# The Messenger



### MOTHER'S DAY MAY 8

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 8 this year. Ladies, if you are a mother or if you have a mother, our Sunday School children have a small gift to recognize your influence on the lives of the children and adults who know you and love you.



Pastor Gary will be preaching about a heroic mother who gave up her son in order to save his life. Her name is Jochebed and her son was Moses. You can read the story in Exodus 2:1-10.





This year we will be confirming Andrew Glass and Phillip Harper at the 11:00 am service on May 15. They have each completed the United Methodist confirmation curriculum, *Credo*. Each will be sharing something about their faith during the service.

It's also the Day of Pentecost and you may wish to wear red, the liturgical color for confirmation and Pentecost.

### RECOGNITION SUNDAY MAY 22

Join us as we recognize our graduating seniors, acolytes, music ministry and teachers. All children's bell and singing choirs will be at the 11am worship service for the last time until fall.

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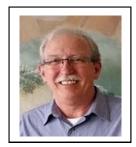
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## Pastor's Column



In his *Prairie Home Companion* radio program Garrison Keillor often refers to the Catholic Church in Lake Wobegon: Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility.

"Perpetual Responsibility..." I'm afraid that's how we feel at least some of the time. I know I do. But we've had enough positive experiences to understand it really isn't that way at all, that our Christian faith is a relationship to Jesus – and that it's not a load but a lift. I've struggled to find an expression that would show the difference between the way we sometimes feel and the way we know it actually is. The best I've come up with so far is: Lovers never ask, "What's the least I can do?"

Ask any parent who gets up at 2:00 a.m. and then at 3:00 a.m. and then at 3:30 a.m. to answer the cry of a sick baby. Lovers never ask, "What's the least I can do?"

Ask any man whose income is so limited that after he pays his rent and buys his groceries he has only pennies to spare. But his sweetheart has a birthday the next month and he has his eye on something that means he'll have to go without lunch for three weeks. So he buys it.

Boys' Town near Omaha has made capital of a poster showing a little guy toting a tyke nearly as big as he is, saying, "He's not heavy; he's my brother."

Are any of these lovers looking for a medal? No. It just feels natural. For example: how does the sweetheart react to her birthday present? Unless she's cold and cruel or perhaps trying to shuck him off, when his birthday comes around, she'll also buy something way beyond her means. It's only natural.

In the same way, our Lord has been extravagant with us and the duty that this extravagance calls forth comes naturally. When we discover what Christ's atonement has done for us, then we can live without the strain of thinking of alibis. We can relax with ourselves and not be uptight about what others think of us because God has claimed us as members of his family. That's not bad. We can even feel better about our family, our in-laws, our neighbors, our coworkers, our enemies. When we see that Christ's atonement even makes up for their faults, then we don't have to stir up our stomach juices about their defects. What a relief to live forgiven! As we grow in our appreciation of that, we grow in our love for the Lord.

Pastor Gary

### PASTOR GARY'S MAY VACATION

Pastor Gary will be away from First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 22 and Sunday, May 29. He will be on vacation and will be visiting with family. An upcoming bulletin will include information on who to contact in case of an emergency. During his absence, Tom Bolton and Michael Odle will each preach.

### S & E NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship and Endowment Committee is now accepting scholarship applications for fall of 2016-17 school year. Applications are available in the mailbox outside the church office. First time applicants need to have two letters of reference from school and a church member. This year's scholarships have been increased to \$1,500. Any questions call Anne Reuther (414-425-2612). Applications must be in by June 15, 2016.



### New Members Welcome

"As members of First United Methodist Church of West Allis, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?"

Persons interested in church membership should contact Pastor Gary:

Church: 414-774-5500

### Musíc Notes

Music Directors: Alyssa and Raymond Roberts

#### Sign-up for summer music!

If you would like to offer your musical gifts to God during worship this summer, please sign-up on the chart. Whether you play an instrument or use your voice, we are always grateful for those volunteers to provide special music for worship during the summer months. Please see Alyssa or Raymond Roberts for any additional information, or for any questions.

#### Save the date!

The Final Fling will be on **SUNDAY**, **May 22nd** at 12:30 at Saz's on State Street in Wauwatosa. Open to all adults involved in the music ministry. Tickets are available from Linda Sather, Lance Lambert, and Alyssa Roberts.

