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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS!

Spring is always a wonderful time of the year, unless of course you're still waiting for 18" of snow to melt away. In the spring, we see plants that were dormant come alive. The days get longer and brighter. We see the beauty of the flowers and the blossoms on the trees. Life is alive and energized.

Spring time, for those with a yard, prompts us to go to our garages or storage sheds to find tools for planting and watering. A watering can is useful to use for watering plants and flowers. I mention a watering can because it provides a meaningful discipleship illustration, when we think, "How are we like watering cans?"

A watering can is filled by the gardener. He may even add some plant food and maybe something to stop the growth of weeds. That water remains in the can until the gardener uses it, pours it out, to nourish his plants.

As Christians we can be compared to a watering can. God is like the gardener who fills us with life-giving water, His Holy Gospel. He fills us with gifts that can be used to nourish the Body of Christ, gifts to combat the work of Satan, gifts that enable the spread of the Gospel and equip us for service.

What a privilege it is to be used by God! How grateful we can be for the talents, the opportunities, and the financial resources God provides us for His glory and the good of His people!

Maybe you remember the children's nursery rhyme, "I'm a little teapot short and stout. Here is my handle. Here is my spout. Tip me over and pour me out."



We are God's watering cans which He fills every time we come to worship, every time we receive the Lord's Supper, and every time we read the Bible. May we be tipped over to pour out the many gifts with which we are blessed through Christ that the seed of God's Word may flourish.

May God bless your physical labor as you plant your gardens and tend your flowers. But more importantly, may God bless the growth of His spiritual garden through you.

Together in Christ,

Mark L. Krueger,
Pastor

SOMETHING TO PONDER ...

The Parable of the Rice Field

There is a parable told in India about the selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed onto his neighbor's field and this too produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year the selfish man decided: Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious and I must keep it. So he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor's field but it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only if it flowed. When it did not move because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God; think of all He has given us. If we are selfish and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, a dismal swamp of mere existence. But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.

MILITARY BIBLESTICK CORRESPONDENCE April 10, 2018

Thank you and your congregation so much for your partnership in the Military BibleStick campaign, and your donation of \$1,093.00 to provide Scripture to our troops and veterans.

April has been named Month of the Military Child by the Department of Defense. It is a special time to honor the sacrifices made by military families – especially the young children. There can be no better way to bless military children than to give their active-duty parent(s) access to the Bible in a format that they can use no matter where they are.

As these service-members engage with God's Word and allow Him to touch their hearts, they will be equipped to become better parents and lead their children in the way of Christ.

Your generosity has the potential to impact many generations, and the full effect will not be known until heaven. Again, thank you!



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Spring is here! Thinking about summer yet? Make your plans to attend the 2018 LWML SWD Convention, June 22 and 23, at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. This 2-day event will have us **‘Walking, Swimming and Rocking for Mites’**, serving others thru making **Thank You** cards for veterans, cutting out clothing patterns for **Diana’s Angels**, assembling Home Sweet Home bags for the **Women’s Center of Waukesha** and coloring **LWML bookmarks** all to the Glory of the Lord! Come be **Engaged, Encouraged, Educated, Equipped and Enjoy!** Don’t forget to wear your purple! Registration is available at www.lwml-swd.org or get in touch with Judy Paulson for a paper copy of the registration form.

We are nearing the deadline for our SWD Mite Goal for the current biennium. Recently we have been able to honor our commitments to fund the \$25,000 grant for a deaconess at **Free at Last Prison Ministry** in the Milwaukee area and \$16,000 to the **DVDs for Shutins** project through the Sheboygan County Chaplaincy program. We have about \$50,000 left to fund before our June convention. Our goal was \$214,800, 25% of which is used to fund our national LWML grants. SWD women were also able to another to **Bethesda Lutheran Communities**. Each of those grants was for \$100,000. How amazing it is to fund all of these missions with our mites! Whether you accept our muffins or not, we are grateful for the mites you add to our mite box on a regular basis. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you for so graciously receiving me over the past year. It has been my privilege to serve you as vacancy pastor. I will miss being with you. Pastor Brassfield will serve you well. May God continue to bless St. Peter Lutheran Church and all of its members! - Pastor Krueger



Parish Nursing

by Judy Paulson, RN, BSN,
Parish Nurse

Relay for Life:

We are currently in the final stages of preparation for the Relay for Life for this year. As you already know, the Calumet County relay and the Brillion

relay have decided to combine efforts in order to decrease administrative costs. Our goal is to have as much of our donations as possible be used for the education, research and individual treatments needed for people with cancer. We will hold our event at Peters Park in Brillion where we can use the Brillion School track and stadium.

