake. The Markesan and Kingston/Dalton Historical Societies can provide visitors with in-depth information on where the Amish came from, their traditions and customs and how they have integrated into their neighboring communities, as well as what trades they are known for.

Locate the Amish businesses below by finding their number on the map.

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| 1. Pine Lumber | 12. Sloping Acres Greenhouse | 34. Sandhill Cabinets |
| 2. Metal Buildings | 13. Mishler's Country Store | 35. Tiny Acres Greenhouse |
| 3. Custom Vinyl Windows | 14. Pleasant View Bakery | 36. Pine Ridge Country Store |
| 4. Kingston Custom Cabinets | 15. Miller Wood Shop | 37. Kingston Cheese House |
| 5. Happy Hollow Bakery | 16. Woodside Harness Shop | 38. Salemville Greenhaus |
| 6. Weaver Cabinets | 17. Lakeside Fabrics | 39. Sunrise Buggy Shop |
| 7. Schrock's Sawmill | 18. Fairview Discount | 40. Grand River Greenhouse |
| 8. Schwartz Greenhouse | 19. Townline Furniture | 41. Handmade Rugs, Carpets, Runners |
| 9. Spring Valley Cabinets | 20. Townline Greenhouse | 42. Wayside Repair |
| 10. Mast Buggy Shop | 21. Woodside Greenhouse | 43. L&L Furniture Shop |
| 11. Homestyle Furniture | 22. Fox River Greenhouse & Hand Woven Baskets | 44. Chair Shop |
| | 23. Otto's Produce & Greenhouse | 45. Pine Grove Greenhouse |
| | 24. Kuntz Road Greenhouse | 46. Nature Trails Bakery |
| | 25. Maple Lane Furniture | 47. Gar-Lin Gardens |
| | 26. Hill Top Repair | 48. BP Lumber |
| | 27. Schwartz Custom Cabinets | 49. Long Lane Greenhouse |
| | 28. Maple Grove Cabinets | 50. The Fancy Tails Collection |
| | 29. Weaver Enterprise | 51. Dog & Gypsy |
| | 30. Oven Fresh Bakery | 52. M&M Pet Supply |
| | 31. Miller Cabinet Shop | 53. Hillcrest Supply |
| | 32. Cedar Lane Furniture | 54. Mast Finishing-Also Refinishing |
| | 33. D&L Metal Buildings | |

Safe Driving Tips

The Amish community includes Marquette, Columbia, and Green Lake Counties. When traveling in the area many motorists are not aware of how to drive when they come upon a horse and buggy. In an effort to increase the safety of all those who use the roadways in this area, here are some safe driving tips.

1. Dim your headlights when you meet a horse and buggy at night.
2. Give a wide berth when passing a horse and buggy.
3. Avoid rapid acceleration or unnecessary vehicle noises when passing or near a horse and buggy; loud noises may startle the horse as well.

Following a few simple tips as a motorist will help make our roadways safer.

Some options are places like the Lilac Wood Shop which offers hand-crafted oak and cherry furniture. Across the street is the very popular Mishler's Country Store. Here you'll find a wide array of goods from bulk spices to canned items to doilies and a trip to Amish country isn't complete without a visit to The Pleasant View Bakery and Oven Fresh Bakery where you can buy homemade breads, pies, candies and jams to enjoy when you get home.

PHOTOS FROM TODAY:

Senior Outing to Mid-Continent Railway Museum and Ishnala Supper Club. Top to bottom: Linda and Parker Gibbs, Betty and Jeff Brikowski, Rita Johnson and Sonny Swangstu on the train ride.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH: THINKING ABOUT CHANGE BY COLIN HARRINGTON

Last month I wrote of Christ Lutheran Church's great fire and the agent of change that fire can be. Continuing onward, I have continued to think about change as it comes. The seasons have changed from rainy cold to rainy hot. The busyness of the school year has changed to the busyness of summer vacation. As for myself, I've started the transition from being on the youth committee over to evangelical.

The idea of this transition was a bit of a surprise, but fit with the church's teachings. When a path is laid before you, a way to perhaps bring a bit more goodness to the world, well, you should walk it. While I had my moments with my time with the youth committee, it could be that by giving my time as an evangelical committee member I could do more.

And that, in itself, is what I wanted to share about this week. Over the past few months looking over the history of this congregation in the past 150 years, I've seen many names that have worn many hats. I've read and talked to folks that have taught Sunday school, made lefse, roasted pigs, drove buses and planted trees. Some have taught kids to fish, sang with the choir, served coffee and made valentines.

Remembrance transcends time. Some stories were told of pride about things their parents did. Others were told with pride about things their grandchildren are doing now.

Some of these moments came naturally. Some needed a little prodding. A personal example for myself is right in front of you. Last December I was asked if I could write an article for the January Ambassador about the 150th anniversary celebrations. I did so, a bit nervously, hoping that it was "good enough."

Here we are now. I'm on my seventh article. A bit of a friendly push, a vote of confidence from the congregation, and I've found another opportunity to "do good."

