

Martyr Monthly

October 2022
St Stephen the Martyr
Lutheran Church ELCA



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM



Pastor's Page



Dear SSM Faith Family,

Fall is my favorite time to run or bike outdoors. I appreciate the cooler air in my lungs and the beautiful changing landscape.

In September I completed Ironman 70.3 in Madison. In preparation, I set out for long early runs or rides on Saturday mornings. After a morning of exercise there has been an occasional ache or pain here or there, and sometimes at the end of the race I have told myself to: **Press On.**

Our brother Paul knew something about pressing on in life as he writes in Philippians 3: 13-14, "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Life poses many challenges and there are many ups and downs along life's journeys. We may wonder if anything good can come from our life challenges, our sufferings, our brokenness. Yet St. Paul gives us advice: **Press on.** Paul admits that he would have every reason to be boastful. He had been what we would call a religious zealot. But he considers it all as loss compared to the joy of knowing Christ, even amid his sufferings.

Paul is able to see life in perspective. He knows he hasn't yet arrived. He hasn't reached the resurrection. But he presses it on. For him what is most important is forgetting the past and straining forward to what lies ahead. He presses on knowing that God's promise stands.

Through our hardships, our suffering, our pain we hold onto the past and look to the future, rejoicing in God's forgiveness and second chances. God's love and mercy is stretching us outward and onward.

We press on, knowing that even from broken and crushed grapes comes wine. Wine that is the cup of salvation. Wine that makes life's bitterness a bit sweeter. Even from our brokenness will come gifts we can't even imagine. So we press on. Filled with gratitude and hope, we press on.

Peace, Pastor Brian



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL

The congregation invites the public to this dedicatory recital presented by Andrew Schaeffer, Director of Music and Organist at Luther Memorial Church in Madison. He holds degrees from St. Olaf College and Yale University



and is a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate in organ at the University of Oklahoma. Schaeffer also serves as the Editor-at-Large of The Diapason, one of the oldest and largest American journals devoted to organ, harpsichord, and church music. Please join us to dedicate Casavant Frères Ltée. Opus 3324.

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Stewardship



Perhaps some of you recognize the T-shirt. I'm sure that some of you have several in different colors and have worn them frequently. I've seen them around Milwaukee on city streets, in stores, in parks and all over. My first thought, "Hey! There's a Lutheran." The theme and content of the shirt is what is striking. I know when I'm wearing the shirt people comment on liking it.

Generosity is an attitude that comes from two things. First is gratitude. I have taken to beginning the day with the list of things for which I am truly grateful. I find that it shapes my day. It keeps me focused upon the greatness of life but also the fact that it's much easier to take for granted where I am and what I have in my life, and sometimes leaves too much room to think about the things I don't have in my life. We all know where that can lead.

The truth is that I am where I am and have what I have because of God's goodness and the people around me. It helps to give thanks because it leads us to recognize that there is a giver of all things. I know it seems like we have what we have "because we worked hard for it." Yet COVID has proven to us all how quickly that can change, and in matters of life and death, I believe we there recognize that there is a power greater than ourselves behind life.

The second factor behind the attitude is thought and concern for those around us. It can come in so many ways – a can of soup or jar of peanut butter brought to a food bank; sitting for hours sewing together pieces of fabric for a quilt or a school bag destined for others who need them; a phone call to someone who's sick or lonely; a visit to a shut-in member with communion; or a bag full of school supplies to fill school bags. All of these are bred in a culture that seeks to reach the lives of God's children in need and these are bred in a culture of love given generously.

These are the signs of the Culture of Generosity. It's here at St. Stephen the Martyr and it's one of the things that drew Bonnie and me here and one of the things that I give thanks for every day. Let me say Thank You for the gift of belonging to such a place. We of the Stewardship Committee wish to say thank you for the generosity that lives here in you. I look forward to continuing to grow in such a culture as I hope you also take delight in the joys of sharing God's love.

In Christ Jesus,, Kipp W Zimmermann



Do You Love to Count?



SSM needs your expertise on our weekly counting teams! Volunteer for about an hour after service one week per month or to “float” as an alternate counter when you can. Easy training provided for each of the tasks involved.

The counting teams on weeks 2, 3, or 4 (and the occasional week 5) could all use an extra person or two. Contact Eric Sanders in Finance or just stop back in the “counter’s room” after service any week to chat with the counters and get more information. Thanks in advance for your help!

eric.sandrs@gmail.com

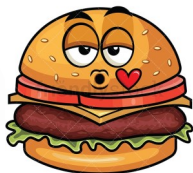
Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 8 at our 5pm worship. We will gather in the fellowship hall. All pets are welcome and will receive a blessing. Pet and human treats will be shared.



