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NORSKI NIBBLES LUNCH PROGRAM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

To helping handing out sack lunches in the DeForest & Windsor Area Parks for 2 weeks this summer from **Monday, July 24th–28th, & Monday, Aug. 7th–Aug. 11th** between 11:45 am – 12:15 pm. Sign-up on the sheet at ushers table or contact Anne Staniforth

BIRTHDAY CARDS:

We traditional give out birthday cards to church members. If you're a member & not receiving one, please contact the Office, Note - your birth year is NOT needed!!

From Pr. Stacy



1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

***12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews, Greeks, slaves, free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. **14** Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. **27** Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ~NRSV*

A portion of the above scripture was part of our worship service in early June, and during my message, I mentioned that this is one of my favorite scripture passages. The reason why this is one of my favorite is because it reminds me that we have different gifts, that not one of us is more important than the other, and when we serve together we can do amazing things.

Yet, since June 4th, I've come to read the above text a bit differently; I still understand that we have equally important gifts. And I also understand that we are individual members of the one body of Christ, which is different than saying that we are members of NGMLC.

The tricky part of referring to ourselves as members of



NEW ADDRESS:

Susan Cesario
702 West Main Street Apt 208
Waunakee, WI 53597

WEDDING NEWS

Congratulations to Dustin Millard & Ashley Hanson on their marriage on June 3!!
Best Wishes to you both!!

BABY NEWS:

Congratulations ~ Susan Cesario, first time parent for the birth of her daughter!!
Raelynn Jo Cesario, was born on May 15, 2017.
Raelynn is welcomed by Grandparents Mike & Stacy Cesario, and Aunt Michelle Cesario.

FUNERAL:

Our sincere sympathy to the Ruth Hanna family for her death on May 18th. Our prayers are with you!

RELAY FOR LIFE:

NGMLC is looking to get another team together for the Deforest/Windsor 2017 Relay for Life. It is on July 21, at Conservancy Park, from 6 pm to 10 pm. If you are interested, please contact Ginger Pippert.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for articles is the 25th!

NGMLC is the fact that we formulate an economy of consumerism. If someone is a member of NGMLC, they are given the right to vote at congregational meetings, and serve on NGMLC Council and Mutual Ministry Team, very much like organizations which we pay yearly dues to so that we have a voice and a vote.

In contrast, serving Christ does not require membership, so I ask you to consider with me for a moment the following phrases, and if you are so inclined, email me your reactions and thoughts to them.

I am a member of this church (NGMLC)

vs I am a disciple of Jesus Christ

I go to church (NGMLC)

vs I am the church

We are the members of this church (NGMLC)

vs We are disciples of Jesus Christ who gather at this church (NGMLC)

**** side note **** Shift pg. 52; Shift: Three Big Moves For The 21st Century Church, Tidsworth, Mark, 2015, Pinnacle Leadership Press.

The above are from the book I am reading, Shift. And I welcome comments and reactions to the phrases, particularly since we are in a stage of looking at our language. Each month we look at our Spending Plan for Ministry, which was developed at the beginning of the year. Also, later this summer, Mutual Ministry Team will meet to have a yearly congregational review instead of pastoral evaluation/review. Leadership and congregational members will discuss how the past year has been, where we are now and the upcoming year. In the vein of language, I believe it is important to keep in front of us our assets, so let me close with moments of celebration:

- We are people who serve, God, others and ourselves. While it can be very easy to look at other communities and want to be 'like them' let's celebrate who we are:

- **New windows have been installed** & are fully paid for. WE DID NOT HAVE TO GO INTO DEBT to pay for the windows!

- **We had a successful evening VBS here at NGMLC.** Three staff from Sugar Creek Camp were here Sunday - Thursday, and each afternoon and evening they gathered with children to sing songs, play games and learn about God. This is the first year an evening VBS was

attempted, and it served youth in the community!!



- A person visited our church building and loves it. The person was looking specifically at the accessibility of everything and was very happy to see that a family member who is in a wheelchair can easily come into the building and worship.
- Another person who visited our church commented on the beautiful view and the desire to simply sit in the sanctuary and stare outside.
- This summer will continue to bring about transitions as new staff start and we review fall programming. Please continue to keep NGMLC & leadership in your prayers during the upcoming months. And continue to check your email, our Facebook page and our website or call the church office for up to date information.