#### Thank you...

The singing and ringing season comes to a close on Sunday, May 22nd. Bell choirs and singing choirs come to an end for the summer and all children/youth choirs sing at the 11:00 service. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who bring their children to choir rehearsal and Sunday School every week. Your children are beautiful examples of God working through us. We greatly look forward to making music with them, again, in the fall!

Alyssa and Raymond Roberts & Erica Rauls

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LAST DAY

Our last day of Sunday School for our youth will be on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are so grateful to our teachers and all those that assisted this past year including:

Deb Semrad, Dorothy Meyer, RoseAnn Ting, Laurie Halvorson, Betty Grypp, Chris Jolitz, Michelle Fuller, Kari Andrews and Lance Lambert.



## United Methodist Women

Annette Intravaia, President

#### "Mats for the Homeless" Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm ALL MEN, WOMEN AND TEENS ARE INVITED!!

Please join us on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Small Dining Room for a Salad Buffet and then join us as we make mats for the homeless. These mats are made from plastic bags and are used as moisture barriers on the ground. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex to let us know if you are coming and what type of salad you will bring to share. Dessert, French bread, and beverages will be provided.

Following the salad buffet, we will begin the mats. We need some of you to fold bags, some to cut them in strips, some to loop them together and those who know how to crochet to start putting the mats together. Many hands will make this project a real success. We are hoping you will join us and be a part of this worthwhile endeavor. Come with a sharp pair of scissors and have fun with a community of friends!!!

#### Dates to remember:

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Unity Circle at 1:30pm in the Fireside Room. Come join us!

Rummage Sale – July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – please save your good rummage!

Holiday Sale – October 15<sup>th</sup> – All holiday decorations (Valentine's Day St. Patrick's Day, Patriotic, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas)





Our youth mission trip this year will be a collaboration with Elm Grove and Gethsemane United Methodist Churches. We will head to Greeneville, TN and work with the Cedar Creek Mission Center from June 25<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Greeneville was selected based on the following criteria:

- Extreme need. The poverty in Greeneville rivals that of anywhere else in the US.
- Facilities. The mission center, facilities and their volunteers are top notch.
- Familiarity. Kellen, the trip leader, has been to this site 8 times.

All high school aged youth are welcome to attend this life changing trip. Please see Michele Tegen for more information and to register, there are limited spots available. Building Relationships Celebrating Fellowship Serving Together Praying For One Another

Michele Tegen, Director of Family Ministries



### ADVENTURE DAY! Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 4pm PAINTBALL, SWIMMING, ARCHERY, GAMES AND MORE

Invite a friend and join us for this opportunity for family bonding and church growth. We will head on down to *Promised Land Park* for an entire day of fun and fellowship.

We can bring ANY food and drinks into the park or purchase them there for a very reasonable price. The fee depends on the activities you would like to participate in.

Please register with Michele Tegen no later than June 13<sup>th</sup>.

\*Due to the nature of this event it is for everyone ages 12 and up.

### HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE



By Pat Shapiro, R.N.

#### May is Arthritis Awareness Month

There are more than 100 types of arthritis and related conditions. About 1 out of every 5 Americans is affected, including children. Warning signs of arthritis include joint pain, stiffness, swelling or redness. Early diagnosis and treatment are important to prevent damage to the joints. The Arthritis Foundation which is right in our neighborhood, 10427 West Lincoln Ave. is a great resource. You can also visit <u>www.arthritis.org</u> or call 1-800-283-7800

"Living Well with Chronic Conditions" workshop to start Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and run through June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at Aurora West Allis. I will be leading this group with the Parish Nurse from St. Matthias. Call 1-888-863-5502 to register. Learn how to FEEL BETTER, BE IN CONTROL, Put LIFE back in Your LIFE.

**Health Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. New members are always welcome.

There is an abundance of <u>medical supplies</u> <u>available</u>. If you are in need of a cane, walker, toilet bench, etc., please call the church by May 15. Extra items will be donated to a community organization.