Loose Ends Lunch

The October Loose Ends Lunch will be at Milwaukee Burger on the 14th of October at noon. Milwaukee Burger is located at 64121 S. 27th St. Please call Julane at 414-403-1946 or the church office to make your reservation.



Martyr

WELCA NEWS

Please remember that the women of SSM will have a Cookie/Candy Sale on December 10 and 11th just in time for Christmas. All proceeds will go to local and international charities. We would like each family in the congregation to choose a favorite recipe and make a batch for this worthy cause. We will include more details about when we will be collecting the cookies in the November Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Sponsored by Thrivent



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Meru Partnership News



News from Mbaaseny –

25th Anniversary Meru Partnership Celebration –

25 years ago a young pastor (now Bishop Elias Kitoi) from the newly formed Diocese of Meru was attending Wartburg Seminary in Iowa. He asked a fellow pastor, Ed Weiskotten from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, if he knew of any US synods that might be interested in forming a partnership with Meru. A partnership was born and we are blessed to learn and grow from our partners in Christ.

On Saturday, Sept. 10, via Zoom, a celebration was held that included all former bishops from both the Greater Milwaukee



Synod and the Diocese of Meru as well as our current bishops. Prayer petitions were written and said by leaders from the various ministries we share. A recording of the 1 hour and 17 min. service is available on Youtube on the Greater Milwaukee Synod Channel as well as the Partners with Meru Channel. If you are reading this electronically, click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6gCsPx7bDc&t=1s>



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Our 3 students are attending secondary school and continue to appreciate and need our assistance with their tuition costs. Annually we raise \$2,000 to cover Baraka, Victoria and Pendo's tuition costs. The next wire transfer is in November with funds due to SSM by Nov. 1. Please consider supporting our students who have been selected by Mbaaseny to receive this assistance. Asante sana!

Baraka



Victoria



Pendo



Christian Education

Everything has started off with great success. We had a wonderful first day of Sunday School with 27 kiddos in attendance and we have a full complement of teachers. Sunday School begins each Sunday in the 9:30am worship service. After the children's message the children break out into their Sunday School classes. For information call the church office or send an email directly to the Sunday School at sundayschool@ssmelca.org.

All of the bible studies are well underway. The men meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month at 9:30am and the women meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 10:15am. These bible studies meet both in person and on zoom. For zoom information contact Kipp Zimmermann for the men (917-805-5998 kippzee@gmail.com) or Bonnie Zimmermann for the women (917-805-5994 bonniezimmermann416@gmail.com).

The Monday Monthly Study also began in September. Join them on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm around the fireplace. For more information contact the church office.



2022

10/1 Saturday 17th Weekend after Pentecost	5:00pm	Worship
10/2 Sunday 17th Weekend after Pentecost	9:30am	Worship Sunday School
	10:30am	3rd Grade Bible Instruction
	10:45am	Confirmation
10/3 Monday	1:00pm	Monthly Bible Study
10/4 Tuesday	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
10/5 Wednesday	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
10/6 Thursday	10:00am	Quilting - Cup and Sew
10/8 Saturday 18th Weekend after Pentecost	5:00pm	Worship Blessing of the Animals
10/9 Sunday 18th Weekend after Pentecost	9:30am	Worship Sunday School
	10:30am	3rd Grade Bible Instruction
	4:00pm	Organ Recital and Dedication
10/12 Wednesday	10:15am	Women's Bible Study
	12noon	Loose Ends Lunch
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal



10/15 Saturday 19th Weekend after Pentecost	8:00am	Council Retreat	
	9:30am	Memorial Committee Meeting	
	5:00pm	Worship	
10/16 Sunday 19th Weekend after Pentecost	9:30am	Worship Sunday School	
	10:45am	Confirmation Class	
10/17 Monday	1:00pm	Quilting - Layering	
10/19 Wednesday 	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
10/22 Saturday 20th Weekend after Pentecost	12pm	Trunk or Treat	
	5:00pm	Worship	
10/23 Sunday 20th Weekend after Pentecost	9:30am	Worship Sunday School	
10/26 Wednesday	10:15am	Women's	
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
10/29 Saturday Reformation	5:00pm	Worship	
10/30 Sunday Reformation 	9:30am	Worship - Confirmation Mya Kling Jonah Miller Vincent Ortega Sunday School	

Youth and Family



SAVE THE DATE: TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 22 from 12-2pm here at SSM!



