



The Monthly Herald

June & July 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Where are you headed? In the coming summer months, are you headed anywhere special? Are you headed up north for some time in Wisconsin's great outdoors? Are you headed out of state on a family vacation? I hope you get a break from the routine with some special activities this summer!

Where are you headed . . . eternally? I hope you would all answer, "Well, I am headed to heaven!" Yet, is there a connection between the two? Is there a way that where you are headed in the summer months actually connects to your journey to eternity?

Whenever my family and I have travelled, we have been mindful that we are still on the journey through life with Jesus. When we travel as a family, we seek out places of worship at our destinations. We are simply pilgrims here on this earth and we are heading to our eternal destination in the life of the world to come! So we don't miss worship even when we are on vacation. In other words, when on vacation we don't take a "vacation" from church!

I would like to encourage you to do the same wherever you may travel this summer. It is such a blessing to fellowship with believers who are connected to you through faith . . . just in another place. You can come into the church office and ask Mary for the "Lutheran Annual" and look up a church at the town of your destination. You might also go to www.lcms.org on the internet and click on "Locators" on the top bar; it will direct you in how to find a congregation close to your destination.

Of course, as many of you know, Jo and I will be heading to Israel in the last part of June. We will be blessed to visit the very places Jesus walked and taught and prayed and died. We will also see the tomb from which Jesus rose on that first Easter. It will be a huge blessing to visit the "Land of our Lord." We will also have "church" in Israel, with Pastor Nour leading the service. The places that we will visit will help bring to life some of the wonderful teachings of Scripture as we view things through the eyes of faith.

Even if you are not going to Israel, you can see the handiwork of God in the wonder of God's glorious creation all around us. Yet, we don't want to forget the more wondrous, more impressive, more glorious work of God in sending His only Son to die for us on the cross. As wonderful as it is to travel together as a family on vacation, it is more wonderful to be traveling as a family of believers to heaven.

God's creation has many breathtaking sights; yet, the eternal paradise awaiting us will be even more spectacular. The gift of time away from our regular routine is a great gift from God; yet, the gift of salvation is even greater. I hope you all agree; and I hope you too may get to travel *and* worship together this summer. If you do, let's share stories when we get back.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bender



Bible Studies will resume in September

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Subscribe to our channel! Watch our worship services and devotions! We will have worship services on-line for about 6 months and special services (Christmas, Easter etc) for 1 year.



<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulwa/> Access Facebook for church and school updates, video announcements, school chapels, and devotions!



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Visit our Website! www.splcwa.org Support our ministry through online giving! Stay up-to-date on our activities!

Our weekend worship services are broadcast on TWO radio stations each Sunday at 8:00am. "JOY" 1340 AM and 98.7 FM

Summer Worship

Wednesday at 6:00pm *Beginning June 7*

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 9:00am

Summer Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00am – Noon
Beginning June 5

Emergency Pastoral Care: 217-779-7985 or 608-290-9837

Ladies Groups



Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Double D's 5171 S. 108th Street in Hales Corners (next to A & W) on Wednesday June 14th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

So where has the year gone? It seems that I blinked in January and now it is summer. Our little band of workers and still stitching along and making quilts. There are 30 completed quilts in the closet and many in process of being completed.

Come join us in the fellowship hall on the 1st, 3rd, or 5th Monday of the month. We are there 9am until 11:30am.

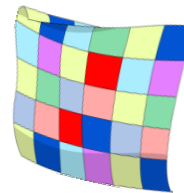
Quilting dates for June thru September are:

June – 5th and 26th

July – 3rd, 17th and 31st

August – 7th and 21st

September – 18th



If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please call or text Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com

Ladies Guild

EXCITING NEWS!!!! It is finally June and the LWML Convention is happening June 22nd thru June 25th. Even if you are not registered for the convention, everyone is welcome to the worship service, Thursday, June 22, at 7pm. Pre-service music starts at 6:30pm. The Convention is at the Wisconsin Center located at 400 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on September 25th, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We are kicking things off with a potluck meal. Come hear what's happening with LWML and help us plan activities, speakers and other interesting topics.