God's peace and blessings,
Pr. Stacy

Electronic Giving

Summer is upon us; evidence of the hot and muggy days we have had. Traditionally, summer time is when families and people take extended weekends to travel. Summertime is filled with graduation parties, weddings and family reunions, which means travel and oftentimes being away from home. While it is easy to draw on the old saying, that the mortgage and utilities and salaries still need to be paid during the summer (this is true), as a community of faith remembering why we are present, we remember that ministries continue to happen during the summer. We have weekly worship. Preparations for fall programming occurs. Summer VBS happens here. Monthly communion service occurs at Artisan and Parkside, local assisted living homes.

Personally Scott and I utilize the Simply Giving program, and have been doing so for years. It allows us to ensure our offering is given. It also allows us to not have to remember each week, or play catch up.

If you are interested in the Simply Giving program, please call the church office to find out how to sign up.

ALSO- many banks and credit unions allow you to set up a recurring payment. Since each financial institution handles this differently, please contact your financial institution directly for information.

Update on staff hiring

At the time of this writing, positions have been posted with mixed response. Interview teams are reviewing applications for the office manager and high school youth coordinator positions.

The music director and elementary youth education coordinator positions are being reposted, and the application deadline has been extended until July 10th. Many people have wondered how the middle school age youth will be served, and to that there are two answers. Leadership is happy to say that Johnna Georgia will be serving as Kings Kids Youth Coordinator. Her experience and passion for youth has been evident in the strong relationships she has formed here at NGMLC with parents and youth. Her responsibilities will be drastically different, which is why we split the one youth coordinator position into three positions. Johnna is a deacon in the ELCA *see below for more information on deacons * and as such will draw on her theological education as she works with Kings Kids leading worship once a month on Wednesday evenings.

ELCA Deacons

- **Ministers of Word and Service.** Deacons serve in congregations and other ministries of the ELCA, including family ministries, youth, administration, volunteer ministry, social services, music or parish nursing. Deacons connect the church with the needs of the world and work to equip others to lead a living, active and caring Christian life.

Every rostered minister goes through theological training and a candidacy process. The candidacy process raises up, prepares, certifies and places public leaders in the ELCA. Family, friends, congregations, ministry organizations, synods, seminaries and staff from the church wide organization all play important roles in this process. ~ www.elca.org

At the 2016 ELCA Church Wide Assembly changes were made to the three rosters of lay leaders. As of January 1, 2017, those who have served on the lay rosters as associates in ministry, diaconal ministers and deaconesses are now part of one unified roster of 'Ministers of Word and Service,' and are called deacons. ~ Carol Schickel, Deacon

Madison Jail Ministry

Did you know that area Lutheran churches have had a presence in the Madison Area Jails for over 50 years? In 1970, Madison Area Lutheran Council (MALC) was established to provide ministry and support for people who are incarcerated. In mid-2016, the MALC executive committee voted to change the name to Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM). Over the course of 50 years, the Jail Ministry grew in scope and size. When MALC was formed, a part time volunteer chaplain served a population of approximately 100 men and women. Today, two paid chaplains (one part-time and one-full time), a Secretary, and a Volunteer Coordinator serve the 800+ people who are incarcerated each day in Dane County Jail.

The Advisory board is comprised of numerous Christian denominations, United Church of Christ (UCC), Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod (LCMS), Presbyterian, United Methodist, Episcopal, Moravian and Reformed.



While I serve on the Executive Committee as a voting member of the board, this ministry would not exist if people didn't come forward and give of their time and resources. Only because people have served in this ministry are people who are incarcerated able to participate in bible studies, addiction recovery programs, life-skills training and literacy tutoring. To learn more about the Jail Ministry, including how you can help support this important ministry, contact me or visit the Jail Ministry website at (madisonjailministry.org).

Serving Christ,
Pr. Stacy

Below is a link to an April 2017 article published in the State Journal.

http://host.madison.com/wsj/lifestyles/faith-and-values/dane-county-jail-ministry-marks-years-of-giving-hope/article_a70039a2-a834-5edd-99cd-8b538258a09e.html

SYNOD NEWS

The following event everyone is invited to participate in.
GENEROSITY ACROSS THE GENERATIONS - July 15th
The Next South-Central Synod of Wisconsin MDMT Event....
Saturday, July 15 Time: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm (**Lunch and free childcare included**)

Our host location: Covenant Lutheran Church (Stoughton)
Register online: <https://bit.ly/SCSWCrossGen2017>.



