



# ***The Messenger***

***News about our church,  
our ministries and our people***

***August 2019***

***Living Waters Lutheran Church and Preschool***

## **Church Work Day**

By Bill Steen

Come one, come all - On Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. until noon, we will be sprucing up the landscape outside the church! Our activities will include weeding the gardens and trimming the bushes. We will also pressure wash the area outside the back door and by the front door into the Narthex. Those who like to paint, a fresh coat is needed on the water pipe near the street out back. There's something for each of us to do, but not too much! Lunch will be served so let Bill Steen or Kris Dines know how many will attend. Thanks



## **Secret Sister Notice for This Fall**

By Patti Pauley



Are you a star? You will have to join the Secret Sisters this year to find out.



We will be starting in October, with the handouts of the information form. You will be given your "sister" designation on the first Sunday of November.

If you are out of town and want to join contact Patty at [queenmom6@verizon.net](mailto:queenmom6@verizon.net).

Remember we have no meetings to attend, all that is required is love to share with another lady in the church.

More information will be posted later.

## **Calling all singers and musicians!**

By Kimberly Vaughan

If you love to sing or if you have the ability to play an instrument, I want to know about it! I want everyone to know the music program in our church is open to anyone who would like to participate! When I ask people to join the choir, I frequently hear, "Oh, you don't want me!". I follow up with, "Do you like to sing?" If the answer is yes, come join us! Most people can learn to sing and I find when we get a group together everyone blends and sounds wonderful! God has a way of blessing it!

Do you play a guitar, percussion, or flute? There are many songs that could benefit from your talents. Please let me know.

The word liturgy means the work of the people. If we all use our talents our worship can be a beautiful outpouring of praise to our God!

I look forward to serving this congregation as your Music Director.

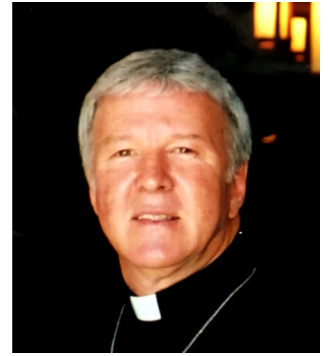
Blessings, Kim

*"I pray that the God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him." Romans 15:13*

# From the Pastor

By Rev. Lyle Truitt

*"Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy.....  
meditate on these things."*                      Philippians 4:8



Greetings Dear Ones!

When I was a boy, I recall hearing older folks saying that time is more precious than money or any other accomplishment that a person might achieve in their lifetime. How true this is! Time is indeed a forward-moving process that doesn't wait on anybody. And there's no 'do overs'! It is a commodity that you must use with utmost care, for even the minutes you have just spent reading this newsletter will not be returned.



When we are young, we lose sight of the value of time. We get so busy with our day-to-day lives that we don't even notice the hours pass into days, into weeks, and into months. Occasionally, a significant event such as someone's birthday or someone else's major health concern jars a person into recognizing their own mortality and realizing their days are also numbered.

Like a snowball rolling downhill to start an avalanche, this personal awareness finally walloped me recently. For the past couple years, I have been coping with Peripheral Neuropathy, and as time has passed, it has worsened. I have a numbness in both feet which causes difficulty with balance. It has changed my life, and slowed me down, and narrowed my options of day-to-day activities. I have so many times ministered to, and prayed with, and encouraged others who are coping with ailments; and lo and behold, the table has turned. I have spoken to many others who are coping with this illness, and the conclusion has always been that there isn't any treatment that relieves the numbness and the difficulty with balance. But recently, I was introduced to a medical clinic in Englewood that has had some significant success in treating this ailment. So, Loni and I visited with a physician there and I began a treatment plan a few weeks ago. I would be very thankful if you will all please pray for a positive outcome with this treatment.

But folks, regardless of the outcome of this treatment, this change in my life has had me looking in the mirror and studying myself and my life.

You know, it's so very easy to get so caught up in the busyness of life around us that we fail to notice what is going on at our own front door. Someone once said that life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.

Well, even God stopped in the midst of the creation to acknowledge things that He had done well. This snowball rolling downhill has reminded me that I need to take care of myself. Has this realization sunk into the center of YOUR soul yet? Have you faced this awareness of your own limited time in this life? Maybe because of your youth, you still feel invincible. But, maybe, just maybe, it is creeping up on you, as well. If that's the case, I want to remind you of something that God helped me to realize recently. God helped me to realize that I am so much more than who I think I am, or who I FEEL I am at the present time. Regardless of the physical condition of my body, I am confident that God will rekindle in me a confidence and an energy to live each and every day with vitality.