### Senior League & Friends Rhine Cruise in 2017

There is still time to sign up if you are interested in coming along with us next year when we are going on a European Rhine Cruise from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. The dates are June 2-11, 2017. So far, we have 14 people signed up for this exciting trip, contact Laurie Halvorsen for more information. This trip is being planned through Lorrie Zinda, travel consultant, Viking Travel Service.

### THE SENIOR LEAGUE! SCOOP ON THE GROUP

by Laurie Halvorsen, director

The month of May has finally arrived which means our Branson trip is upon us. Some very happy seniors have long awaited to go on this trip and it's here. We are traveling from May 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Traveling blessings for our coach as we travel.

Our next meeting dates:

<u>May 4th:</u> 12:00 Noon Lunch: Baked Chicken & Rice, Venetian Blend Vegetable, Texas Sheet Cake Program: Manor Park Senior Center Chorus, Jean Rumschlag, Director Devotions: Jean Molitor

**May 16-20** Springtime in Branson & St. Louis Tour, 5 days/4 nights

#### Upcoming Coach Day Trips:

June 22<sup>nd</sup>- Wisconsin Trail's Kohler to Two Rivers: Kohler Design, London Alpaca Farm, Printing Museum, & Washington House Grandparents/Grandchildren Tour Adults \$79 / Youth \$69

<u>August 3<sup>rd</sup></u> - Chicago: Shedd Aquarium, Navy Pier, Architectural Cruise - Grandparent/Grandchildren Tour - Adults \$98 / Youth \$78

<u>August 31<sup>st</sup></u>- Fireside: "Singin' in the Rain" Depart 9:30am - \$88.00 Inclusive

<u>September 26-30<sup>th</sup></u> - Extended Coach Trip Michigan's Gold Coast & Frankenmuth. A 5 day/4 night fall adventure!

Our trips are open for everyone, please see Laurie Halvorsen or the church office for a promotional brochure if interested. Please join us!!

Come and join the wonderful fellowship group for seniors in 2016!!

### THE BERNICE NAILEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY



May is Christian Home month. The Bernice Nailen Memorial Library has several titles on parenting and family life. Please stop in and check out these or other titles in your library.

## Have a Happy Family by Friday: how to improve communication, respect and teamwork in five days by Kevin Leman. (306.85 L54)

Dr. Kevin Leman is an internationally known psychologist and humorist. He has written several books and appeared on television shows. In this book the author's emphasis is on how to 1) communicate honestly and kindly, 2)prioritize the right things, 3)maintain great attitudes and behaviors, 4)determine the role they play in the family structure and 5)make family time count. So if "you're sick of the word *whatever*," "a good day is when you only send your kids to their room once," or "the only family member who listens to you is the dog" investigate this book.

## How to Raise an Adult: break free of the overparenting trap and prepare your kid for

*success* by Julie Lythcott-Haimes. (306.874 L99) Julie Lythcott-Haimes served as dean of freshman and undergraduate advising at Stanford University for a decade. It was in this capacity that she noticed the rise in parental involvement in students' lives along with the lack of a strong sense of self and being poorly equipped to handle the demands of adult life in students. Using research, conversations and insights Lythcott-Haimes highlights the ways in which overparenting harms children, their stressed-out parents and our society. She offers strategies to allow children to make their own mistakes in the development of resilience, resourcefulness and inner determination.

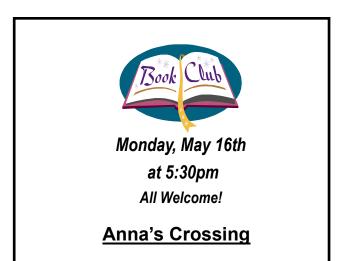
#### *Now That They are Grown: successfully parenting your adult children* by Ronald J. Greer. (549.1 G85)

Ronald J. Greer is the Director of the Pastoral Counseling Service at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, having been with this ministry for thirty years. He is an ordained United Methodist minister. "We don't stop being parents when our kids are grown...but some things do change." Greer assists parents in making the transition from parenting children to being parents of young adults. He encourages a new relationship with grown children that is based on mutual respect, support without intrusion, caring without enabling dependency and appropriate boundaries.