With that, I'm paying it forward. Here is your friendly push. It can be hard to find the time, or the confidence in skill or just confidence in general to try to do something new. I can nearly promise you there is something for everyone at our church. Give something a try. Volunteer. Come to a committee meeting or two. See what fits. A path is there for each of us towards bringing more goodness into the world. May I suggest you try that first step?



Who do I call while Pastor Paula is away on the Mission Trip?

While Pastor Paula is away on the mission trip July 17 – 31 Pastor Bakken of West Koshkonong will cover any emergencies or funerals. Please contact the church office and Vicki will put you in contact with him.



For a 150th Anniversary Gift to the Church... Let's repair the organ.

functioning.

Christ Lutheran Church is blessed with a pipe organ that has been used for many years. Originally built in 1927 (by an organ company started in 1897), the organ was moved from the original church building to the building on Main Street that burned in 2005. Miraculously, the organ survived the fire that destroyed the church building and sanctuary. After the fire, the organ was carefully dismantled and stored to be reinstalled in our current location. While in storage and during the reinstallation, several crucial repairs and updates were planned to keep the organ

Unfortunately, full reinstallation was never completed because of the extensive work (and expense) that was required. Throughout the years the church prioritized basic maintenance and repairs to ensure the instrument would be available for regular Sunday worship services but other maintenance, repairs and upgrades have been delayed in lieu of other church projects and needs.

The maintenance, repairs and upgrades that have been “kicked down the road” are very big ticket items – the air pneumatic pipe chests -- and we have now come to a time when these parts of the organ are wearing out and need to be replaced. These pipe chests are literally the pumping heart of the organ. When these chests wear out (and they will like anything with moving parts) the organ will no longer function.

The full cost of this repair is \$84,000. A gift from the estate of Paul Nelson will cover \$62,000, leaving \$22,000 that we need to raise. Once we raise the cash, it won't take long to have the repairs completed (the repairmen could be here in four weeks to do the work). The repairs could still get done in 2024!

This beautiful pipe organ is not only a wonderful part of our heritage, it is a valuable asset to our church and congregation. We have the responsibility to keep it well maintained and the privilege of having it continue to be a part of our regular worship.



PHOTOS FOR TOMMOROW:

Pictured from front to back left side: Hailee Kellnhofer, Emma Ballweg, Brenna Dalsoren, and Lauren Model. **From the front to the back right side:** Jack Conant, Kasen Sperle, Beckett Spilde, and Myles Iverson. **Not Pictured:** Brooke Dambach, Anders Gausman, Andrea Hagen, Kirsten Holm, Kaylin Olsen, and Lillianna Procter.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: FAITH ON THE FARM



Our 2024 Vacation Bible School Theme is: Faith on the Farm. We will be meeting with kids from 3 years-old to 6th grade on the following Wednesday Nights: July 31st, August 7th, 14th and 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join including friends from the community that are not members. So go ahead and invite a friend to join you!

We ask that you register each child that will be attending even if they cannot come each week. Supper will be served in the café from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. then all kids will meet in the sanctuary for their large group gathering, where they will hear this weeks story and see (Ole MacDonald) the Lion as he becomes a farmer. He will be accompanied by his trusty Sidekick Lamby and some new farm friends. Ole will share with us how farming is a lot like faith. They will share in some fun interactions with these characters and will learn some theme related music.

Kids will then be broken up into two groups based on their ages. 3 year olds through 2nd grade will meet as one group and 3rd through 6th grade will meet as another group. Kids along with their teachers will rotate through two other stations: an Art/Science station and a game station. These two group sessions will reinforce the lesson that is taught during the large group gathering and each session will be geared towards the ages of the kids in each group.

There is **no fee to register** and we encourage families to come and attend the meal at the beginning of each week. Kids will have lots of fun learning about faith and about life on a farm. Each week will be a new lesson so kids who cannot come each week can join for all or even just one of the weeks. Registration forms are available in the Narthex on the Information Desk, in the Sunday school hallway in front of the bulletin board, and on the website. We hope to see you all there.

Send Off got Mission Trip to Bob Marshall Wilderness 2024

This year's Mission Trip is leaving for Bob Marshall and Glacier National Park on Saturday, July 20 but we will be sending them off during Sunday services on July 14th, the same day as Baseball Sunday. They will be our team, out there in the woods, cutting fallen trees and repairing trails.



This year, like every year, we have a great group. It is a mix of youth, young adults in their 20's and older women. Some are repeats from past years, others are first timers. Their names are Jane Abing, Lexi Abing, Taylor Dyreson, Danita Ewald, Paula Geister-Jones, Sophie Geister, Ella Knoploh, Nora Knoploh, Carsten Koch, Marlene Koch, Mary Lyn Krahn, Nina Milbauer, Lauren Model, Lori Moll, Ashley Nelson, Berly Teigen and Sara Telahun Birhe. Let's wish them a safe and productive adventure!

