

MARTYR MONTHLY

JUNE & JULY 2025



Worship at SSM

Saturday, June 7 & 14 at 5:00pm

**Thursday in the Prayer Garden begins June 19 and
continues through August at 6:30pm**

Sunday at 9:30am*

Sunday School ends for the summer on June 8 at 9:30am

**Indicates worship services streamed on Zoom,
for Zoom information please contact the church office.*

Pastor Brian on Leave Until August 7

Pastor Brian Hooper is currently away on sabbatical leave through August 7. During this time, pastoral needs of the congregation will be covered by a variety of rostered ministers and lay leaders. Your **primary SSM contacts** during this time will be:

Ministry Assistant Bonnie Zimmermann, office@ssmelca.org, 414-421-3543; SSM summer office hours, M-W 9-2, Th 9-12

Council President Denise Sanders, the.family.sanders@gmail.com, 414-429-9261 (call or text)

Please reach out to either of them if you have any questions or pastoral needs.

Various area pastors will be **on call for emergencies** during Pastor Brian's leave. Contact information will be shared via bulletin and SSM voice mail.

June 2-8	Rev. Melesa Skogland
June 9-29	Rev. Karl-John Stone
June 30-July 13	Rev. Monte Peterson
July 14-27	Rev. Andrew Nyren
July 28-August 10	Rev. Josh Simon
Back up coverage	Rev. Dave Gaeth and Rev. Josh Graber



The Irish Hills

Sharing the Word

Sharing the word with us in worship during Pastor's sabbatical will be:

June 7 & 8	Rev. Pam Lange
June 14-15	Rev. Jennifer Olson
June 19 & 22	Eric Sanders
June 26 & 29	Rev. Josh Simon (Th), Rev. Marilyn Miller (S)
July 3 & 6	no Th service, Rev. Pam Lange (S)
July 10 & 13	Rev. Carolyn Fredricksen (Th), Rev. Marilyn Miller (S)
July 17 & 20	Rev. Carolyn Fredricksen
July 24 & 27	Rev. Kipp Zimmermann
Jul 31 & Au 3	Rev. Josh Simon (Th), Rev. Chris Manke (S)
Aug 7	Rev. Josh Simon
Aug 10	Worship at Greendale Village Days



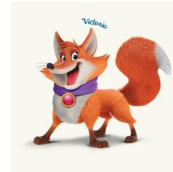
During the months of June, July and August, office hours will be:

Monday - Wednesday,
9am to 2pm and
Thursday 9am to noon

Should access to the building be needed outside of these hours, please contact the office ahead of time to make arrangements.



KINGDOM ROCK



Where Kids Stand Strong for God
Evenings from June 23-26th

Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and more

Kiddos can expect fun in the sun
with games, crafts, and joyful worship and dance time.

Register Now

Youth and Family Events

The Youth and Family Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social before the first Thursday worship service of the summer season on June 19th. Worship will begin at 6:30pm come at 6:00pm for ice cream and fun.



There will also be a hot dog cook out to welcome Pastor back before the Thursday service on August 14th. Service will be at 6:30pm in the Prayer Garden. Come early at 5:45pm for fellowship and food.

Congratulations Graduates



Norah Hooper is graduating from Whitnall High School and will be attending UW-Whitewater in the fall. She will be studying broadcast journalism.

Tessa Hryniewicki is graduating from Greendale High School. She will be attending UW-Whitewater.

Hannah Lentz is graduating in June from Muskego High School. She is planning on attending UW-Whitewater in the fall majoring in business.

Alex Matusiak will attend Ohio State University after graduating from Greendale High School in June.

Katie Moldenhauer is graduating from Grafton High School. In the fall she will attend Concordia University for environmental studies.

Hannah Tanke will graduate from Oak Creek High School on June 21st, 2025. She will be attending UW-Stevens Point in the Fall studying Conservation Law.

RIC Events



Sign up to represent SSM at the Milwaukee Pride Parade! We will be walking with the other Reconciling In Christ churches and others from the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. Meet at Scott St. and Seeboth St. Parade begins at 2pm, so please arrive early to find our SSM group!

