

MARTYR MONTHLY

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summer

JUNE AND JULY 2024



WORSHIP AT SSM
SATURDAY AT 5:00PM THROUGH JUNE 15TH
THURSDAY 6:30PM BEGINNING JUNE 20TH
SUNDAY AT 9:30AM*

**INDICATES WORSHIP SERVICES STREAMED ON ZOOM,
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Pastor's Page



Dear SSM Community,

Summer is here! At least it feels like it at times. Flowers are in bloom, and most of the time the sun is shining.

As we become fully embraced by the warmth of summer, be sure to take the time (whether you are busy or not) to fully enjoy the beauty of the world around you. Make an effort to slow down, take a breath, pause, and enjoy all that creation has to offer. Sit in a park, do some gardening, stop and 'smell the roses' (or any other flower!), or take a walk.

As you enjoy the summer, and as you experience the wonders of the Earth, make an effort to do something, anything, no matter how small to take care of God's beautiful creation.

During the summer months we will be worshiping on Thursday nights in the prayer garden, beginning on **June 20 at 6:30pm**. Saturday services will pause after June 15 and resume again in September. I am excited to worship outdoors with you. The prayer garden team is also looking into quotes to pave the walkway along the garden to make it more accessible.

For our outdoor worship service on **July 11**, we will be hosting a Greater Milwaukee synod "Wild Church" event. Wild Church invites nature to contribute to the worship experience. It has an interactive message, not just one person talking, but interaction with participants where they share with the whole group what they saw, heard or have reflected on. Wild Church seeks to connect with people who are not interested in traditional church, and might describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious." If you are interested in learning more, or might want to be part of a planning team, we will meet with Rev. Larry Harpster from the Wild Church team at SSM on **6/24 at 6:30pm**.

And as we head into the summer months please keep me aware of any particular health needs or situations that you might be facing. I am also available for any grief support. If you need to connect with your pastor, give me a call, text or email. I am with you in whatever the circumstance may be.

Also, be on the lookout for an SSM pop-up stroll or meet-up at a local park this summer. Perhaps a meet-up could be shared on Facebook. A favorite beverage could be even shared at Whitnall after a walk.

Thank you for all the time, service, and energy you put into the church. I am grateful for you and your dedication to the mission and ministry of the church. I hope and pray that these months ahead are times of refreshment for all of us-and for the body and soul. Enjoy God's creation.

Peace, Pastor Brian

Summer WORSHIP

**Beginning June 20th and
continuing through
August 29th
Worship will take place
on Thursday
evenings at 6:30pm in the
Prayer Garden**

**Sunday services will continue at 9:30am in the sanctuary and
will be both in person and streamed on Zoom. There will be
no Saturday services during the summer.**

**For information on how to join worship on Zoom please call
the church office.**



**Summer Office hours will be: Tuesday - Thursday 9am-2pm
Friday 9am-12pm**

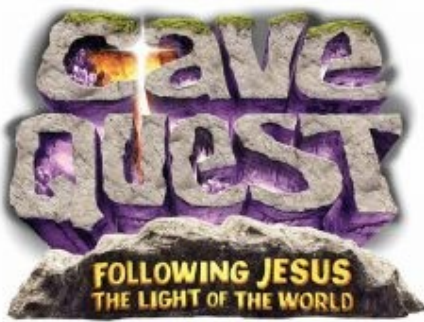
The office will be closed on Mondays beginning June 3



Pastor's Summer Vacation

**Pastor Brian will be on vacation from June 6th to June 20th. He will be
back for the Prayer Garden Worship service on June 20th. There will
be a pastor to cover emergencies while Pastor Brian is away. This infor-
mation will be available in the office or on the office phone message.
Upon his return from vacation Pastor will continue to take Friday as
his day off.**

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is coming!

Plan on attending

Tuesday, July 23rd

Wednesday, July 24th

Thursday, July 25th

At Cave Quest VBS, kids will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love! Join us for 3 days of games, songs, tasty treats, crafts, and other fun activities! Get ready to have a spelunkin' good time with SSM this summer!



