First and Nativity Lutheran Churches

News and Views

October - November, 2016

Oct., 22-23 Healing Services at both churches

Oct. 29 Halloween Spooktacular Concert at Nativity at 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 29-30 Reformation Weekend

Nov. 4-5 Nativity Rummage Sale
8am - 4pm each day

Nov 5-6 All Saints Remembrances at both churches

Nov. 12-13 Veteran’s recognition

Nov. 19-20 Food Pantry Ministry Recognition at First Lutheran

Nov. 23 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by Pie Fellowship at First

Nov. 26-27 Advent begins

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Reaching out in our community
to share the Word of God
Dear sisters and brothers,

What does it mean to be vulnerable? What does it feel like? I know my immediate response to feeling vulnerable is to try and suppress whatever is making me feel that way. My instinct is to protect myself – which makes sense when we learn that the Latin root of the word vulnerable means “to wound”.

My question to you, as a child of God is, what are those things that you are running from? My question to us, as a church is, what are we uncertain or afraid of doing? As a people of God and as a church of Christ I have been wrestling with the fears and anxieties that come with being small congregations with limited resources.

But then I am reminded of this quote from Brené Brown: “Only when we are brave enough to explore the darkness will we discover the infinite power of our light.” That darkness is the unknown road that lies ahead of us. That darkness is the fears and anxieties of not being enough, of not having enough, of not succeeding enough.

But whether through music, through being community, through feeding the hungry – we are the light that shines in the darkness. We already have a foot in the door as we wonder about exploring the darkness that lies ahead.

It will take being vulnerable to do so. It will take big questions, risky answers, treading uncertain paths, and perhaps most of all trusting in a God who provides us with blessings upon blessings.

Now, this may take some time to recognize. Often our view of the blessings in our lives and in the lives of the communities around us can be hidden – just like how the night sky looks pretty empty when viewed from the light-polluted sky of Milwaukee. And if we never changed our perspective we would always think that God blessed Abraham with only a few dozen offspring – because from this one perspective that’s all we can see – just a few dozen stars in the night sky.

But move out into the middle of the countryside on a moonless night? Suddenly thousands upon thousands of stars appear. The night sky explodes with brilliant light.

As a people of God we have a couple options ahead of us: We can choose to see the light-polluted sky above us and shy away from being vulnerable. We can wonder why God’s blessings seem few and far between and let fear and anxiety consume us. Or, we can choose to step into that vulnerability, choose to change our perspective on what it means to be church, change our perspective on what God is up to, and then perhaps, we will see the brightness of the night sky above our heads and realize that God has truly blessed us. And we will see that we have that same power through the Holy Spirit to bless others.

So, will you join Jesus in stepping out into the unknown, braving the uncertainties that lie ahead, and venture out into the darkness? All while knowing that we have been empowered to be the light in the darkness and that with Christ by our side we truly have nothing to fear.

And that, perhaps, is what we truly need to hear: That no matter what, Jesus is always by our side. That our salvation has already been secured. So what do we have to lose? Nothing.

“And Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”

Peace,
Pastor Bryant
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

During October and November the Tuesday morning Bible class will be studying the Book of ACTS. This study of the early church will be an interesting one. All are welcome in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran from 10-11 am. Bring your Bibles and join us...or we can provide you with one. Some of the members go out for lunch after class - you're welcome to come along. John Bennethum is our teacher.

ELW TURNS 10

October 3 marks the 10th anniversary of Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW hymnal) which was released October 3, 2006. The ELW, more comprehensive than its predecessors, comprises many elements that churches had known and used for years and a large selection of songs and prayers that were new at the time it was released.

For 10 years, ELW has given voice to this church’s song by connecting a variety of cultures, styles and keys. Over these 10 years many resources have been created to accompany congregations and church leaders in their work to make worship central in grounding this church’s mission.

Happy 10th Anniversary
(Taken from August Living Lutheran, p 10)

THE LONG VIEW OF ADVENT

Advent is about preparing not only for Christmas but also for Jesus’ return. According to Scripture, that won’t be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: “It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at the day of God .... We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God’s coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God’s coming should arouse in us. We ... [forget] the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us.”

