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July Worship Matters



Sunday, July 2, 9am.

Meet the seminary students we sponsor!

Saturday, July 8, 5pm.

Second Saturday Worship

Sunday, July 9, 9am.

Hidden Things Revealed!

Sunday, July 16, 9am.

Rev. Tim McLemore preaching!

Sunday, July 23, 9am.

It's Always a Mixed Bag.

Sunday, July 30, 9am.

Surprise! Tim is back!

Meditation Hikes

All interested persons are invited to gather on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. for Meditation Hikes this summer at the Lily Lake parking lot which is about 6 miles south of Estes Park on Hwy 7. This seems to be an easily reached hike within the RMNP boundaries yet not requiring an entry pass. The one-mile trail is level and handicapped-accessible; there are several stopping places with benches to rest your legs. A leader will read a meditation, poem, or scripture as the group stops to enjoy the view and the quiet time. It generally takes an hour or less to complete the Hike. Weather permitting, we will meet each Monday. Any questions? Call Nancy Matson 215-3951 or email epmoose-mom@aol.com.



Pastor's Corner

Pastor Ron Bockhaus - Contact me at ron.bockhaus@smlc.us 970-646-6657

Looking To the Future

On Saturday, June 24th the Church Council met to make the transition from outgoing members to new, incoming members. This annual changing of the guard was highlighted by an additional meeting with the congregation's Ministry Review Committee.

The Ministry Review Committee has helped with the congregation's ministry review that began with a weekend event in September of 2016. Members of the committee worked closely with a review team from the Rocky Mountain Synod and the Church Council to determine the status of the current ministry while also beginning to plan for future ministry.

These discussions have helped to guide the Church Council to choose three future goals for the congregation. I now want to share with you the first of these three objectives.

The first of our three future goals is to establish a mission endowment fund for SMLC. What is a mission endowment fund?

According to the ELCA Foundation, "commonly understood as a "perpetual" fund, a congregational mission endowment fund supports current and future ministry of the church.

Distributions from an endowment fund come from a distribution amount established by the mission endowment fund leadership."

Like any long-term financial tool for the congregation the establishment of an endowment takes time and careful planning. Steps in developing this would include:

- Selecting an endowment committee
- Determine the mission purpose of the endowment
- Name the mission endowment
- Determine a method to establish and manage the endowment
- Establish the endowment with congregational approval
- Develop support

Our congregation has several people who have helped established similar funds for other organizations. This fact coupled with the congregation's great potential for building a strong financial foundation for the future is exciting. I trust our work together on this future goal will draw out a wealth of creativity and missional imagination that resides within our congregation.

In Christ, Pastor Ron

July Bible Readings

July 2, Pentecost 4

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 Pentecost 5

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 Pentecost 6

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 Pentecost 7

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 Pentecost 8

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July Calendar at a Glance



Saturday, July 1
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, July 2
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee

Monday, July 3
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, July 4
Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5
7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, July 8
8:00am La Puente Cooking
10:30am Organ Rehearsal
5:00pm Second Saturday Service

Sunday, July 9
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee

Monday, July 10
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, July 11
8:00am La Puente Cooking
1:00pm WELCA
7:00pm Kendo

Wednesday, July 12
7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm Church Council

Thursday, July 13
9:15am Quilters

Saturday, July 15
8:30am - 4:00pm Estes Valley Quilt Guild Workshop

Sunday, July 16
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee

Monday, July 17
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, July 18
8:00am La Puente Cooking
9:00am PEO
7:00pm Kendo

Wednesday, July 19
7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, July 22
8:00am La Puente Cooking
10:30am Organ Rehearsal
St. John's Jackson, WI arrives

Sunday, July 23
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee

Monday, July 24
5:00pm Meditation Hike

Tuesday, July 25
1:00pm La Puente Cooking
7:00pm Kendo

Wednesday, July 26
7:00am Sacred Space
10:45am Centering Prayer
4:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 27
9:15am Quilters

Saturday, July 29
8:00am La Puente Cooking
10:30am Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, July 30
9:00am Sunday Worship
10:00am Coffee





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Advocacy in Action

ELCA Advocacy: Set Free to do Justice

As of this writing we know that there is a revision of the Senate's version of the American Health Care Act in the works as the previous draft did not garner enough votes to pass. The Senators will be evaluating the new bill during the 4th of July recess.

Peter Severson of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Colorado has written the following statement reference the impact of the AHCA and federal budget proposals on Colorado.

LAM-CO is deeply concerned about the AHCA as well as the executive branch's proposed federal budget. In Colorado AHCA would have disastrous effects on Medicaid recipients: nearly 600,000 Coloradans would lose coverage and Colorado would lose \$14 billion in revenue by 2030. Budget proposals to shift the cost of food assistance to the states would cost Colorado \$1.3 billion over ten years, money the state does not have. LAM-CO opposes the suggestion that vulnerable populations can be used as a "bargaining chip" in making severe cuts to our nation's already feeble social safety net on which so many hard-working Coloradans rely.

Now is the time to let your legislators know how you feel about the American Health Care Act as well as the proposed budget.

