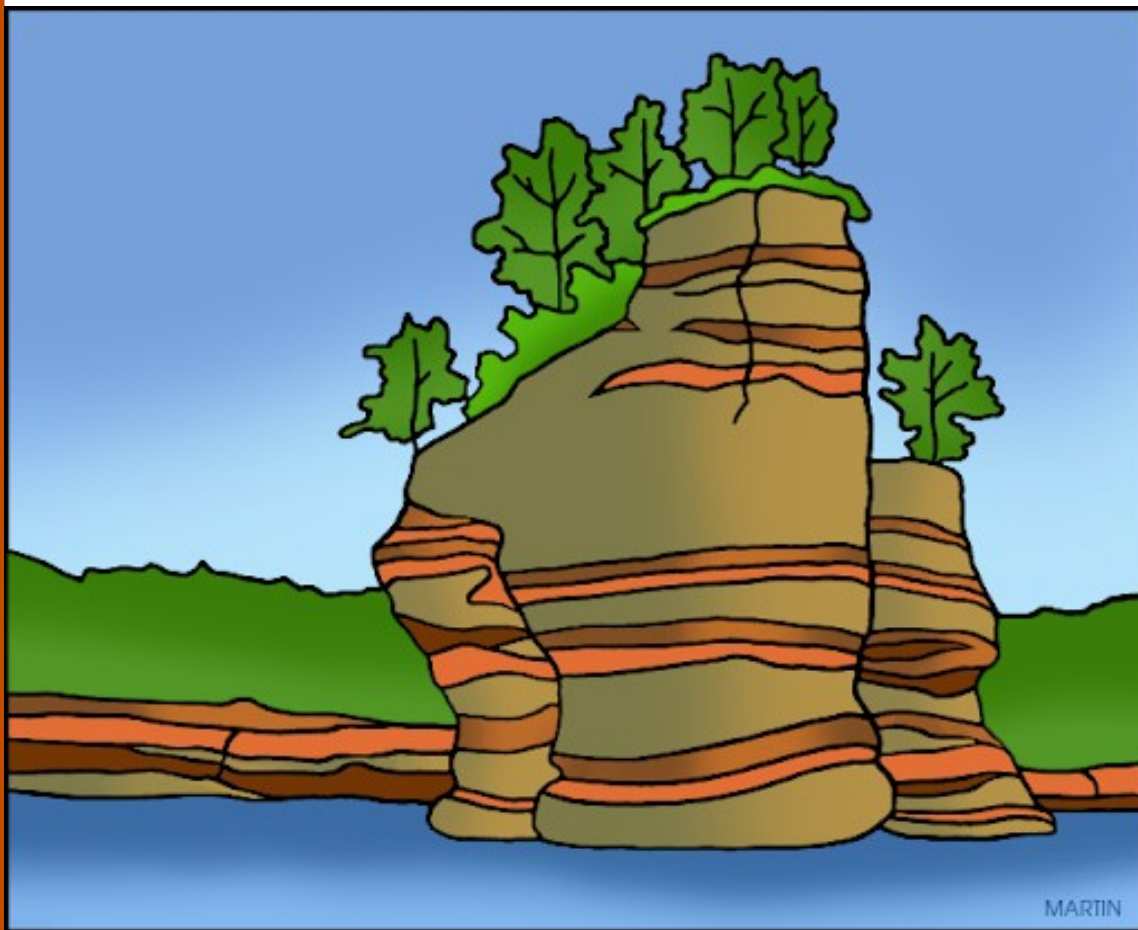


MARTYR MONTHLY



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AUGUST 2024

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WORSHIP AT SSM
THURSDAY 6:30PM THROUGH AUGUST 29TH
SUNDAY AT 9:30AM*

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Pastor's Page



Dear SSM Faith Family,

Thank you again for helping get our youth to New Orleans for the 2024 Youth Gathering. Thanks for supporting the fundraisers, praying for our youth and making the trip possible. I truly believe that events like this are life changing and faith forming.