Trunk or Treat is a safe place for community members to come and trick or treat from car to car and enjoy some fall fun together. We are seeking volunteers at this time to help make this event a success. We are hoping to have 12 vehicles decorated in our lot for trick or treaters to walk to; look for a sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex soon with some examples of how you can make your car look fun for the event.

We are also in need of volunteers to help run stations on the day of the event (for example serving hot chocolate and cookies, helping kids make our craft, setting up games, greeting families as they arrive, etc.).

We welcome anyone interested in helping to attend our meeting here at church on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30. Feel free to reach out via email as well if you are interested in making this event a success but cannot attend the meeting.

Alex Dollar AlexandraDollar@gmail.com

Memorial Committee



The Memorial Committee would welcome new members who are interested in learning more about how memorial donations are distributed. The next meeting is October 15th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

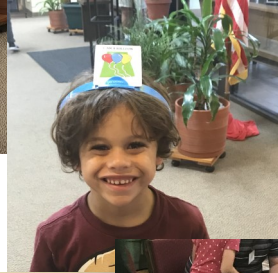
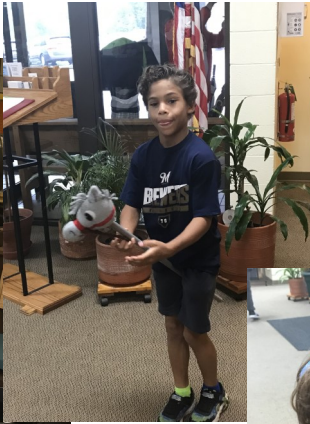
SSM Wear

Beginning October 14th there will be an SSM logo clothing sale. See the display in the narthex for more information. This time there will be an online option (preferred). Items will be available in early December.





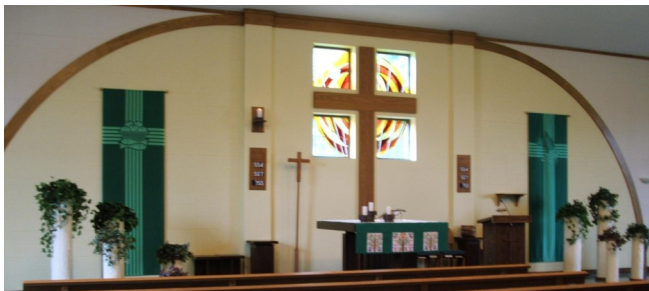
Rally Day - September 11





Music and Worship

A reminder that on Sunday, October 9th, we will host an organ dedication recital. After the recital, we will come together in fellowship for a cookie and coffee reception. A few volunteers are needed to assist with the event and others are needed to bake for the reception. A sign-up is posted on the bulletin board near the office.



The colors of our altar decorations are currently green—symbolizing “growth”—for the Sundays after Pentecost. This time is a season of growing by using Jesus’ extensive teachings for our spiritual growth. We will adorn the church in red in com-

memoration of Reformation on October 29th and 30th. The reformation offers the promise of God’s love that makes possible a life of “living, daring confidence in God’s grace.” We will also celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) on October 30th.



Human Concerns

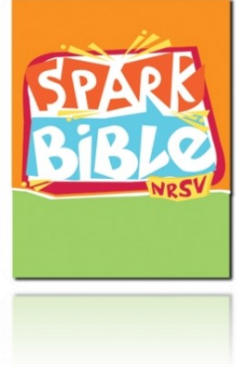


We asked and you delivered! Thank you for your generous donations of food, non-food items and cash in support of our Milwaukee area food pantry partners. Items such as peanut butter and canned meats, like chicken or tuna, are a great source of protein and are still in high demand. Personal hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, dish and laundry soap are also needed. If you prefer, cash donations can be made. Please remember to mark your contribution “food pantries.” Thank you!



3rd Grade Bible Instruction

On Sundays, October 2nd and 9th Eric Sanders will facilitate a Bible instruction class for all Sunday School students 3rd grade and up who have not yet received their Spark Bible from SSM. This time to walk through the Bible will be after worship and will take about an hour. Children will then receive their new Bible on Sunday, October 16th during the 9:30am worship. Please contact Eric or the church office to let Eric know if you will be attending with your child.