Many thanks to those of you who have signed up to participate in the relay this year. Since the relay decreased the hours of operation, the goal of having someone on the track at all times has softened, and most people just come, enjoy the activities, and walk as much as they care to. Hours are now from 6 PM to Midnight. The date this year is Friday, June 15.

Each team will focus on a specific cancer this year. The St. Peter team will focus on Liver Cancer and our team color will be green. We will develop a little educational tri-fold to display at our campsite. If you have ideas, please let me know. We also could use a canopy to enclose our campsite. The ideal size would be either 10x10 or 12x12.

Remember that we purchase luminaries to honor someone with cancer or remember someone who lost the battle to cancer. If you would like to participate in this way, let me know and I can get you the registration sheet to purchase a luminary. You can also write your own luminaries when you arrive at the relay.

Currently, I am looking for more members for our team. People can register by going online to www.relayforlife.org/calumetwi or by asking for a paper registration form. Participating in the relay is a way for our church to show care and love for all members of our community, and to witness that caring to all who attend.



Mission Matters

An ingathering for A Place of Refuge:

Refuge house is a safe place that provides a loving and nurturing environment for needy women and their unborn children. Advocates encourage women to make the positive changes in their lives which will offer opportunity, direction and hope for their futures.

It has become our custom to gather items needed at A Place of Refuge (APOR) during the weeks preceding Mothers' Day. Once again, we give you the opportunity to share items with those women who have no safe place to live before and/or after they deliver a child. Remembering that each child is a Child of God, we willingly pray for these women and their children and relish the opportunity to assist them with their daily needs.

The items needed for APOR are categorized as follows:

- household items
- infant care needs
- food pantry needs
- mother and baby needs for the advocacy program

See the bulletin board for a more complete list of suggested items.

Those items specifically needed at this time are:

- Infant sleepers - newborn, 3 mos., 6 mos., 9 mos.
- Gas Gift Cards
- Onesies - white - 6 months and up
- Crib sheets
- Newborn mittens
- Ceramic frying pans, large and small
- Stainless steel pots & pans
- DVD player
- Gift Cards

Any and all items which you can share with these needy mothers and children will be much appreciated. In addition to meeting their physical needs, staff and volunteers joyfully share the love of Jesus, transport them to weekly worship services, promote instruction in the Lutheran faith, and participate in the baptism of the newborns and any older siblings they may have. This ministry is a great way to share the love of Jesus with others.

Our Response to His Love

4-1-18

4-8-18

4-22-18

General Fund

2906.00

1313.00

2485.00

FUNERAL – Nora McWilliams – April 2, 2018
CONFIRMATION – Brynn DuPrey – April 8, 2018

Caps Of Love

Connie Tennessen asks that you save the white caps from prescription bottles. Drop them off at church in the box labeled “*Caps of Love*” and Pastor will get them to her.



Caps Of Love is a non-profit organization whose goal is to provide wheelchairs to physically-challenged children up to the age of 21 in the USA. They are funded by recycling education and monetary donations.

Happy Birthday

May

- 3 LouAnn Seidl
- 5 Donna Marose
Nicole Price
- 7 Pat Schaffer
- 11 Stephanie Halbach
Kaitlynn Roehrig
- 16 Crysta Ladwig
- 19 Nicholas Hernke
Delores Schwalenberg
- 20 Karen Gerhartz
- 22 Kathy Hemauer
- 23 Cory Roehrig
- 24 Aaron Schwalenberg
- 29 Ken Plate
- 30 Stacy Bartel
Andrew Niemann
- 31 Blake Peters



LWML SWD Convention

Women of the LCMS –

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League is YOUR organization doing God's work throughout the world.

Gather with us as we meet in convention

June 22 and 23, 2018

at the Milwaukee Marriott West
in Waukesha.

This convention is a great opportunity to witness how LWML can assist in affirming your relationship with the Triune God so that you are enabled to use your gifts in ministry to the people of the world. For more information or for registration, see www.lwml-swd.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 1st Jeff & Debbie Voigt

May 6th Jason & Danielle Roehrig

May 13th Terry & Beverly Hackbarth

May 19th Bonnie & Ron Ott

New Church Service Time

Starting next Sunday, May 6th, our worship services begin at 8:30 a.m. Pass it on!