We gathered with 16,000 youth from around the country centering around the theme: **Created to Be**. On day 1, participants explored the theme **Created to Be: BRAVE**, remembering that we are created to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. Day 2, **Created to be: Authentic**, reminded participants to bring their whole selves and know that they are loved by our Creator. Day 3, **Created to be Free**, spoke to the freedom we all experience when we truly live into who God created us to be. Day 4: **Created to be: Disruptive**, reminded attendees that they are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings.

Powerful speakers, music and projects centered around these themes. We gathered each evening for the Mass Gathering in the Smoothie King Center, and of course we enjoyed some smoothies. Our accompaniment project involved meeting with community organizers and learning about the impact of Hurricane Katrina, and challenges today. The youth went out into the community with garbage bags and shovels. Our project was to clear the storm drains so that water could flow when there is flooding or heavy rain. We found that it does indeed rain a lot in New Orleans.

While in New Orleans we also had the opportunity to visit the National World War II Museum. This visit was one of the highlights for the youth. We also had some wonderful food including jambalaya, gumbo, and Shrimp Po'boys. We made a stop at the famous Café DuMond and had some scrumptious beignets. Families: mark your calendars for the **2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis**.

"No matter what life brings, may you dance anyways. Share your scars anyways. Sparkle anyways. Believe the dumpster anyways. Know you are loved, always." Jacqueline Bussie (Gathering Speaker)

Peace, Pastor Brian



Meru Partnership Live Auction Update

Meru Auction Success! – Asante sana to so many who donated items, attended, purchased and contributed financially to our Meru Auction on June 8 & 9. \$1,289 was wire transferred to Mbaaseny in July to be used as they need (building fund?). Pastor Nnko received our message with this reply, “Thanks again and again, we appreciate you. Be blessed. We received, very happily your message, and we will do so.” (Use funds as needed.)





Save the Date

Sunday, September 8th

First Day of Sunday School

Fun and Games for the Kiddos

Food and Fellowship for All

**Festivities to begin immediately
after Worship**

Stewardship



As I write this, last Sunday we heard in the Gospel the last chapter of John the Baptist's life (Mark 6). It was surrounded by the call and commissioning of disciples. John assumed at great cost his place in the coming of the kingdom of God. His birth was another miracle of God's plan. He was sent into the womb of Elisabeth and Zachariah who were both advanced in years. His job was to prepare the way and announce the coming Messiah. He was to many eyes a stranger and a radical in the desert dressed in cammel hair and eating locust and wild honey and preaching of repentance and God's forgiveness and offering the traditional washing in water for cleansing. As we come to see in Mark, the

world was not ready to receive the Baptist or eventually the Messiah himself. Why you may ask? I'm glad you asked me that question. John's and Jesus' message were not the ones that the writings the Torah prescribed. There were no sacrifices involved. There were no priests consulted. There was only faith needed to come before God with repentant hearts. This was the message that John and the disciples were given to preach to the world. These who were called to a task said yes. They invested their lives in the work that God had given them to do. They recognized that their lives consisted of their place in the world. We who have journeyed into the water with Jesus and John have been about being sent every bit as much as they. How might God use me to live out my place in the world? What do I have to offer in the work of God to reform the world into God's image? These are questions of the steward. You are invited to ask God the question, what gift may I use to invest in the work of your kingdom?

Rev. Dr. Kipp W. Zimmermann, Stewardship Chair

Speaking of Stewardship - Can You Help?

Stewardship is more than financial support, it also includes helping in giving service and utilizing your talents. Here are some request from some of our worship leaders.

Ushering- Are you able to help out by ushering at the Saturday night services when they resume in the fall? If you would like to serve your church in this way please contact Bob Rasmussen soon at rjkorasmussen@gmail.com or call the church office. Additional Sunday ushers are always welcome too.



Choir- If you enjoy singing, you do not have to read music, consider joining the choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and will begin in September. Current choir members are very welcoming and helpful.

Bell Choir- Bell choir rehearsals will begin again in September on Wednesdays at 5:45pm. Playing the bells is both challenging and rewarding. If you would like to give it a try or just want more information speak to any bell choir member.