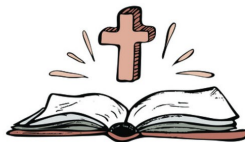
Annual Quilting Bee



Mark your calendar for the annual **Quilting Bee on June 17th** from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Come when you can and leave when you must. No sewing is necessary. Bring a lite lunch for yourself or dine on wonderful side dishes and enjoy desserts.

Christian Education

The Monthly bible Study, Men's bible Study, and Women's Bible Study will all take a break during July and August. Both Sunday School and Confirmation Class are wrapping up for the year. Everything will pick up again in September. Be sure to check out the August Martyr Monthly for specific information about the 2024/2025 academic year.



Human Concerns

Unity Update - Unity Lutheran Church will be adding "to-go" meals on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and occasional 5th Wednesdays of the month. The "to-go" meals will be handed out on Wednesday evenings while the food pantry is open. The regular hot meal will still be served on the 3rd Wednesday. SSM will be making the lunches on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month beginning on **June 12th**. Approximately 40 lunches will need to be prepared. Please contact me if you are available for 1-2 hours between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to help with this mission. Thank you! Shelly Rosenstock.

Children's Clothing - Every Saturday, Faith Santa Fe distributes children's clothing along with food to families in need. As you begin summer clothes shopping for your son or daughter, please consider donating any outgrown, gently used clothes to them. All sizes are appreciated. There is a marked plastic bin in the hallway by the restrooms where you can place your items. Please feel free to talk with Shelly Rosenstock or Alex Dollar if you have any questions. Thank you.

Food Pantries - June food pantry donations will be directed to Faith Santa Fe Lutheran Church and July donations will be directed to Bay View Community Center.

Please consider summer food donations that children can prepare without using a stove. Foods like microwavable macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, granola bars. As always, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and high protein foods are appreciated. Monetary donations allow the food pantries to purchase items with the highest demand. Please remember to add a note that your donation is for *Food Pantries*. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

School Bag Supplies - The next Martyr Monthly will not come out until August so we are reminding you to watch for those "back-to-school" sales. We have more than enough of some items leftover from last year. Items that are needed this year are:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper
- Rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpeners
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (**no gel ink**)
- Crayons – 24 count



Meru Partnership Live Auction Events

Following worship on June 8 & 9, a live auction will take place to raise funds for Mbaaseny, our partner congregation in Tanzania. Funds will be used towards work on Mbaaseny's newer worship building (adding a cement floor, bricks on the exterior as well as work on the altar area) and for the Mbaaseny Education Fund.



How to Participate:



- Donate items (see suggestions on the kiosk and sign-up!)
- Purchase items during the auction (and/or bid up items)
- Donate funds directly for Mbaaseny
- Work at the auction!

Contact Julie Starks or Patti Nelson for more information!



Remember Your Aluminum Cans

As you accumulate aluminum cans during the summer, remember you can bring them to SSM and leave them at the door of the church garage. They will be redeemed at the salvage yard and the monies are then forwarded to SSM's food pantries.

Bob and Karen Rasmussen, coordinators



Meru Partnership News

I received a WhatsApp message from our partner pastor on May 16 sharing news of the recent flooding in the area. (Yes, the same area that has been experiencing drought the past 2 years). Pastor Nnko writes “Shalom dear Julie, we thank God very much, we are doing well. Although all the farms of the church and ‘members’ have been surrounded by water. And the crops ‘burned’ (?) because of the water. The rains have destroyed the fields, roads, there are about twenty families whose houses are in the water...no one has died. The Canaan areas we had to close the school so that the children don’t get wet. I am sending pictures of water and road.”



“On Sunday, we succeeded in organizing the Mbaaseny building fund raising. We thank God very much for the level contributed. The work will start, we are waiting for the water to decrease a little.”

Please keep our partners in prayer as they navigate changing weather. The prayers and support from our upcoming auction will be welcomed!