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after church on June 8th to make signs to carry in the parade. Supplies will be provided. If you can't walk in the parade, you can still be involved! Consider donating a bag of candy for the group to toss to the kids along the route. If you have any questions, please email Keri Whitmore at kerisumill@gmail.com or call or text at: 414-737-0379.



Christian Education



Would you be interested in starting an SSM book club? We are hoping to start a weeknight book club at SSM and are looking for input on what days of the week might work best, what books you would like to discuss (it can be fiction, non-fiction, religious or not) and what format (i.e. once a month, every other month, potluck, not food, etc.). If you are interested and have thoughts, please fill out this Google survey to help us get started! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-GNgEsKddn3vOfKPISG9T0zN4RCxXvJBq0JCE2bqyddOSQQ/viewform?usp=header>

Calling All PieceM

Mark your calendar for the annual **Quilting Bee on Monday, June 16th** from 9:00am 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.



Loose Ends Lunch

The ladies who lunch have decided to move their Loose Ends Lunch to the 4th Wednesday of every month beginning in June. The June luncheon on Wednesday, June 25th, will be at Famous Daves BBQ located at 27th Street and Edgerton in Greenfield. Mary Luedtke is the contact person for this lunch.



The group does not meet for lunch in July or August. In fall, the Loose ends Lunch for September, on the 24th, will be held at Red Lobster on South 76th Street at noon. Bonnie Daleness is the contact person for September's lunch.

Please let the contact person know if you plan to attend so that reservations can be made.

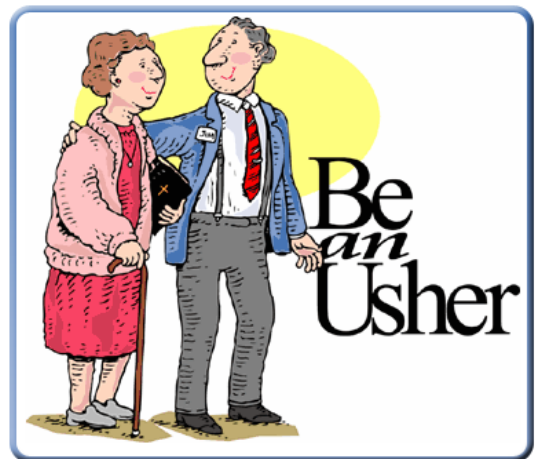
Ushers Needed

Several ushers are needed to serve at the Sunday Services for June/July/August. This opportunity could lead to additional usher service in the Fall if desired.

No experience is necessary. Youth of confirmation age or older are certainly welcome. You will work with 2 other ushers who will help you learn your duties. You would end up serving about once a month.

If interested in volunteering to serve your church, contact Bonnie in the church office.

Thanks, Karen R





2025

<i>7th Weekend of Easter</i>		
Saturday, 5/31	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/1	9:30am	Worship
		Sunday School
Tuesday, 6/3	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
Wednesday, 6/4	9:30am	Men's Bible Study
Thursday, 6/5	1:00pm	Quilting - cut & sew - until 3pm
<i>Pentecost</i>		
Saturday, 6/7	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/8	9:30am	Worship
		Sunday School - end of year celebration
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 6/9	6:30pm	Memorial Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 6/10	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 6/11	10:15am	Women's Bible Study
<i>Holy Trinity</i>		
Saturday, 6/14	5:00pm	Worship
Sunday, 6/15	9:30am	Worship
Monday, 6/16	9:00am	Quilting Bee - until 4pm
Wednesday, 6/18	9:30am	Men's Bible Study

<i>2nd Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 6/19	6:00pm	Ice Cream Social in the Prayer Garden
Thursday, 6/19	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 6/22	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 6/23	5:30pm	Kingdom Rock VBS - until 7:30pm
Tuesday, 6/24	5:30pm	Kingdom Rock VBS - until 7:30pm
Wednesday, 6/25	10:15am	Women's Bible Study
	12 noon	Loose Ends Lunch
	5:30pm	Kingdom Rock VBS - until 7:30pm
<i>3rd Weekend after Pentecost/Peter and Paul Apostles</i>		
Thursday, 6/26	5:30pm	Kingdom Rock VBS -until 7:30pm
	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 6/29	9:30am	Worship





2025

Happy
Fourth
of July!