Communion Assistants- Communion assistants either set up communion or serve communion or do both. Jason Covert schedules these valuable worship assistants and would be glad to add your name to the list of those who serve in this way. If you would like more information please speak to any communion assistant or Jason and if you decide you want to contribute in this way let Jason know.



Counters- Currently counters dedicate a short amount of time, about once a month after Sunday worship, to counting the offerings. Eric Sanders, Chair of the Finance Committee, would love to have more people willing to help out with this task. Current team members will be happy to train you if you feel called to this task.



Feel free to contact the church office with any questions or for more information.

August 2024



Thursday, 8/1	1:00pm	Quilting - Cut & Sew - until 3:00pm
11th Weekend after Pentecost		
Thursday, 8/1	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 8/4	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship - Youth Gathering Presentation
Tuesday, 8/6	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
12th Weekend after Pentecost		
Thursday, 8/8	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 8/11	9:00am	Village Days Outdoor Worship
Tuesday, 8/13	6:30pm	Council Meeting
13th Weekend after Pentecost		
Thursday, 8/15	5:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 8/18	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
Monday, 8/19	1:00pm	Quilting - Layering - until 3:00pm
14th Weekend after Pentecost		
Thursday, 8/22	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 8/25	8:45am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
15th Weekend after Pentecost		
Thursday, 8/29	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 9/1	9:30am	Worship
Monday, 9/2	Memorial Day - Office Closed	

Human Concerns



Food Pantries

August food pantry donations will be directed to Unity Lutheran Church.

Please consider summer food donations that children can prepare without using a stove. Foods like microwaveable 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 monetary donation is for *Food*

Pantries. Thank you for your continued support of these ministries.

REMINDER: Please avoid donating expired food items. Food pantries are not allowed to distribute them to their clients.

School Bag Supplies

Those “back-to-school” sales are going on. Items that are needed for 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

Please talk with Bonnie Zimmermann or Shelly Rosenstock if you have any questions.

Also, watch for the “School Bag Display” in the Narthex. While we have quite a few already completed bags, we will need a few more. Watch for cut bags to be pressed and/or sewn.





Tim Hinkley	01	Tracy Wholean	23
AJ Taylor, Jr	01	Collette Haasch	23
Joan Retzlaff	02	Henry Burmeister	23
Jeremy Hanna	04	Linda Chaplock	25
Jenna Dose	05	Erin Ankebrant	25
Charles Ferguson	09	Christopher Rafalski	28
Borgne Raasch	10	Bob Soderstrom	29
Carolyn Birk	12	Mary Kling	29
Brian Stoddard	14	Jay Rosiewski	29
Barbara Davies	16	Doane Flohr	30
Jim Palasz	16	Judith Hryniewicki	30
Rae Ann Simley	20	Samuel Jacobsen	30
Joseph Ferguson	21	Jackson Massey	31
Braden Andersen	22		

Sunday School News



This fall we will begin Sunday School classes on September 8. Our Sunday School is growing, which is wonderful news. Last year we had an average of 19 students per Sunday. The goal is to keep growing, but to do that we need your help. As of this writing we have 1 teacher for 3K/4K/5K; 2 teachers for grades 1/2/3; and 1 teacher

for grades 4/5/6. The “littles” teacher and the “big kids” teacher each need a co-teacher so that all of our teachers can attend church at least every other week. If you have an interest in working with Sunday School please let Billie Jo Kunesh, Sunday School Superintendent, know. You can contact her at billiejokunesh@yahoo.com. If we do not get some more teachers/helpers it may be necessary to make some adjustments to our Sunday School.

If you are interested, here is some important information. Your commitment would be for every other week (or for teaching on whatever schedule you work out with your co-teacher). Supplies are provided and lesson materials and project/craft ideas are available well in advance. If there is a Sunday during the year that you cannot teach, substitutes are available. Please prayerfully consider using your talents in this way.



Picnics Mean Aluminum Cans

The picnic season is well underway...Have you been saving the aluminum beverage cans? Remember if you leave them at the church garage door, they will be taken to the salvage yard and the money received goes to our food pantries;. That money allows the food pantries to purchase perishables and items that are in the most demand.