## The Opposite of Spoiled: raising kids who are grounded, generous, and smart about money by Ron Lieber. (649.1 L62)

Ron Lieber, the personal finance columnist for *The New York Times* encourages parents to talk with their children about money. He covers the best way to handle the tooth fairy, allowance, chores, charity, savings, birthdays, holidays, cell phones, splurging, clothing, cars, part-time jobs, and college tuition. He also identifies modesty, patience, generosity and perspective as traits that parents hope to instill in their young adults. Lieber encourages parents to embrace the connection between money and values.

<u>Reminder:</u> The magazine basket is available to share or take magazines. Magazines from this basket do not need to be returned.



Our Book Club will meet and discuss the Amish novel, Anna's Crossing by Suzanna Woods Fischer on Monday, May 16th at 5:30pm in the Library.



We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and get well wishes for Larry's recent knee replacement surgery. There were a few complications after the surgery but he is doing well now.

Larry and Mary Fenske

We would like to thank the many people that extended their sympathy and respect to my beloved husband, Earl F. Lindsay, and "dad" to the family. Thank you for the numerous cards, memorial gifts and many acts of kindness. I would especially like to thank Pastor Gary for his words of comfort, Alyssa and Ray Roberts for their beautiful music, to Annette Intravaia, Anne Reuther, Jane Henderson, Karen Connell, Joanna Schactely for the delicious and beautiful refreshments they provided during the visitation and to my wonderful family, who were and will be, with me all of the way. Thank You.

Eleanor Lindsay and family

#### Lenten Heifer Project – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that filled their Ark Banks or donated to our youth Lenten mission project, especially Dave & Judy Affeldt. Because of all of you, we reached our goal of \$1,500.00 that was sent to Heifer Project International. So many are blessed by your generosity. Easter Blessings!

Michele Tegen, Family Ministries Dir.

Thank you and praise for the "clean team" who worked on Saturday, April 16th to make our Kitchen "spic & span"! These people made it happen: Anne Reuther, Jane Henderson, Bonnie Chesky, Jerry Chesky, Dorothy Meyer, and Bernice Klaus.

Carmen Ilseman, Kitchen Chair

#### Global Youth Service Day— April 15 -17th

A big thank you to Phillip and Thomas Harper and their mom, Jennifer Harper, for helping to serve our homeless neighbors in honor of Global Youth Service Day which took place the weekend of April  $15^{th} - 17^{th}$ . Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) celebrates and mobilizes the millions of young people who improve their communities through

service. GYSD is the largest service event in the world and the only one dedicated to the contributions that children and youth make 365 days of the year.

GYSD is celebrated each year in more than 135 countries, with young people working together and with schools, youth organizations, nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies, and adult mentors— to address the world's most critical issues and change their communities.

### Milestones in the Lives of our Church Family

### WE ARE REMEMBERING...

Dorothy Jean Delmar Died February 18, 2016



### BAPTIZED

### Samantha Rose Machut

Baptized April 10, 2016 at the 11am service Born September 10, 2015

Daughter of Craig and Kristin Machut

First Church grandparents, Judy and Dave Affeldt Sponsors, Kevin Affeldt and Jill Machut

## LOOKING AHEAD ....



SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS

Check out the brochures in the Narthex... Swim, fish, hike, campfire, meet new friends...

Scholarships are available... Contact Michele Tegen if you would like to go!

### HONORING COLLEGE GRADUATES!

If you want to honor any graduates, e-mail or call the office with all the information by May 15. It will appear in the next Messenger. Share any future plans if you wish.

### SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

### Starting Sunday, June 5

### at 9:00am

- Tom Bolton's <u>Disciple II</u> class will continue at the new time.
- <u>Discovering and Discussing Christianity</u> in the News will be led by Pam Carlson-Gohil.
- A rotating class of Christian crafts and religious travels will be led by various people.

Please come share in these fellowship opportunities during our summer hours.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 10-13 IN MIDDLETON

Sunday, June 12 is during the Annual Conference which Pastor Gary is required to attend. Julie Bryson will fill the pulpit.

### CIRCUIT PULPIT EXCHANGE

On June 26, our circuit pastors will each preach at a different church in our circuit. Pastor Gary will preach at Christ United Methodist Church in Greenfield. Pastor Mao Her will be preaching at First United Methodist Church.

### RUMMAGE SALE Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>



Bring items the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. NO CLOTHING PLEASE!! We will accept shoes and purses. We will hold a **<u>separate holiday sale</u>** on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, so please do not bring holiday decorations to the rummage sale. More info will come in the coming months about both events.