God is love; we’ll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.

“Autumn ... the year’s last, loveliest smile.”
—William Cullen Bryant
Thank you "Happy Scrubbers"

Thank you to the "Happy Scrubbers" who helped clean the woodwork and pews in the church and Pastor’s office and cleaned and organized some areas in the kitchen. Thanks to Cindy, Jamie, Chris, Natalie, Pam, Werner, Delores and Joy. We didn’t quite get everything done, so watch for the next “Happy Scrubbers Saturday” in the spring.

Nativity News

Halloween Spooktacular
Nativity Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 29th at 1:30 p.m.

Nativity Lutheran will be transformed into the Phantom’s Haunted Opera House in a concert of Spooky Organ Music and Highlights from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s soaring musical masterpiece; “Phantom of the Opera.”

This year our beloved Susan Platt will be joined by the brilliant young Tenor, R. Stuart Mitchell. Reviewers have written:

“When Stuart Mitchell cranks up that beautiful tenor voice of his... it makes me stop what I’m doing and just listen.”…. "Piping It In"

“On the subject of tenors, young Stuart Mitchell is already nothing short of astonishing. Mitchell has a surprisingly big voice, capable of nuance far beyond his age, as he demonstrated with his Vivaldi solo passages. Remember his name.”….Grand Rapids Press

“Every piece he sang received roaring applause and his performance...got a much-deserved standing ovation!”....Rambles magazine

Joining them will be organist Dennis Jon Wolfgang and pianist Rev. Bryant Bakkum.

Special event parking will be allowed on both sides of Bluemound by the Wauwatosa Police Department. The concert is free but donations will be received for Nativity’s Organ Fund. A reception will follow.

Check Out Nativity’s Fall Rummage Sale!

Fri. & Sat. November 4-5 8:00am-4:00pm
Bake sale and bargains galore
Shop ‘til you drop!

Just a friendly reminder to move your clocks BACK ONE HOUR before you go to bed on Saturday, Nov. 5th, as Daylight Savings Time ends that evening while you’re snoozing away!

“Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.”
—W.J. Cameron
Give us this day
OUR DAILY BREAD.
Matthew 6:11

We’ll be recognizing our food pantry ministry in the month of November. All are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to add to the basket at the altar during services beginning Nov 5th. Special prayers will be said for this ministry during services on Nov 19 and 20.

Thanks for your Support
Many thanks to the members and friends of First and Nativity Lutheran Churches who support our pantry by donating food or preparing food for our Friday lunches. Each week, we provide lunch to about 100 visitors and provide bags of food for 35-50 families. Visitors to our pantry tell us how grateful they are to have received a delicious lunch and food for their cupboard. We also appreciate those who have shared their bountiful garden vegetables. They are really appreciated!

Our pantry began back in the middle 1970’s when Pr. Maurice Felton and Jackie Judkins approached the West Allis Rotary club and members for donations to begin the pantry. During the past 40+ years, God has provided us with the volunteers and resources to continue, and even expand! Each time resources are stretched, He provides and we are so grateful!

Operation Christmas Stocking
Oct. 30th – Dec. 4

Operation Christmas Stocking is in full swing. Santa’s knitter are busy making hats, scarves and mittens. Others are sewing and decorating Christmas stockings. We will be handing out gift bags and Christmas mugs to the men and women who visit our Food Pantry on Friday, December 9th. On Friday, December 16th we will give out Christmas stockings for the children of our Food Pantry Patrons. We will also give gift bags to the ELCA Synod Serenity Inn (men). There are many ways in which you can help the men, women and children that we have adopted this Christmas.

* Select a stocking from the display in the Narthex and fill it with age appropriate items not to exceed $15.00 in value.

* Donate stocking stuffers for men, women & children and place them in the collection barrel in the Narthex; especially needed are deodorant, warm caps, gloves & mittens, shaving cream and toothbrushes.