For additional information you can contact Toni Dunn at cell, text, 414-335-3553

or tdunnusa@outlook.com OR Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097 or dzwolf2012@gmail.com



St. Paul's, get ready to have some fun as your church hosts

**A Place of Refuge's annual fundraiser
LifeWalk '23 on June 10th at 10:00**

If you are going to walk in LifeWalk, simply ask your friends and family to sponsor you as you walk a little over a mile and help mothers who are in crisis pregnancies and their children who are Jesus' lambs. You can preregister for the walk on A Place of Refuge's Website: www.aplaceofrefuge.org - Volunteers needed both to walk and to help with the event. Contact Toni Dunn (414-335-3553) or Pastor Bender (217-779-7985) to sign up.



Thank you to Gary & Ellen VanDyke for planting the news shrubs by the playground.



Never in history has the human body fomented so much debate. People line up on all sides of sexual orientation/gender identity issues, locked in rancorous debate over important questions like: What is marriage? What is a woman? What is the relationship between sex and gender?

Dr. John Kleinig's "Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body" (Lexham Press, 2021) is a concise summary of scriptural teaching on embodied human life. Kleinig, a renowned Lutheran bible scholar and pastor from Australia, sheds light on what the Bible teaches about the human body in seven short chapters written in clear, straightforward language. His clear uncomplicated prose sheds important light on the controversial diversity, equity, and identity policies getting increasing attention in schools, government, and the corporate world. You're invited to a discussion of this important book this summer.

The book study will be held at Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church, 945 N. Terrace Drive in Elm Grove in three sessions: June 14, 28, and July 12 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.). Discussion leader will be Harold L. Senkbeil, former pastor at the church and award-winning author of "The Care of Souls: Cultivating a Pastor's Heart" (Lexham, 2019) and "Christ and Calamity: Grace and Gratitude in the Darkest Valley" (Lexham, 2020).

Register by contacting Amy Stroh at the church office by June 5. (ASTroh@egl.org) or 262-797-2970. Order the book online in advance or pick up your copy from the church office for the discounted price of \$21.00 each.





Sharing God's Bounty

Summer Stewardship

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...” Hebrews 10:25

The old song goes “Summer time and livin’ is easy.” Warm weather, vacations, no school, golf, tennis, fishing, hiking, swimming, relaxing, less hectic schedules ... all seem to define summer time.

Thankfully our Lord never takes a vacation from blessing us with his abundant love, gracious gifts, and providential care. The Psalmist writes about our Heavenly Father, *“He who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep. The Lord watches over you ... the Lord is your shade at your right hand.”* (Psalm 121:4-5). The Lord’s care is ongoing. God never tires of caring for us.

Summer presents God’s people with numerous opportunities to be good stewards of his manifold gifts. We care for the wonderful world God has given us when we are outdoors. We treasure the important relationships we enjoy as we spend time with loved ones. Also, we use wisely the material blessings he gives us.

There is great temptation during the summer months to neglect the most precious of all our Lord’s gifts, His holy Word and Sacraments offered in worship. As many other responsibilities are taken more lightly in the relaxed atmosphere of summer living, so, too, are we tempted to take lightly the spiritual aspect of our lives. Vacation plans and recreational activities often replace worship. And we diminish in the stewardship of our Christian faith by letting worldly things take precedence over God in our lives.

In response to our Lord for his grace and mercy, may we place him first in all our summer plans and activities, allowing adequate time for worship, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. May we be good stewards of God’s rich blessings. May we all continue to support the mission and ministries of our church with our regular tithes and offerings given from thankful hearts, even when we are away from home.

With his thumb, a hitch-hiker says: “You furnish the gas, car, repairs, upkeep, and insurance; and I’ll ride with you. But if you have an accident, I’ll sue you for damages!”

Sounds pretty one-sided, but one wonders how many hitch-hikers there are in churches and organizations. Many seem to say: “You go to the meetings, serve on boards and committees, and take care of the things that need doing and I’ll go along for the ride! If things don’t happen to suit my fancy I will complain, criticize, and probably get out and hitch-hike with another group.”



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

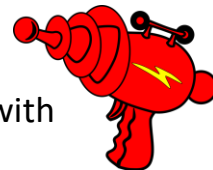


Youth News

Idaho Planning Meeting : June 4th at 10:15

June 4th - Idaho Trip Meeting. Hello fellow travelers! The time of our departure is quickly approaching, and we need to meet to discuss final details. Do everything you can to attend this meeting which will be immediately after the 9:00 service in the fellowship hall. Important information will be discussed, so you do not want to miss out!

