



LAKE GENEVA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER May 2019

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April 30th - Clothes Closet Last Day For Donations (until November 1st): Our Clothes Closet has been abundantly blessed with so many donations from the congregation and the community. We are at the point that we are bursting at the seams. A very special **thank you** to Carolyn Kalb and all the volunteers that help with this outreach project. November 1st we will start taking winter items.

May 8th - Tree House: The Tree House Child and Family Center is holding an open house on Wednesday, May 8th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Stop in and see the good work being done! Thank you for your donations and support.

May 10th - Single Seniors: Single Seniors are invited to attend the cantata called "Sacred Places: A Pilgrimage of Promise" by Joseph M. Martin on Friday, May 10th. The performance is at St Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Lake Geneva and will include a choir and small orchestra. A "goodwill offering" is appreciated. Meet in our church parking lot at 6:00pm to carpool. Let Jane Smith know if you plan to attend. 262-249-0399

May 12th - Golden Cross Sunday: We are having a special offering for Golden Cross Sunday. Our Golden Cross donations support our Conference Health & Welfare Ministries that serve Wisconsin individuals and families in need, including United Methodist Children's Services. You may also mail your donation to the office, marked Golden Cross.

May 16th - Dementia Friendly Training: Pastor Heather will be hosting a Dementia Friendly Training on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30, in the Lounge. It will last 1-2 hours. All staff, ushers/greeters, Council members, and parishioners are urged to attend. We want to ensure we have a safe and welcoming environment for our friends.

May 21st - Book Club, No Book to Read, All Are Welcome: This month, Fritz Oppenlander will be presenting and do a follow up on "Radium Girls". His mother was a Radium Girl. It will be interesting to hear a living history from a son's perspective and information he has to share. Parish Hall Lounge, 10:00-11:30am. All are invited to come and hear Fritz's presentation.

May 26th - Men of the Church: The Men's Breakfast is May 26th, 7:30am, at Grandma Vicky's on Broad Street. All ages welcome. Stop in, get to know the men of the church. Newcomers always welcome. It is always the last Sunday of the month.

June 2nd - Honoring Our Graduating Seniors: During the church service at 9:00 we will honor our graduating seniors. The three young ladies are: Pawhser Shoe, Emma Wade, and Luannabelle Wieseman. After the service, during our fellowship time, we will have an all church pot-luck breakfast in their honor. Please call the office and let Dawn know what you would like to bring - something ~~breakfasty!~~ breakfastolious!

July 20th - Lillian Kimball Ladies Tea: Save the date. It's time to start planning. Please let Terri Smith know if you can help with organizing, cooking, or helping decorate for this fun event. 262-745-1780

Spirit Lake Ministry: Last month we collected \$80.44 change in our noisy bucket. The money goes towards their Sunday School Program. Thank you for all your change!

Need a Ride to Church? - Would you like to come to church but don't have a ride? Please call the office. We have volunteers willing to share their ride! We love to see everyone at church on Sunday mornings. Come and join your church family. Anyone who would like to offer rides, also please contact the office. We'll get all areas of the city (and beyond) covered!

After School Crafters: After School Crafters are done until fall now. Pam would love your ideas, comments, and suggestions for days and times. Please call her at 262-949-7344. She would like to get a feel for what works best for everyone.

Cancer Support Group: A cancer support group has been established in Walworth County. Meetings are being held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 10:00am. They are held at Mercy Medical Center, corner of Hwys 50 and 67, room 380. This is for patients, survivors, care givers, and others associated with this terrible disease. For questions, please call Dave at 262-215-2969.

Thank you: Did you wonder how the numbers magically appear on the Hymn Boards each week? We can thank Lloyd Cornue and Tom Borsysek for making that happen. Each week they take care of the "hymn boards" for us!

Youth Group: May will be a busy month for our Youth Group. Sunday, May 5th, the High School Youth will have coffee with Pastor Heather. Friday, May 17th, is MOVIE NIGHT-please RSVP! 7:00-9:00. With pop corn AND M&Ms Sunday, May 19th, Breakfast in the Park! Wednesday, May 22nd, "VET ROLL" in Beloit. Welcoming the Vets back from D.C. If you know of a middle or high school age youth who might enjoy making new friends and doing fun stuff in a Christian atmosphere, call Terri Smith at 262-745-1780.

Safety: For safety purpose, and recommendation from the Police and Fire Department, we now have our exterior doors labeled. On the interior of the door there is a building # and door letter and the exterior portion has the door letter. The front of the building has the building #s. The sanctuary is building 1 with doors A thru D, and the Parish Hall is building 2 with doors A thru C. The doors start with A in front and progress clockwise around building as Emergency responders are prepared to anticipate.