Tuesday, 7/1	6:30pm	Mega Meeting
<i>4th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/3	No Prayer Garden Worship	
Friday, 7/4	July 4th Holiday - Office Closed	
Sunday, 7/6	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, 7/8	6:30pm	Council Meeting
<i>5th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/10	1:00pm	Quilting - cut & sew - until 3pm
	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/13	9:30am	Worship
<i>6th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/17	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/20	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour
Monday, 7/21	1:00pm	Quilting - layering - until 3pm
<i>7th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/24	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 7/27	9:30am	Worship
<i>8th Weekend after Pentecost</i>		
Thursday, 7/31	6:30pm	Prayer Garden Worship
Sunday, 8/3	9:30am	Worship
	10:45am	Coffee Hour

Human Concerns

God's Work. Our Hands!

Do you have an hour, or two per month that you could help at one of Unity Lutheran Church's food ministries? SSM prepares bag lunches on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Another option is to help serve and/or clean-up at the ComUNITY hot meal that is served on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Your help would be needed for approximately 1.5 hours between 5 and 7:30 p.m. Please contact Shelly Rosenstock at 414-403-0509 if you are interested or would like more information.



Food Ministries

The need never ends so we continue to collect non-perishable food items (that are not past their expiration date). High protein items are always in need. As children do not receive school lunches during the summer, items that are nutritious and easy to prepare for lunch are also needed during the summer. Food collected will go to the food pantries at Faith Sante Fe in June and Unity in July. As always, cash donations are greatly appreciated. There are envelopes for your use on the “Giving Station” board.

School Supply Time is Upon Us Again

It will soon be time to begin collecting school supplies again. With no idea what the prices or availability will be this year, we do not know how many school bags we will be able to fill, but as you see items at good prices over the summer remember that this is what we will need:

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|---------------------|--|
| Unsharpened pencils | 70 sheet notebooks (reg. or college ruled) |
| Pens - no gel pens | Rulers with centimeters |
| Pencil sharpeners | 24 count crayons |
| 2” erasers | Blunt end scissors |

Watch for information on making school bags coming soon as well.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTING IS OFF TO A GREAT START



A third trip to the salvage yard netted \$26 as 30lbs. of cans were sold. Many thanks to all who donated cans, most of which were crushed and easy to transport. Please continue to support

SSM's ministry to sell cans for dollars that help buy food for the needy. Remember, we have a match for all fund raised. Deliver your cans to the church garage in the lower parking lot area in the weeks ahead. Your support is greatly appreciated. -Bob and Karen Rasmussen - Can Coordinators



Heidi Mayer	02
Donna Kopplin	03
Beverly Weeden	05
Eric Sanders	06
Ryleigh Revers	06
Ander Ceku	07
Jacob Zoske	09
Sydney Covert	11
Diane Stojanovich	12
Susan Jarchow	12
Andrea Hanna	13
Noa Burmeister	13
Bennett Ceku	14
Jaxon Easterlin	16
Bobbie Jo Hinkley	19
Dalton Hinkley	19
Mason Hinkley	19
Pamela Gleason	20
Pat Rojik	22
Erin Malinowski	23
Roger Lehman	24



Worship with us on Zoom.
Call the office for the link.
All Sunday and many other
special services are live
streamed.



Owen Sanders	01
Trent Lisiecki	02
Kyle Mayer	05
Don Manning	06
Paige Ceku	08
Geri Lucchesi	09
Julie Starks	09
Gail Zuleger	10
Laura Nehring	10
John Rech	12
Leah Jatner	15
Payton Manning-Fuentes	15
Denise Sanders	16
Steve Mayer	17
Kelly Sachse	18
Heidi Detrich	18
Dylan Dietrich	18
Paisley Julseth	19
Jim Hennessy	20
Patti Winter	20
John Hoffman	21
Jane Miller	21

Gary Lentz	22
George Gifford	24
Billie Jo Kunesh	24
Cody Raasch	25
Tyler Myszkowski	25
Mila Marie Gorecki	25
Clare Stockland	26
Debbie Barth	30
Patrick Rafalski	31
Lisa Lisiecki	31
Morgan Gillespie	31



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Council Minutes, April 8

Present: D Sanders, L Schuchardt, S Wesolowski, K Zimmermann, E Sanders, J Miller, K Whitmore, Pr B Hooper, S Rosenstock, C Jackett, K Knipple, A Dollar, J Covert

The meeting was called to order by Denise Sanders at 6:30pm. A devotion was shared by Shelly.