Julie Starks

The Season After Pentecost



The Season after Pentecost begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Weekend of Advent. It may include twenty-three to twenty-eight weekends, depending on the date of Easter, but the first weekend is always Trinity Weekend, and the last is always the Weekend of Christ the King. The season also includes All Saints. In 2024 there will be twenty-six weekends in the season. The color for the season, except for the special weekends noted above, is green. This time used to be called Ordinary Time, not because it is ordinary but because the weekends are numbered as in “ordinal”.




June 2024



<i>2nd Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Saturday, 6/1	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/2	9:30am	Worship
		Last Day of Sunday School
	10:45am	Special Congregational Meeting/Coffee Hour
Monday, 6/3	1:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday, 6/4	4:00pm	Youth Fund Raiser at Culvers - until 8pm
	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
Wednesday, 6/5	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thursday, 6/6	1:00pm	Quilting - Cut & Sew - until 3:00pm
<i>3rd Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Saturday, 6/8	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/9	9:30am	Worship
Tuesday, 6/11	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6/12	10:15am	Women's Bible Study
<i>4th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Saturday, 6/15	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/16	9:30am	Worship - Father's Day
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 6/17	10:00am	Quilting Bee - until 4:00pm
Wednesday, 6/19	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
<i>5th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Wed. 6/19	6:30pm	UnClobber Book Discussion Group - via Zoom
Thursday, 6/20	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 6/23	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45	UnClobber Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, 6/26	10:15am	Women's Bible Study

<i>6th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 6/27	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 6/30	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour



Tuesday, 7/2	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
Thursday, July 4th - Office Closed - No Prayer Garden Worship		
<i>7th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Sunday, 7/7	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
Tuesday, 7/9	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, 7/11	1:00pm	Quilting - until 3:00pm
<i>8th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/11	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/14	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, 7/126 to 7/20 Youth trip to National Gathering in New Orleans		
<i>9th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/18	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/21	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
Monday, 7/22	1:00pm	Quilting - until 3:00pm
<i>10th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/25	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/29	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour





Heidi Mayer	02	Bennett Ceku	14
Donna Kopplin	03	Jaxson Easterlin	16
Eric Sanders	06	John Winter	17
Ryleigh Revers	06	Bobbie Jo Hinkley	19
Ander Ceku	07	Dalton Hinkley	19
Jacob Zoske	09	Mason Hinkley	19
Sydney Covert	11	Pamela Gleason	20
Diane Stojanovich	12	Pat Rojik	22
Susan Jarchow	12	Erin Malinowski	23
Andrea Hanna	13	Roger Lehman	24



Owen Sanders	01	Dylan Dietrich	18
Trent Lisiecki	02	Paisley Julseth	19
Kyle Mayer	05	Jim Hennessy	20
Don Manning	06	Pattie Winter	20
Paige Ceku	08	John Hoffman	21
Geri Lucchesi	09	Jane Miller	21
Julie Starks	09	Gary Lentz	22
Gail Zuleger	10	George Gifford	24
Laura Nehring	10	Billie Jo Kunesh	24
John Rech	12	Cody Raasch	25
Leah Jajtner	15	Tyler Myszkowski	25
Payton Manning-Fuentes	15	Mila Marie Gorecki	25
Denise Sanders	16	Clare Stockland	26
Steve Mayer	17	Debbie Barth	30
Kelly Sachse	18	Patrick Rafalski	31
Heidi Dietrich	18	Lisa Lisiecki	31
		Morgan Gillespie	31



Summer Family Choir



Here's a chance for families and individuals to sing in worship during the summer months! We will meet most Sundays during the summer beginning June 23rd from 8:45am to 9:15am to learn anthems, songs, and hymns, and will sing during worship about once a month.

Everyone is welcome! If you haven't tried choir before, this would be a great introduction! Music reading skills are not necessary. Current SSM choir members are supportive and always happy to help new members! Music is provided. There is no age limit. Children should be able to read proficiently to participate. Please contact Tabitha with any questions or for a complete schedule.



Loose Ends Lunch



Loose Ends Luncheon for June 12th, will be at held Red Robin at Southridge, 7575 W Edgerton Ave, Greenfield, WI 53220 . Meet at the restaurant at noon. Bonnie Daleness is the contact person for reservations. There will be no Loose Ends Lunch in July or August. See you in September.