<i>Penny Dowling</i>	01
<i>Saul Ortega</i>	05
<i>Vincent Ortega</i>	07
<i>Scott Ziegert</i>	09
<i>Jenny Anderson</i>	09
<i>Tom Zuleger</i>	11
<i>Shelly Rosenstock</i>	13
<i>Adalyn Kopplin</i>	15
<i>Pastor Brian Hooper</i>	16
<i>Ryan Flohr</i>	16
<i>Patricia Lewandowski</i>	17
<i>Melinda Winter</i>	17
<i>Jacob Stuedemann</i>	17



<i>Amy Billman</i>	21
<i>Maren Hooper</i>	21
<i>Jackie Lentz</i>	22
<i>Nora Burmeister</i>	22
<i>Carol Mueller</i>	23
<i>Lauren Revers</i>	26
<i>Hadley Kreiter</i>	26
<i>David Birk</i>	27
<i>Diane Sundquist</i>	27
<i>John Drover</i>	27
<i>Jenny Resterhouse</i>	27
<i>Emily Kling</i>	27
<i>Carol Kucharski</i>	28
<i>Adam Woerpel</i>	28
<i>Mary Rockstad</i>	29
<i>Gunnar Raasch</i>	30
<i>Judy Merritt</i>	31
<i>Carol Malinowski</i>	31
<i>Kelsey Nehring</i>	31





Council Minutes Sept. 13, 2022

Attending: Jason Covert; Jane Miller; Denise Sanders; Jeremy Hanna; Shelly Rosenstock; Kristy Knipple; John Muroi; Bonnie Zimmermann; Alex Dollar; Eric Sanders; Kipp Zimmermann; Jeff Dose; John Muroi; Pastor Brian Hooper

Financial Report

J. Miller reported that contributions are still on budget. J. Muroi reported that income and disbursements are on budget however insurance has gone up seemingly for everyone across the board.

Financial reports were approved.

Pastor's Time

Everything is back in full program mode; the Green Corners group was meeting on Wednesday with Greendale Health Dept. Confirmation started. Krause Funeral Home was coming to talk to the congregation about advance planning. Blessing of Teachers is planned for the following Sunday Morning

Current Items

We will continue to meet on Zoom and in person, averaging about 22 on Zoom each Sunday.

Installing Council members on 9/24/2022. Council Retreat is planned for Saturday 10/15/2022 from 7:45 to 12:00 noon and will be combined with the regular council meeting next month.

Sound system – still looking for quotes by the annual meeting; discussed the possibility of memorial money to be raised with Sandy P.

Discussed creating a list of the needs to allow people opportunity or suggestions as gifts to the church.

Planning for the possible way to handle Equipping the Saints and Capitol Campaign. D. Sanders will head up the planning for Equipping the Saints; she will put out the story and others are welcome to join.

Rally Day was a success.

Goals and Objectives

Pot luck dinners in the year

Youth and Family Advent Potluck to involve everyone



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Committee Comments

Property – chimney was done; the fire place service coming this week; reviewing bids for the snow removal; bids are being reviewed for the sprinkler system, they need 5-year inspection.

Education – Sunday School and Bible studies for men and women have begun; monthly Bible study is making a slow start. Sunday School is off to a good start.

Human Concerns – looking to expand and update the ministries under Human Concerns; Meru celebration went very well.

Music and Worship – 10/9 is the Organ Dedication Recital at 4:00pm; cookie reception to follow. Communion change up will be occurring; prefilled cups will remain and option for those who want it.

Stewardship – will be doing a presentation on 11/13/2022.

Evangelism – a media presentation group is being sought.

Youth and Family – Trunk or Treat – 10/22/2022 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Closing Prayer by Pastor Brian

Respectfully Submitted, Kipp W. Zimmermann, Secretary

Aluminum Can Deadline

Cold weather, snow and ice are soon here making it difficult to transport and sell cans at the salvage yard. So please note that after November 15th bags of cans cannot be accepted at church. It is too difficult to sell cans at the salvage center, and there is no room in the church garage to store them through the winter. If you have cans to donate, bring them to the church garage in the lower parking lot by November 15th. Crushed or folded up cans are preferred. Thank you! Bob Rasmussen, Can coordinator.



OFFICE HOURS

9:00-2:00 M-Th

9:00-12:00 F

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WORSHIP AT SSM

SATURDAY AT 5:00 PM

SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM*

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM

***SUNDAY SERVICE IS IN**

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