### CHURCH PICNIC

### Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

at McCarty Park - Picnic Area #3 Picnic 3:30 to 7:30pm (Pool from 5:30-7:30pm)



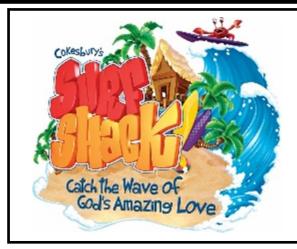
### FALL BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Gary is considering a 30-week long Bible study in the fall, possibly led after the 11:00 service. The study, *Jesus in the Gospels*, is very similar to one of the Disciple Bible Studies and both were created by the same people. The format is similar. Each session is 60 to 90 minutes. This is the publisher's description of the study:

**JESUS IN THE GOSPELS** is a 30-week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" Study the names, the places, and the people—and encounter the Jesus who is both hard to ignore and hard to control, as portrayed in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

One of the principal approaches used in the study is the reading and comparing of the differences and similarities in the Gospel accounts of the same events.

If you would be interested in participating in the study, please contact Pastor Gary.



### Please join us for the

### 2016 Vacation Bible School July 25-29, 2016 9:00am to 12:00pm

All children from age 3 through 6th grade are invited to attend!

This year's theme is <u>SURF SHACK: Catch the</u> <u>Wave of God's Amazing Love</u>. The program is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based curriculum that gives children the chance to become Surfers and explore how to serve God and experience God's amazing presence in their lives.

Surf's up! Join the children of Apostle Presbyterian, First United Methodist and Mount Hope Lutheran as they encounter God's awesomeness as they experience an epic adventure each day.

The Surf Shack is a fun program that is sure to get everyone excited about God's mission in their lives. Registration will open mid- June. Check with the church office for a registration form.

Each day we will hear and participate in Bible storytelling, make fun crafts, play games, and share what we are learning as we sing energetic music with easy hand motions. There will also be a discovery time when children will experience engaging science experiments. And of course, children will enjoy a daily snack. Nursery care will also be provided. Each family who registers will receive a free music CD of all of the beach themed music! This year there is also a free Surf Shack app.

The mission project will be the PAL Program at the Wisconsin Humane Society and we ask that all of our VBS kids bring some change each day that will be collected during the opening session for the mission project. We will have special speakers and a surprise guest for the mission project.

On Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, the children will present a VBS program with word and song. Afterward, all will enjoy an ice cream treat. And on Friday the wonderful week of new friends and learning will end with a hot dog lunch.

Come to the Surf Shack (First United Methodist Church, 7520 West Lapham Street) for an ocean of excitement! The Surfers and Lifeguards will glide through the week on an amazing fun-filled wave.

Your Surf Shack VBS Team

# Prayer for the Month



The Spiritual Formation Resource Team of the

General Conference invites all Wisconsin United Methodists to a year of prayer for and about the work of our General Church. General Conference will meet May 10-20, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. The North Central Jurisdictional Conference will meet July 13-16, 2016 in Peoria, Illinois, where they will elect four new bishops for our jurisdiction.

### May: Pray for Our Delegation

**PRAYER:** Learn to laugh at yourself. Don't take yourself or your circumstances too seriously. Relax and know that I am God with you. When you desire My will above all else, life becomes much less threatening. Stop trying to monitor My responsibilities; things that are beyond your control. Find freedom by accepting the boundaries of your domain. Do not miss the Joy of My Presence by carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders.

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:** Matthew 11:28-30 - "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



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8am Worship AND 11am Worship (Thru May 22) See Summer Schedule below 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15am Music and Sunday School for Children and Youth 9:30am Adult Christian Education 7:45am to 12:15am Nursery Care through Age 4

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday - 9:00am to 1:00pm CLOSED—Friday - Saturday - Sunday

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### Are you moving?

Please contact the church office with your new address!!

### BEGINS MAY 29!

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Memorial Day Weekend *-through-*Labor Day Weekend

### MAY 29 to SEPTEMBER 4

8:30am Coffee and Fellowship

9:00am Summer Adult Education

10:00am Worship

8:15 - 11:15am Nursery Care