

BETHEL MESSENGER

May 2021

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May

From the Pastor

Tom had his wisdom teeth pulled in March. They asked that he have an adult wait for him in the parking lot. It was 40 degrees and cloudy when we arrived, but as they told me on the telephone the parking lot faces the lake. So the parking lot gave me an unobstructed view of Lake Michigan.

When I was attending the UW campus in Manitowoc before Lake Michigan's churning moodiness. As I drove down the hill to the entrance to the campus parking lot the lake was straight ahead and day to day, hour to hour the look of the lake would change.

This day the lake was muted grey because of the grey clouds in the sky. Whitecaps rolled out as far as the eye could see. Water in the distance, where the sun shone through the clouds, was darker and truer blue. The car rocked in the wind. That same wind pushed the waves into the rocky breakwater and the water sprayed up in white sheets, hanging in the air for a few seconds before falling back into the lake. Cars and their drivers move along Maritime Drive on their way to their destinations, seemingly unaware of the amazing sight.

As we approach Pentecost I am reminded of a drive along the shores of Lake Michigan. You may remember me talking about this before, if so thank you for your grace.

It was an extremely cold morning, however the lake was not yet frozen over and the water was still relatively warm. There was a strong wind blowing across the water. The warm water caused a mist to rise, like the ground fog you see rising over a warm plowed field on a cold day. That morning I could see

the wind moving in the misty fog as the winds blew over the top of the water. I could see the wind.

This day I was watching a seagull hanging in the air, floating on the wind, maintaining its position in the same place. A small flock of geese fly by and a second seagull glides by at high speed. But the single seagull, wings extended, is proof of the wind. The wind is supporting the bird in the air about 30 feet above the rough waters below.

That is how we most often experience the Holy Spirit. Unseen, silent yet moving in our lives; the Holy Spirit supports us, lifting us up. The Holy Spirit allows us to soar above the rough waters and crashing waves in our lives. "When we do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit prays for us in sighs too deep for words." Amen.

Peace, Pastor Diane

United Church Camps Incorporated

Moon Beach, Pilgrim Center, and Cedar Campus will be hosting activities this summer. Camps and events will be held with care given to provide a safe experience for campers, attendees, and staff.

"Glamping", Camp Awesome, Summer Camps, Art and Quilting experiences are just a few of the exciting events being held this summer. Spring Work camp will be held May 21-23rd.

There are staff and volunteer opportunities available for this summer. If you are thinking about a career in teaching or various therapy careers the Camp Awesome gives you valuable experience in working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Would you like to learn more? See the United Church Camps website: ucci@ucci.org

SCRIP for RAFFLE

If you are donating gift cards for the raffle, check with me to see if I have or can get those cards for you before the middle of June. If I can, you can send or give me your check and I can give you or Carol Roethel, the cards and the prize number they are for. Church will earn the profit on the sale of the cards, and the sale of the raffle tickets. Many of you have already ordered your cards, so thank you.
Ken Matzdorf



Spring Raffle Fundraiser

If you haven't already picked up this year's prize list at church, you can also view the list and some prize pictures on our church website. Lists and tickets will always be available at my home also, just call ahead to be sure that I am home (828-0009). With over 98 prizes available this year we should be able to sell lots of tickets. There is something for everyone - family, friends, teachers, neighbors, and co-workers. Try finding one new person to sell tickets to this year. Good luck to everyone!

Carol Roethel

HuTerra Rewards

This fundraiser doesn't make a lot of money but it's probably the easiest one to do. Everyone eats (Piggly Wiggly, Pick N Save) and everyone puts gas in their car (all BP and all Mobil stations). Simply download the HuTerra app on your phone to submit receipts for participating businesses, or you can turn in copies of receipts at church. Copies must include the purchase amount, date, and name of business, and must be submitted within 45 days of purchase. If you have any questions, please call me @ 828-0009. Thank you.
Carol Roethel

Worship Schedule:

May 2nd Worship on Zoom with Communion
May 9th In Church Worship 1st Communion
May 16th Worship on Zoom
May 23rd In Church Worship
May 30th **9:30** Zoom Worship

June Tentative Worship Schedule: (9:30 Summer Schedule)

June 6th In Church Worship with Communion
June 13 Worship on Zoom
June 20 Worship on Zoom
June 27 In Church Worship, Raffle Drawings after worship service.