PHOTOS FOR TOMORROW:



22 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE GIVEN OUT IN 2024

Scholarships for our youth are important to Christ Lutheran Church.

Youth are very active at Christ Lutheran starting at a very young age. Our 3 year -old kids become involved in Sunday School. They participate throughout the year in special music for the church, in the Sunday School Christmas program and many help out in church in other ways; lectoring, participating in hand bells, playing instruments, performing in skits throughout the year. Then as they hit Confirmation their roles expand to include additional service work like helping at Vacation Bible School, serving meals on Wednesday evenings, becoming acolytes, and performing many different kinds of service to the church. Once they hit High School they teach Sunday School, participate in Mission Trips, attend youth activities, and raise money throughout the year to put towards mission trips, other needs at the church even the yearly scholarships. This year alone the Youth raised \$5,000 towards scholarships. Needless to say our youth are active, involved and dedicated to their service to the church. These kids are integral to the operation of many of the special events, the church services and other activities and acts of service both here at church, in the community and throughout the world. So it is no surprise that providing these kids with scholarships as they find their way in the world is so important.

Our Scholarship committee was so proud to be able to hand out twenty-two scholarships this year to both graduating seniors and students continuing their studies. Applicants are able to apply for up to 4 years of scholarships. The Scholarship committee has money from memorials that were placed in an investment fund and money from donations. Here is a listing of scholarships and recipients from the 2024 Scholarship committee.

- The Timothy Nebel Scholarship was given to Emma Ballweg
- The Judith Stolen Scholarship was given to Hailee Kellnhofer
- The Women with a Mission Scholarship was given to Lauren Model
- The William and Norma Lally Scholarship was given to Korey Newman
- The Lorraine Ward Scholarship was given to Abbigail Ross
- Adren Schotzko received the Paula Landers Scholarship
- Chance Suddeth received the Gertrude Haven-Aiken Scholarship
- Alex Annen received the Olav Hellekve Scholarship
- Brooks Empey received the Severn Engineering Scholarship
- Jillian Newman received the Bethel Circle Scholarship
- The following received a Youth Scholarship: Casey Milbauer, Alani Estervig, Bradley Garcia, and Gloria Eddy
- The following received a Christ Lutheran Church Foundation Scholarship: Jack Conant, Brenna Dalsoren, Alexis Abing.
- The following received a Christ Lutheran Church Scholarship: Griffin Empey, Daniel Knoploh, Cassidy Link, Ashton Wuennemann, and Reagan Slinde.



2024 Scholarship recipients and/or the people that represented them during our Baccalaureate service on May 26th.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: LWR COLLECTION STARTS IN JULY



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Offering comfort and care to those who need it most

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need. You can donate complete kits or bring some of the items listed on the kits below and our Confirmation students will assemble the kits from all of the donations we receive when they start confirmation in September. LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations. Summer is the season for Garage Sales, so when you are out and about in the coming months keep in mind that we are now collecting for items for the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Garage sales are an excellent place to look for items gently used (in new or like new condition: no rips, stains, wear, or missing buttons or snaps).

What we'll need...

Baby Care Kits



TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)
TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square
FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
TWO pairs of socks
ONE hand towel, dark color recommended
TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

Personal Care Kits



ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging *
Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

School Kits



FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
ONE pencil sharpener
ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
ONE 2 1/2" eraser
ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



May 26—Derek
Zielsdorf and
Brianna Smith



June 2 -Donald Harold
(Bud) Halvorsen



June 8- Ellen Rose
Lynne) Hohert



Baptism June 15—Layla
Anderson, daughter of
Kaylie and Daniel Anderson



Memorials

| From | In Memory of |
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| Richard and Barbara Harried | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Barbara Entwistle | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Sharon Dalsoren-Lunde | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Eric and Heidi Smedal | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| James and Joyce Seamonson | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Mark and Renee Wilberg | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Roger and Judy Nitzsche | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Fred and Phyllis Johnson | Donald (Bud) Halvorsen |
| Father Jim Priber | Geri Slack |

**"So we are
ambassadors for
Christ..." -
2 Corinthians 5:20**



We are looking for some volunteers to help out with some projects here at church.

On **July 7th** We need two people that can sell raffle tickets from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

On **July 10th** we need at least 6 strong people and 3 or 4 people that have organizing skills to come and help us clean the upstairs storage areas from 10 to Noon.

Summer Volunteers Needed for:

On **July 13th** we need at least 4 people to help prep food for Baseball Sunday on the 14th. We would need you to help from 9 to 11 a.m.

On **July 14th (Baseball Sunday)** We need at least 8 people to help in the kitchen. Finish the food, serve food and clean up afterwards. We would need you to be here at 8 and work until 11:30 a.m.

also **July 14th** we need 4 people who can run some baseball related games in the gym, narthex and cafe from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

If you are available to help you can sign-up on Sign-up Genius
at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094BADA72AAoFC1-50140470-summer>

or call at 608-873-9353 or email us at JennyH@clcstoughton.org or pastorpaula@clcstoughton.org.

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