Whenever we call 911 to report the need for assistance we should be prepared with and say:

1. Church name – Lake Geneva United Methodist Church
2. Address – 912 Geneva Street (hint - calling 911, address is 912)
3. Specific details of reason for call & needs
4. Building# & Door Letter for responder to enter

Giving this information immediately will help assure responders will be here as soon as possible, as the individual answering the 911 call will not have to take time to look up address and will know what type of emergency responder we need.

In most situations we will have several people available to assist with this process. If you are calling, just let others know and assure someone is by the door to direct responder where needed. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Karen Lubinski. 262-248-3670

Administrative Council Meetings: Did you know everyone is invited to the administrative council meetings? Each month a dedicated group sits down and goes over what has been happening at the church and buildings, what needs to be done, and how we can make it better. We would love (and need) more input, ideas, and suggestions for the congregation. This month the meeting is May 23rd, 5:15pm, in the Parish Hall Lounge. Please consider joining us for one hour to help make decisions for our congregation and buildings.

*Sharing Christ's love with everyone,
through our thoughts, words, and actions.*



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Greetings

It's that time of year and the Finance Committee wants to give you an update on how things currently stand.

Foremost, we are grateful for your ongoing generosity and support of all of the ministries of the Lake Geneva United Methodist Church. It is only through your support, financial and otherwise, that the mission of the church, with Pastor Heather's leadership, can continue.

Copies of the budget are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up a copy.

As you will see, the budget was built upon the expectation of \$130,000 in pledged giving for the 2019 fiscal year. At present we have only received pledges totaling \$112,000. How do we cover that shortfall?

We hope you will be able to help with your ideas, prayers, and if possible, additional gifts.

If you cannot make it to church every Sunday, you may find eGiving is a way to keep giving. It is on our website www.lakegenevaumchurch.org. When you do eGiving, your offering comes out of your checking or charge card each month. It's really quite easy, but if you would like some help with it, please call the office. Dawn can help you or have you come down and do it at the office.

Blessings to you.

The Finance Committee

From Pastor Heather

I would like to share with you a message from Bishop Jung

The Other Side of Easter



While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

Acts 1:4-5

With all that is happening in our denomination and in our Wisconsin Conference, we truly needed Easter to come this year to remind us of the great and glorious power God has for transformation and redemption. We stand in need of new life – new possibilities, new purpose, new hearts, and new minds. Easter brings us hope following despair, light following darkness, and promise following failure.

It is simple to celebrate the resurrection and feel all is well. Death is defeated. Sin is cleansed. A new reality has been ushered in. But what next? Where do we go from Easter? What's on the other side?

One might be tempted to think it all gets easier after Easter. One might feel like the Christ has taken care of all the problems of the world, and now all we need to do is wait. One would be wrong; it doesn't get easier, it just gets more interesting. Following the physical Jesus is one thing. We call it discipleship – Jesus leads, we follow.

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But what about the risen and ascended Christ? What do we do when the man is no longer with us to follow? What happens when what we have is memory and teachings?

This is the amazing aftermath of Easter leading us to Pentecost. John baptized with water; Jesus promises the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The twelve followers of Jesus are referred to as “disciples” up until the Pentecost event, then they are never referred to as “disciples” again. Something happens. There is a radical and fundamental transformation in the Spirit. Followers become leaders. Students become teachers. Disciples become disciplers, and stewards, and apostles. And collectively, through the gifting and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the church becomes the incarnate body of Christ.

Paul speaks of an affective union – a oneness of essence and spirit as believers live “in Christ,” and we recognize “Christ in us.” The fellowship of baptized believers is transformed, made new, given a new identity and purpose. What Christ came to teach us, we now teach others. The witness Christ offered to challenge the powers and principalities becomes our witness. Judgmentalism and factionalism drops away; we are lifted above all the hostilities, the prejudices, and debates that created “dividing walls” among us. The old life passes away; the new life emerges.

Is this not the message our United Methodist Church needs most to hear? Are we not standing on the threshold of an amazing spiritual paradigm shift where we quit focusing on the negatives and begin building upon the positives? Is it not time to stop harping on what we have been saved from and begin zeroing in on what we have been saved for?

God offers us this new life, freely, generously, unconditionally, and completely. All we need do is accept it, but accept it with our eyes, hearts, and minds wide open. We are not off the hook. No, instead we hold even more responsibility, more opportunity, more demands and obligations than ever. But we have also been given the authority to become a new people; a people of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We are freed to act mercifully, justly, with compassion, humility and true care. We become a people of deep civility, infinite respect, unbounded forgiveness, and amazing grace. We are living on the other side of Easter. By God’s grace, let us live it wisely and well.

Bishop Jung