A note about Worship scheduling: The Consistory will continue to evaluate the worship schedule. As the weather improves we may schedule Worship in the Parking Lot and decisions about worship in the church building will be influenced by our concern for the safety of our Congregation.

May 10th 6:30 Consistory Meeting
 *******May 11- 13** 6:00-7:30 and **May 15th** 9-11
 UCC Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting is being held via Zoom. If you are interested in representing Bethel please contact Pastor Diane As soon as Possible.

May 12th 4-7:00 (Carry Out) Brat Fry St. James UCC Spring Valley. Brats, Burgers, Chicken Breasts, and Desserts.

June 12th Honoring the Life of Marilyn Spindler

Consistory Minutes

April 13th, 2021

Members Present: Kim Rietbrock, Patte Puetz, Kris Dirks, Mary Johnston, Rachel Voss, Pastor Diane Cayemberg

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
 Pastor Diane opened with a prayer.

The secretary minutes from March were reviewed. There was a motion (Mary/Patte) to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer reports were reviewed for March. There was a motion (Kris/Mary) to approve all the treasurer reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Pastor's Report:

- Valeria Nohl's Funeral was held March 13 at Meiselwitz-Vollstedt.
- Pastor was able to visit Carol Eckardt & Violet Raquet this month at their facilities.
- Addison Johannes was confirmed on Palm Sunday.
- The Annual Meeting of the Northeast Association UCC Wisconsin was held virtually on April 10. Dues remain at \$4.50 per member.
- The Wis. Conference UCC Annual Meeting will be held virtually on May 11th-14th and the morning of Sat., May 15th. A worship service on Sunday, May 16 will be live streamed at 9 am. Pastor Diane has enrolled, but no members have contacted her yet to sign up. She will submit the information for the Newsletter. The theme for the Annual Meeting will be "Powered by Generosity". Members should contact Pastor Diane if interested in attending.

Old Business:

- April 24th @ 8:30 am is the Spring Cleaning day. Crystal has provided a list of suggested areas that need attention in doors; Jim Raquet will thatch the lawn, so raking will not be necessary.
In-person church services have not reached maximum capacity on any Sunday
- Schedule for up-coming church services:

- May 2nd – Zoom Worship & Communion
- May 9th – Worship in church – Mothers' Day and 1st Communion of Emmerick Dunton & Julia Ziegler – max 30
- May 16th – Zoom Worship
- May 23rd – Worship in church with the (Tentative) Baptism of Theodore Stuckmann
- May 30th – Zoom Worship @ 9:30 – ** Summer Hours will begin **
- June 6th – Worship in church & Communion
- June 12th - Tentative Date set for Marilyn Spindler's Funeral
- June 13th – Zoom Worship
- June 20th – Zoom Worship
- June 27th – Worship in parking lot (weather permitting) – Spring Raffle Drawing (Bring your own lawn chairs.)

- The Church's 160th Anniversary will be celebrated in February/March 2022. We are still looking for committee volunteers to assist with planning the 160th Anniversary Celebration.

New Business:

- The group discussed and agreed to re-schedule our next meeting for May 10 at 6:30 pm, so that Pastor Diane does not have a conflict with first night of the Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting.
- Kris will contact a new service for annual spraying of insects, since previous service is no longer available.
- Tim Voss will provide a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for a lawn clipping schedule.

There was a motion (Mary/Patte) to adjourn at 7:32. The motion carried unanimously. We ended with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Rachel Voss