Spring Pictures at SSM

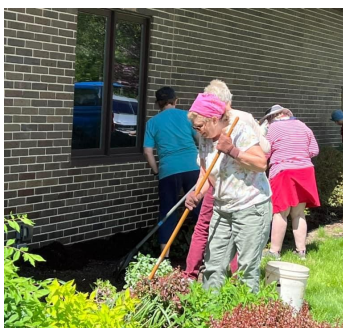


Youth Cinco de Mayo Fund Raiser
May 4 & 5





Prayer Garden and Grounds Clean-Up May 19th



Congratulations Graduates

**Congratulations to all of our SSM graduates.
Well done and best wishes in all of your future
endeavors.**



Kelsey A. Nehring graduated from Iowa State University in May with a degree in Genetics and is pursuing a career as a research scientist for a biochemical company.

Laura V. Nehring completed and graduated in March from the Cosmetology Program at the Aveda Institute of Beauty and Wellness. She recently obtained her license and is pursuing a career as a hair stylist.

Annie Nelson is graduating from the University of Michigan earning a degree with a Neuroscience major and a Gender and Health minor. Annie will be taking a gap year here at home to study for the MCAT and apply to Medical School. She is hoping to focus on Family or Pediatric practice.

Mason Resterhouse is graduating from Greendale High School. He has also completed a dual enrollment program this year focused on the trades. He plans to enter an apprenticeship in carpentry in the trades.

Danielle Ziegert will be graduating from Oak Creek High School. She plans on pursuing a degree in Construction Management in fall.

Council Minutes, April 16, 2024

Present: Pastor Brian Hooper; Lorin Schuchardt; Jane Miller; John Muroi; Shelly Rosenstock; Denise Sanders; Kristy Knipple; Alex Dollar; Kipp Zimmermann; Eric Sanders; Sandy Wesolowski.

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by D. Sanders. J. Muroi led the devotion.

Minutes approved as corrected.

Financial Report - J. Miller – We show \$18000 ahead in the general fund because of the donations that were made for the entire year. The fundraisers did well. - J. Muroi – The contract for the parking lot that was made last year is in force. The Mission Investment fund will be closed out to pay for the parking lot. The carpet will come out of the reserve and will be reimbursed by the money received from the insurance. - Financial Reports approved.

Pastor's Time - The Greendale Community Church attended Maundy Thursday worship at SSM. The Unclober book discussion on Sunday and Thursday went well. We will be replacing the camera used for smaller zoom meetings with an OWL that will allow a camera to focus upon the speaker. There will be a railing placed on the walkway of the prayer garden to make it more accessible. Pastor Brian has shifted his schedule from Mondays off to Fridays off. Pastor is looking for feedback on the Prayer Garden outdoor worship. Easter Breakfast raised \$396 for the National Youth Gathering. The youth are planning a Cinco de Mayo feast to raise money for their trip, July 16–20 in New Orleans.

Current Action - Planning for congregation meeting for the election of council. RIC has completed a draft of the Welcome Statement. The congregation will need to approve it. Council will review and recommend the final product. The Congregation meeting is scheduled for June 2. The memorial committee is in discussion about a new church sign for out on the road. Sound System installation will begin on Thursday. The process could be about two weeks and will be done in three sections. First the sanctuary audio, then video, then the fellowship hall. The Synod Assembly is in May and we still need a volunteer to attend.

Committee Feedback

Human Concerns - Those who visited Tanzania would like to have an auction like they have in Tanzania to raise money for their congregation to complete work on their church structure.

Youth and Family – planning to lead VBS.

Evangelism - the website was brought up to date for Holy Week and Easter.

Adjourned at 7:44pm, Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Kipp W. Zimmermann, Secretary



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00-2:00 Tue - Th

9:00-12:00 F

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Mark Breutzmann, Saturday Musician

Jim Hennessy, Church Maintenance

Bonnie Zimmermann, Ministry Assistant

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