SMLC Advocacy Team

Important Dates of Note

June Wedding Anniversaries

- Bruce Nickels & Marsha YelickJuly 03
- Don & Gloria Lickfett.....July 05
- Michael & Sheri WilliamsJuly 05
- Barry & Judy SandstromJuly 19
- Larry & Jan KilgoreJuly 31

Birthdays

- Gary Wallace.....July 06
- Marilyn DuttonJuly 08
- Vanessa Paswaters.....July 10
- Steve Peter.....July 10
- Al OlsonJuly 11
- Roger FjeldJuly 13
- Amber LorenzJuly 15
- Del KienkerJuly 23
- Lauren MolleJuly 26
- Alta Wachs.....July 26

June Prayer Reminders

- Don Bowen, continued health issues
- Mary, sister of Carole Rouse, upcoming surgery
- Family of Tara McConnell upon the death of her brother-in-law
- Family of Pastor Ron, death of his uncle

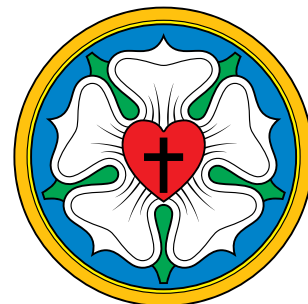
Men In Mission Scholarship Update

Our Men in Mission group has, for years, spearheaded funding of scholarships for seminary students, with lots of members adding their support. At our June 17 fund-raising breakfast, we heard a report from a student to whom we have given scholarship support these past two years and received a report about a couple to whom our scholarship will be directed for the 2017-2018 academic year. Let me summarize those reports:

- Wartburg seminarian Nathan Wicks has received our scholarship support during his first two years at Wartburg Seminary. He will spend this next year as an intern, with stipend and housing, etc. provided by the congregation he will be serving. In a letter to the congregation he describes the internship, saying, in part, "I will be serving as Vicar/intern at St. John's - Bliedorn in Grand Mound, Iowa, a detached internship site which will have me serving in all the pastoral functions for the congregation with my supervisor being at her own church in Maquoketa. It will be an exciting year of learning and growth". At the same time his wife, Sarah, will be doing an internship in Dubuque to complete her MSW program. And as this is written, they are also expecting their second child to be born somewhere around June 21. Nathan also thanks our congregation for our financial and prayer support. We intend to return to scholarship support for Nathan's final academic year at Wartburg in 2018-2019. His full letter is being posted on the church bulletin board.
- This year, we are redirecting our scholarship support to a couple who are both going to be full-time students at Wartburg this fall. They are Kellie Lisi Davis and her husband Jason Davis. They and children 3-year-old

Evie and 10 month-old Nolan are moving to Dubuque from the Denver area (our first scholarship recipients from within the Rocky Mountain Synod). Jason has already completed his first year as a Wartburg student, doing so through the Seminary's extension program, while continuing to serve as Director of Faith Formation at Bethany Lutheran Church. So he will be a Middler (second-year) student this coming year, preparing to be an ELCA pastor. Kellie has been the High School Director at New Legacy Charter School in Aurora - a school for pregnant and/or parenting students and their children. She has now decided to prepare to become an ELCA Minister of Word and Service (formerly called Deacons). It is a two-year graduate degree program. Recognizing how expensive it will be to move and for both of them to be full-time students, the ELCA Fund for Leaders in Mission is also giving them scholarship support. Our scholarships will supplement that, so that they can concentrate on their preparations to serve full-time in the ELCA

Plans are underway for the Davis family to be guests of our congregation on Sunday, July 2. It will be an opportunity for them to get to know SMLC and for us to get to know them I Watch for further announcements about this visit.





Last month's study inspired the women of the church to donate \$150 of their fund raising moneys to support Sky Ranch, our church camp just north of us right here in Colorado. This camp gives many children a chance to grow in faith and young people a chance to develop their leadership skills as they enjoy God's beautiful creation during these great summer months.

In June your women also provided seminary support as they served opening dinner at Meeker Park Lodge for the leaders of Luther Academy - a 12-day continuing education workshop held every year for pastors by Wartburg Seminary. What a privilege to continue this service started by our founding WELCA women even before we officially became a church more than 20 years ago! Special thanks go to Marian and John Stencil for their help with this service project/fund raiser event.

Be sure to take time to read this month's Gather magazine. There is a great article by Terry L. Bowes- our speaker at last year's Thank Offering Service.

Calling all women - Take a break from your busy summer schedule of entertaining and hikes, travel and weeding and join us for an afternoon of Bible study, discussion and fellowship on July 11 at 1 p.m. in the church library.

Nancy Matson will be leading our summer session 2 from the July/August Gather magazine as we explore the book of Micah. (Including the great verse where the Lord tells us what is good and required of us -- "to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your

God.") Gloria Lickfett will be providing light refreshments.

Whether you are here full-time, for the summer or just for a short time it is a great way to spend an afternoon. Why not bring a friend along. Extra copies of the lesson are available outside the church office.

Linda Schlitt

Quilting In July - Answer To World Peace?

In the July/August Gather magazine, Terry Bowes postulates that quilting is the answer to world peace. She suggests,

"Gather women [and men] from every nation and tribe in the world. Put them in a room with piles of fabric scraps, needles and threads. They will emerge with beautiful, comforting quilts; laughter; hugs; new friends; songs and hope for the children of the world."

Though definitely biased, I tend to agree. Maybe you think this is preposterous but surely you would like to help bring about world peace. Why not come and see for yourself! Join us at church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays this month, July 13 and July 27 from 9:15 to 11:30. We'll provide the fabric scraps, needles, and threads and beautiful tops and backs ready for quilt assembly. You can bring the laughter, hugs, new and old friends and hope for the children of the world and your favorite songs for singing. With your help beautiful and comforting quilts will result and maybe begin to sow the seeds for world peace! God's work, Our Hands is happening this month as God's peace emerges in our midst.

Linda Schlitt