Council Minutes – Upon reviewing the minutes from the March meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Financial Reports - Jane - We are over 100% on pledges for the year because some members have paid their full pledge for the year. That is ordinary for this time of the year. Jason – The balance sheets are fine. The sound system and electrical work are pending. The loan for the sound system will be paid off in April. We might consider another CD later in the year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports.

Pastor Brian's Report - Sabbatical update - Meetings are being held to finalize details for the Sabbatical leave including coverage for services and other pastoral needs. Also, the committee is identifying ambassadors to meet visiting Pastors. Wild Church events will be held in August – October.

Current events

Rummage Sale – The rummage sale was a success with many volunteers and lots of donations. The weather was good for the indoor rummage and outdoor “brat” sale. Many volunteers helped make the rummage a success. Total raised during the rummage sale was \$2001 (\$2286 before expenses). The kid's lemonade stand raised \$113.74. The brat fry raised an additional \$213. Half of the proceeds will go to SSM. The other half to charities (TBD). A camp fund could also be started.

Easter Breakfast – The planning for the Easter Breakfast is progressing well. All the volunteer spots have been filled. The breakfast will be held from 8:15 to 9:15 on Easter Sunday.

Council Nominations – Nominations are needed for some committee positions. Shelly will be completing her term as chair of the Human Concerns committee. The Property Committee does not currently have a chair. The question was raised if this needs to be filled. This will be discussed during the May Meeting.

Council Minutes, Continued

Congregation Meeting - a congregation meeting is planned for June.

End of the Sabbatical Leave – Pastor Brian will begin his Sabbatical leave on May 15 and will return on August 7th. Should we plan an event for his return?

Committee Reports

Evangelism – Kristy stated we need to make sure to post on social media to promote SSM and our activities.

Fellowship - The rummage sale held on April 4th and 5th was successful; it is recommended to plan another event for next year.

Stewardship – continuing to look at ways to promote stewardship.

Human Concerns – Check out the new “giving station” which will change with upcoming events. In May we will be collecting food items for the Bay View Community Center.

Youth and Family Ministries – Planning has begun for “Vacation Bible School” which is going to be held in June.

Christian Education – The possibility of starting a book club in the fall was discussed if enough are interested. “RIC – Unconscious Bias”-Pamela Fuller, which can be purchased from the Synod. This book could be used in the fall if a group is started. Some other books recommended for reading are: “Caste” – Isabelle Wilkerson, “How we learn to be brave” - Mariann Edgar Budde, “Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” - James McBride

Music and Worship – Easter Worship work is in progress. The lack of water in the baptismal bowl was discussed. The problem is a leak in the bowl. Sandy will check on how best to fix that problem so it can always be filled for services.

Finance – Eric stated that starting in May counting of donations will be done at week 2 and around the last week of the month.

Pastor Brian offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30.

Carol Jackett, Secretary



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

9:00-2:00 Mon, Tue & Wed

9:00-12:00 Thur

SSM STAFF

Brian Hooper, Pastor

Tabitha Moldenhauer, Music Director

Mark Breutzmann, Saturday Musician

Jim Hennessy, Church Maintenance

Bonnie Zimmermann, Ministry
Assistant

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THURSDAY IN THE PRAYER GARDEN
BEGINNING JUNE 19 THROUGH AUGUST
AT 6:30PM
SUNDAY AT 9:30AM*
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS JUNE 8 FOR THE
SUMMER 9:30AM

**INDICATES WORSHIP SERVICES STREAMED
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