Laser Tag! June 8th- Come join us as we have some fun at Battlehouse laser tag- Waukesha. This will be a fun event for us to stay connected in the Word and with one another. Upcoming 6th grade, through graduating seniors are all welcome to attend! For further information contact Pastor Josh.



You're invited to LifeFest

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Hyatt Regency

333 W. Kilbourne Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.

Noon to 2 p.m.

Join LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison for LifeFest, where we will be celebrating the one-year anniversary of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and the Life Ministry efforts of LCMS congregations. During the event, attendees also will solemnly remember the tragic loss of life that occurred during the nearly 50 years that Roe v. Wade was the law of the land. There will be live music as well as refreshments and light snacks. LifeFest is free to attend, but registration is required and space is limited.

RSVP at https://www.lcms-life.org/need/detail/?need_id=781650

Vacation Bible School

Join us June 19th-23rd for Vacation Bible School! The fun begins at 9am and goes till noon. Children will enjoy bible stories, craft time, games, a snack and many more exciting activities! All students going into 4k-6th grade are invited to attend.

Register your child/children at vbspro.events/p/5ec445

Contact Natalie Romano with any questions. naromano0103@gmail.com



Stellar-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

vbspro.events

Board of Missional Community

The Board of Missional Community is looking for donations to help support City Light's event "New to ME" this summer where parents & caregivers will be able to pick up what they need for the kids in their care! We are accepting new or gently used clothing, shoes and books for children ages 0-5 years. Donations can be made at the ECC from 1-3pm Monday-Friday or before or after church services in the Narthex through June 4th! Thank you for your support!



St. Paul's Movie Nights

June 14, July 12 and August 9



The Board of Missional Community invites you and our neighbors to enjoy the movies outdoors this summer! Each month will be a different movie and popcorn will be provided too! Bring whatever you need to make the evening enjoyable: blankets, chairs, drinks, snacks, etc. Movies will begin at dusk on the following nights: Wednesday's June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th
ig you! Movie begins around 8:30 pm.



Happy Father's Day

June 18th

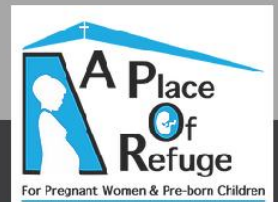
A PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES PRESENTS...

LIFEWALK

2023



All sponsor funds benefit pregnant women and their children served by A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin. A Place of Refuge provides Advocacy Services & Refuge House, a shelter for pregnant women and children in need.



Join us for our annual LifeWalk.

When: June 10th, 2023 | 9:00-12:00

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
7821 W. Lincoln Ave. West Allis, WI 53219



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT
WWW.APLACEOFREFUGE.ORG/LIFE-WALK-REGISTRATION.COM

Jerry Heimsoth Memorial Fellowship Golf Outing



Saturday, September 23, 2023

Brookfield Hills Golf Course

16075 Pinehurst Drive– Brookfield

(Enter course from Moorland Road –North of Greenfield Avenue)

Arrive at 8:45 - Tee Times Start: 9:00am

\$40 per Golfer **Make Checks to Bob Stryck**

\$_____ Tuition Assistance Donation

(Includes 9 holes of golf, golf cart, &

Lunch at the fellowship event after the golfing is finished)

*We play Scramble format- 4 person teams, you can sign up a 4 person team or individually and we will form teams as needed. Maximum 72 golfers- get your team in soon!

Two Divisions – Competitive (Front 9, Par 32) Or Recreational (Back 9, Par 30)

*Each team must use at least 1 drive from each player in the 9 – holes

*No team can use more than 2 shots from any player on any par 3 or 4 holes, 3 shot maximum for par 5 holes

* Outing open to anyone age 16 or older

*Door and Hole Prizes will be awarded

Return registration form by September 10 to Bob/Terri Stryck, Barb Heimsoth, or John Heimsoth

() Competitive Par 32 Front 9 () Recreational Par 30 Back Nine

If registering less than Full Team Check Here ()

Name _____

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