Wild Church Pics



July 11th



Quilting Bee



July 20th



Sound System Project and Fundraising



We hope that you are enjoying the new sound system. The project included upgrades and improvements to the sanctuary and fellowship hall, as well as updates to the narthex/gathering space. At the annual meeting in January, when the congregation approved the project, it was also approved to fund the project with a loan of \$37,000 (60% of the total project cost) from our current funds. We have now begun a three-year repayment plan to return the funds to the original accounts. If you are so moved and able, please consider contributing to the sound system fund. Thank you for your consideration.

Summer Worship

Continues on Thursdays

in the Prayer Garden at 6:30pm.

Prayer Garden Worship

will continue through August 29th.

There will be no Saturday services during the summer, Saturday services will begin again on Saturday, September 7th, the weekend after Labor Day.

Special Outdoor Village Days Worship
On Sunday, August 11th
In the Hose Tower Parking Lot
Beginning at 9:00am
(There will be no service at SSM that day.)





HISTORICALLY GOOD TIMES!

Entertainment Stage's Schedule

Friday, August 9th OPENING DAY!

3:00pm **Ten Feet Tall**, Lions Gazebo Stage

4:45pm **Shelly Mack & The Reunion**,
GEA Hose Tower Stage

7:30pm **33RPM**, Lions Gazebo Stage

9:00pm **Hypnotized by Mac**, GEA Hose Tower Stage

Saturday, August 10th

10:30am **Elephant Gun**, Lions Gazebo Stage

12:30pm **Bare Bonez**, GEA Hose Tower Stage

3:00pm **5 Card Studs**, Lions Gazebo Stage

3:15pm **Landline**, GEA Hose Tower Stage

7:30pm **Dweebs**, Lions Gazebo Stage

7:30pm **Almighty Vinyl**, GEA Hose Tower Stage

Sunday, August 11th

9:00am **St. Luke's Lutheran Service**,
GEA Hose Tower Stage

Noon **60's by 70's**, GEA Hose Tower Stage

Other Attractions:

Family Entertainment Area (FEA) will feature inflatable rides by Willie Fun Events, face painting, caricatures, balloon figures, games for kids, an arcade and more! Daily hours: 4:00pm to 8:00pm Friday, Noon to 8:00pm Saturday and 11:00am to 4:00pm Sunday.

Enjoy local food & beverage at food courts hosted by the GEA, Lions & American Legion near both the Hose Tower and in Gazebo Park as well as at Greendale's restaurants. Kick off the festival with Lion's 'Famous' Fish Fry on Friday starting at 4pm while supplies last. Return on Saturday for Greendale Market's 'Fan Favorite' Breakfast Wraps by Yuppie Hill (Hose Tower Food Court). Local wine & beer will be featured all weekend long from Eagle Park and Lakefront Breweries.

GTO Car Show on Saturday, August 10th from 8am - 3pm. Over 150 classic Pontiacs from all years, featuring 14 Classes, will line Broad Street. Have a Pontiac that you'd like to show off?... only a \$10 entry fee for exhibitors with no pre-registration required!

Rummage on the Green will be held on Saturday, August 10th from 8am-3pm. Come to Daffodil Park bright and early and find treasures galore! Come early for the best selection, come later for bargains!

Family Day fun for all on Sunday with very special guests, food specials and more from 11am-4pm. That's Amore Spaghetti Dinner at the Hose Tower Stage from 11:00-1:00, Supporting the Greendale Jr. Panthers Cheer team.

SHOP LOCAL Check out the shops in Historic Downtown Greendale while you are here in town.

Check out the GEA & Lion's Website and LIKE US on Facebook for Updates & Volunteer information.

FRIDAY, August 9 thru Sunday, August 11, 2024!
VISIT THE VILLAGE OF GREENDALE!

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(Please consider bringing your own chair, seating is limited)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00-2:00 Tue - Th

9:00-12:00 F

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WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 7***

***SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME
SEPTEMBER 8TH***



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