I'm realizing that God is reminding me to find something healthy to do and to it as often as I can. We all need to do something for ourselves, don't we? It makes us grateful! Every day is to be enjoyed! Embrace each and every season of your life, and allow yourself to grow into that person that no one else has ever seen before or will ever be again-----YOU!

So, in other words, life is a commercial that will soon be over, but stay tuned, folks! The best is yet to come.

See you around town!      Pastor Lyle

## Community Meals & Outreach Opportunities

By Kris Dines

Once again the Community Meals & Outreach Team would like to thank all of you for your time and generous donations. As you know during the summer months many of our members leave to go north. This leaves the team short-handed. We need people to cook, serve, set up and clean up on the first and third Thursday of every month from 3 to 6 p.m. You would only need to volunteer for an hour or two. Come setup or stay to serve, or you may only want to come and help clean up. Which ever the case, your help would be greatly appreciated. At this time we are looking for someone to volunteer to prepare the meal for the September 5 dinner. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Also keep in mind our Bike Ministry is always looking for donations. If you or someone you know have a bicycle or bicycle parts that you no longer use or need, please consider donating them to our Bike Ministry.

Through this wonderful ministry and our time in the community, we have experienced the joy of ministering to our neighbors by sharing God's love. Please prayerfully consider joining us!

## Church "Wish List"

By Jane Fundyga

Recently a member whose mother passed away, inquired if there was a list of memorial items that could be purchased for the church in memory of her mother. She wanted the item(s) to be reflective of her mother's interests, and so the idea of a "Wish List" was introduced.

There are specific items or services that are desired, but not absolutely necessary, and this Wish List could be made available when a member or friend of Living Waters makes an inquiry because of a monetary windfall. This would not replace regular giving and the item would not be currently budgeted for. A recent hymnal purchase in memory of Judy Johnson, is a good example.

A committee of three was approved by the council to assemble this list and, help with researching appropriate purchases. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact Jane Fundyga, [jfundyga@gmail.com](mailto:jfundyga@gmail.com).

## Council Updates from July 2019 meeting

An Open House for parents of prospective students at our preschool is scheduled for August 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. Not only will these parents and their children spend some time in the preschool classrooms to meet teachers and review curriculum etc., but they will also be invited to our Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. for some food and beverage provided by the Community Meals Program, and then they will be invited to join Pastor Lyle in our sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. so he can share what the children will experience during "Chapel Time" each week.

We had continued discussion about the Memorial Garden on our campus and the current policy/plan for interment of ashes of the deceased person. The Council voted to change the policy/plan and the ashes will now be buried in the ground during an interment service rather than scattered in the garden by a pastor in private.

Due to our sorrowful loss of Judy Johnson, the Council voted to create two new staff positions: 1. a music director, and 2. a pianist. Both of these positions are now filled. Kimberly Vaughan is our new Music Director and included in that role is choir direction. The pianist position has been filled by Al Rybicki. God is good!

The idea/concept of having a "wish list" was introduced by Barb Cartwright who regularly attends our Council meeting. This would be a list of items or services that members or small groups designate as desired for our church, and that they would WISH to be obtained. These are items/services that are not a part of our annual church budget, but may be items that memorial contributions or personal contributions could obtain. This "wish list" will be made accessible to our members so that all can prayerfully consider contributing toward specific items, if desired. A committee of three will give guidance to this "wish list".

The next Council meeting will be Monday, October 14.

# Living Waters Lutheran Church & Preschool — Month 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>2</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>3</b> Preschool Orientation & Rally Day 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>4</b> Worship Service 10:00 AM	<b>5</b> Council Reports Due Worship & Music Cmte. Meets 10:00 AM Preschool Board of Directors 5:15 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM NWPCCA 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>10</b> Work Day 9:00 AM
<b>11</b> Worship Service 10:00 AM	<b>12</b> NO Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Community Dinner 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bread & Pastry Ministry 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>16</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>17</b>
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Surprise someone on this list by sending a birthday greeting.



Aug. 3 Lu Ann Wegener  
 Aug. 4 Cormine Tortora  
 Aug 5 Genn Mendez  
 Aug. 9 Patricia Dinges  
 Aug 19 Barbara Eriksen  
 Aug. 25 Joni Anderson  
 Aug. 25 Valerie Biassi

## Ashley Mock, Woman with a Mission in Malawi, Africa

Submitted by Ashley's mother, Patty Mock



Here are a few pictures that Ashley recently sent. The one on the left is a chicken coop in Malawi and the other two were taken as Ashley was teaching villagers to make cook stoves out of mud.



Last week she spent the week at a hotel in Lilongwe with other Peace Corps volunteers as there were elections and sometimes they can get a bit violent. So as a precaution the Peace Corps pulled all the volunteers into the hotel for the week. Of course, Ashley and her other Peace Corps friends enjoyed having real showers, beds and internet.

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