Following Jesus' command to CARE for one another, all generations are invited to join in a day of conversation, learning, experiencing and planning. Bring the toddlers, millennials, empty nesters, older wiser Lutherans and even the squirrely teenagers to see how they all contribute to the wealth of your congregation... wealth in spirit, in talent and financial gifts. This *Generosity Project* event is an extension of the *ELCA's Macedonia Project*, an initiative that helps congregations and synods grow in their stewardship practices and capacity to be generous. The workshop will provide a model and resources for congregations to equip individuals and households for engaging in meaningful cross generational experiences and conversations about generosity.

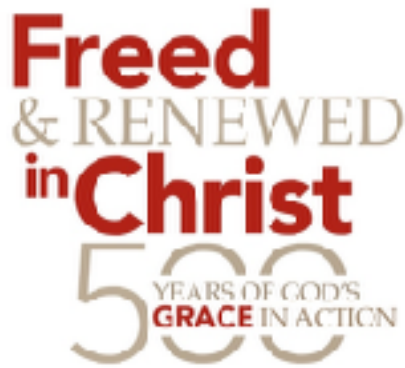
ELCA News

If you aren't able to make it in person, the event will be live-streamed!

SAVE THE DATE: Oct. 31, 2017

Looking Back & Called Forward: ELCA 500
An event commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

Please plan to join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Tuesday, Oct. 31, as she co-hosts a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



The event, which will include speakers and a service, will be at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Bishop Eaton will be joined by co-hosts Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop Bill Gafkjen, ELCA Vice President Bill Horne and Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod Bishop Dick Graham.

The event is open to the public and will be available online via livestream. All are invited to participate and honor the Reformation anniversary as we bear public witness to Christ, who frees us to love and serve our neighbor, and as we look to the future to which God is calling us.

Please note this date on your calendar. More details will be available in the near future. [Stay up to date on event changes](#) at the event calendar posts.

Blessings to you as we commemorate this historic occasion in our church.

WELCA NEWS –

Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with WELCA's brat sale, held Saturday, June 17, at Ace Hardware. Whether you donated supplies or food for the sale, helped the day of sale, or purchased a brat or burger. Thank you! Thank you! Our 1st brat sale was a success - as was the weather this time around!

Anyone with expenses to submit from the sale, please give your receipts to Rose H so that she may log them for our records and then give to the church Treasurer for reimbursement. If you donated anything, please provide your receipt, marked "in-kind donation" to Rose as well, and she will give to the church Treasurer. We will need the info in order to know amounts of supplies or food for any future brat sale the church may want to have.



We are taking a break from meetings in June and July (unless we need to schedule a special one) since we've been so busy with the brat sale, and due to vacations and other conflicts. Therefore, our next meeting will be August 20, 2017. Would like a volunteer to lead the small group bible study/devotion please. Please let Carolyn or Ginger know if you would be interested.

MUSIC NOTES:

Music Notes for July 2017

It is always sad when an era ends as it did recently with musical director Jill Buchheim's resignation. Jill is responsible for so many good things at Norway Grove that made our music program an envy of the community and brought many people through our doors. She will not be easily replaced, and whoever replaces her will need to forge their own musical path in our worship. However, as Julie Andrews' character Maria said in "Sound of Music": "When the Lord closes a door, somewhere he opens a window." Norway Grove has had many doors close over the years, but the Lord has always provided us with that window, especially now as we look for a new director and perhaps a different direction for our music program.

We will still continue with the praise band, chancel choir, Sunday School music, and chimes. These are opportunities for those of you who have wanted to get involved in the music of NG to consider joining. There are opportunities for vocal and instrumental soloists or small groups as well as those from outside NG who want to share their talents and their love of God with our members. I have been able to talk some of my friends from the Monona Senior Chorus and the Unkalung choir into furnishing special music during the summer, and I'm anxious for you to hear them. I'm sure Jill would tell us to expand and grow in our musical faith and not to forget who we are as people of God.

There is room here in this place for all types of music, as has been shown through the years, from the Steve Johnson vocals to the Jim Erickson jazz piano versions of the standard hymns, to the "River Road Gang" band of the pig roasts, to our wonderful praise band - the list goes on and on. Be proud to be a part of this tradition and welcome the next music person in the same way as you have welcomed all of us who share in the music of Norway Grove.

Elaine Jaeke
Choral director

SUMMER MIDWEEK WORSHIP!!

Join us "Around the Campfire" for food, outdoor games, and Fellowship! Wednesday July 26th, and August 23, 6:30 pm



COUNCIL MINUTES IN SECONDS – June 15, 2017**Council Minutes in Seconds – June 15, 2017**

We have so many good things happening at Norway Grove. Summer is here and brings sunshine and warmth. With warmth, we are reminded that God is good and loves us. God is good...all the time!

Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Some highlights in our church are:

1. Our Pathway to our Windows campaign has been a great success! The windows are installed and the window hangings have been ordered. We are working with stained glass specialists to complete the stained glass project and plaques are being ordered for proper dedication. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and gifts to complete this project!
2. The Ministry Review and council have been actively working on interviews for our staff positions. We feel very blessed with the applicants we have received so far. We are still looking for candidates for our Music Director and Education Coordinator – JAM. If you know anyone that is interested, please refer them to our website.
3. We hosted an evening Vacation Bible School (VBS) for over 20 students the week of June 19th from 4:00–8:00pm with Sugar Creek. The church was filled with excitement! Thank you to Veronica Eicher for leading this ministry.

Blessings,

Lori Fons

NGMLC Council President

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HEARTS FOR HAZEL - Change Ministry for July

Here is some background information on Hazel:

Hazel is 7 and will be turning 8 on August 27 (born in 2009). She lives with her Dad Last, Mom Yeukai, and twin sisters Hayley and Hadley. They will be turning 3 on July 13 (born in 2014).

The Maseya Family are Legal Immigrants from Zimbabwe. They moved to South Africa when Hazel was 18 months old to try and find work and improve their living situation.

Last is a Pastry Chef and also a Taxi Driver. Yeukai does sewing and needlework to help bring in income. She also cleans houses when she has the chance.

Starting about 2 years ago, Immigrants to South Africa have been targeted with job loss, housing loss, muggings and killings. It has been a difficult time for Maseya Family. Last has lost his job and their housing multiple times, and severe hunger is an ongoing issue for the family.

Hazel was 3 when NGMLC started sending her to an English Speaking Preschool. In order to get her into an English Speaking Grade School she had to have the preschool background. She is currently in her 2nd year of Elementary School.

Since we started helping Hazel we have sent money for a number of school related items and food (Hazel had been going to school with her lunch pail empty. As we all know, it is hard to learn when you are hungry.)

The goal for NGMLC is to continue to help Hazel get her education. The family will all benefit from Hazel's Education as she will be able to rise out of poverty and support her family in the future.

HEARTS FOR HAZEL - UPDATE

We received a letter from Hazels father -Last Maseya

Dear Auntie Anne

Hope this mail finds you well. We're all well. Attached is Hazel's last term school report and her class photo. Our regards to the congregation of our family.

Lots of love

Last and family



Hazel is 3rd from Left in the front row.



| Key to rating scale | | | Key to effort symbol | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 7 | 80 – 100% | Outstanding achievement | A | Very good: always gives of his / her best. |
| 6 | 70 – 79 % | Meritorious achievement | B | Good: Works well generally. |
| 5 | 60 – 69% | Substantial achievement | C | Satisfactory |
| 4 | 50 – 59% | Adequate achievement | D | Unsatisfactory: Does not make the required effort to improve. |
| 3 | 40 – 49% | Moderate achievement | E | Poor: Shows little interest. |
| 2 | 30 – 39% | Elementary achievement | | |
| 1 | 0 – 29% | Not achieved | | |

Name: Hazel Mnyuki

Grade: 2 T

Date of birth: 2006/03/27

| Languages: | Rating: | Effort: | Total percentage: |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Comprehension | 7 | B | 92% |
| Creative writing | 3 | | |
| English grammar | 7 | | |
| Reading | 7 | | |
| Spelling and phonics | 7 | | |
| English oral assessment | 3 | C | 78% |
| isiZulu written assessment | 7 | | |
| isiZulu oral assessment | 6 | | |

| Skills, Values and Attitudes: | Rating: |
|---|---------|
| Listens and responds to instructions | 4 |
| Contributes to class/group discussions | 4 |
| Forms letters correctly | 5 |
| Maintains correct size and spacing of letters | 5 |
| Presentation of work | 5 |
| Completes class work tasks timely | 5 |
| Completes homework tasks regularly | 5 |
| Behaves appropriately | 5 |
| Self-confidence | 5 |
| Responsible care of possessions | 5 |
| Follows instructions | 5 |
| Ability to work independently | 5 |
| Ability to concentrate for extended periods | 5 |

| Mathematics: | Rating: | Effort: | Total percentage: |
|--|---------|---------|-------------------|
| Counts and completes number sequences | 7 | A | 90% |
| Recognises numerals and number names | 7 | | |
| Orders, describes and compares numbers | 7 | | |
| Rounds | 7 | | |
| Doubling and halving | 7 | | |
| Graphs | 7 | | |
| Addition and subtraction | 7 | | |
| Ability to solve problems | 4 | | |

General comment:

Hazel is a diligent learner who has obtained excellent results all round. She has an excellent grasp of the mathematical concepts taught thus far and attempts new concepts with ease and enthusiasm. She must read a lot more to improve her fluency. Her comprehension skills are good and the answers she gives to questions are well thought out. Additional reading will enable her to be creative in her thinking when writing stories. Hazel is enthusiastic about all aspects of her school day and she is an absolute pleasure to teach.

Class teacher:  Mrs. S. PadayacheePrincipal: 

SCHOOL REOPENS ON: 18 April 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**UPCOMING DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:**

Mondays, 9 am - **OWLS Breakfast** (Older Wiser Lutherans, NGMLC Senior Group, meet at DeForest Family Restaurant

Mondays, 7:30 am – **Walking Group** meet at DeForest Family Restaurant then breakfast with OWLS

Tuesdays – Fridays, 8 am – **Walking Group** meet at Window Fireman's Park

Thursday July 13 – 16th - **WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING: Minneapolis, MN**

Friday, July 21 – **Deadline for August Newsletter** articles

Saturday, July 15 - 22nd ~ **Habitat 2017 Team** will be on their mission trip in Marquette Michigan

Friday, July 21, 6 pm - 10 pm ~ **Relay for Life**, at Conservancy Park

Monday, July 24th - 28th, 11:45 am -12:15 pm ~ **Norski Nibbles Lunch Program** (help is needed)

Wednesday, July 26th, 6:30 pm – Worship “Around the Campfire”

Monday, July 31st – Aug 3rd, 9 am-noon -**Vacation Bible School** at Christ Lutheran Church

Monday, August 7th - Friday ~ 11:45 am – 12:15 pm, **Norski Nibbles Lunch Program** (help is needed)

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT THE FIRST PART OF AUGUST. Any articles or information you want in our next Newsletter, needs to be submitted to the church office no later than July 21st, or by e-mail at officemanager@norwaygrove.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR – We are attempting to get the calendar to you but if you do not have it, please go out our Website at norwaygrove.com and click on Calendar. If you want a hard copy we will have them in the office for you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – Monday July 31, to Thursday, August 3, 2017, 9 am – 12 Noon, with an evening program on Thursday night, Aug. 3rd. The theme this year is “Zazzin’ With Jesus 2017.” This is for children ages 3, 4 and those going into K-6th Grades. The 6th graders again will be going off campus on a bus each day as they have in the past. The following stories about Jesus will be used: 1) Jesus in the Temple; 2) Jesus walks on water; 3) Jesus feeds the 5000; 4) Jesus heals the paralyzed man. There are sign-up sheet in the sanctuary on the Ushers Table.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NORSKI NIBBLES

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM – If you are interested in donating to this need in our community donations will start on May 30, items needed are: pudding cups, assorted bags of chips, applesauce/ fruit cups, fruit snacks, fruit ‘N’ grain/granola bars, Juice boxes/pouches, 8 oz. bottled water. All items must be pre-packaged individual serving size. Monetary donations are appreciated – Items can be brought to Norway Grove Memorial – we’ll get them to Norski Nibbles! Monetary donations are also welcomed! Please make checks payable to Norski Nibbles and send to Christ Lutheran Church (220 S. Main St, DeForest 53532)



CELEBRATION OF LIFE PERSONALIZED BRICKS – are available for purchase to honor someone special, to remember someone, or remember a special event. The standard printing option includes up to 12 characters per line with a maximum of 3 lines. Sorry, no exceptions (spaces & punctuation each count as 1 character. The cost is \$60 per brick, the forms are on the back on the Ushers table.

WELCA TRIENNIAL GATHERING: Minneapolis, MN, July 13-16, 2017 – See the Triennial gathering website (welcatg.org/event-information) for more information, or the registration materials available at church. There are a few ladies from NGMLC who will be attending. Charter bus reservations are now being accepted - \$80/round trip - organized by the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin WELCA. Pick-Up/drop-off at Mill Pond Park, and Ride to/from hotels.

SUPPORT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF-SCHOOL KITS - Purchase school supplies to make school kits for 3rd world countries. Our goal is to make and send 50 kits. Visit the display at the ushers table near the office doors. Please take an envelope, purchase the listed, bring them to NGMLC and place the item(s) in the tote near the display. We are looking for people to sew back backs for kits. Pattern and example also on display at ushers table. All purchases for kits and back packs due by **Rally Sunday, September 10th**. Any questions please call Veronica Eicher



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