* Donations of money is always appreciated. Please put donations in an envelope and label it Operation Christmas Stocking.

* Donate your leftover Halloween candy to help put goodies in our Christmas Mugs.

Gift bag and stocking stuffer ideas will be in the Narthex. A special Thank You to those who donated items during our “Christmas In August” drive.

All donations, including Christmas Stockings, must be returned by Sunday, December 4th.

If you have any questions please contact Greta Plicka or Jackie Bayer.
First Lutheran Opportunities

Upcoming Events

Candy Collection:
During the past couple of years we have collected candy for a children’s Halloween Meet and Treat, which has gone very well. We appreciate your generosity! This year, we will continue with our candy collection in October but have decided to donate it to support Operation Christmas Stocking. This means you can still take advantage of the seasonal candy sales! The best choice will be candy that is in “regular” or Christmas orientated wrappers. Watch for the donation bins in the narthex or bring your donation to the office. The children who receive the gifts thank you in advance.

Carolining at the V.A.
Join us for caroling at the VA hospital in West Milwaukee on a week-day afternoon in early December (date/time to be determined). We’re hoping for lots of singers so we can split into two groups and visit more veterans. We’ll sing all of the old Christmas carol favorites (the ones you know) and provide song books containing the words. You do not need to be able to sing well; just bring your enthusiasm and a friend. We’ll meet at First Lutheran, carpool down to the VA on 50th and National, and return about 4pm. Carolers from the past report that it is an awesome heart-warming experience. We are not sure who gets the greater benefit, our Veterans or our singers.

Veterans Recognition
All veterans and active service members will be recognized with special prayers during services the weekend of November 12-13.

Giving Back - Where Can You Help?

Food Pantry:...
- At this time, we could use some help greeting food pantry visitors and checking them in at the sign-in desk on Fridays between 10am & noon. You would work about every 5-6 weeks and will always be with a partner. We also need substitutes to fill in once in a while.
- We need people to help us clean up after the meal (wash tables, vacuum, sweep), from about noon until 1pm.
- We’d also be grateful for a dishwasher to fill in once in a while. All training is provided and we are there to help with any questions you might have.
- Donation envelopes for the food pantry are available in the church pew pockets.

Around the Church:...
- Like to garden? See Marie LePage.
- Do you have an extra 15 minutes every couple of weeks? You could come in and stuff envelopes and visitor cards into the pew pockets.
- Come to the ‘folding party’ every other month when we get the newsletter ready to mail. Treats provided!

If these opportunities interest you, contact the church office or stop in at the Food Pantry on a Friday morning.
First Lutheran Updates

QUILTING BEE AT FIRST

First Lutheran Sew and Sews held their annual Quilting Bee on Sept. 17th. Volunteers tied quilts, enjoyed snacks and the kids rang the cowbell for every finished quilt! Quilt recipients use their Lutheran World Relief quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes Quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother’s back. New quilters are always welcome - no experience necessary! Won’t you join and help with this worthwhile project?

Thanks! to everyone who attended our Pet Blessing service on September 10. Pastor Bakkum provided individual blessings for Gracie, Roxy, Oreo, Pee Wee, Rocky, Hillbilly, Hope, Harley, Davidson, Donna and Sammy, who came with their caring owners. Treats, certificates and prayer cards were provided for each family. Many other pets, such as cats, birds and lizards, weren’t able to travel well but were included in a group blessing.

Dear God, You have given us care over all living things; protect and bless the animals who give us companionship and delight. Make us their true friends and worthy companions. Amen. - Deborah Nicolet

SUNDAY SCHOOL- FALL 2016

Our Fall 2016 Sunday School theme this year is “Finding Jesus Under the Sea”. Our weekly memory verse is from Romans 8:39 “Neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is Christ Jesus our Lord”.

Each week the children will identify with different sea creatures including dolphins, crabs, sharks, stingrays, whales, starfish, jellyfish, sea turtles and the Coral Reef, and each lesson includes a lesson from the Bible. The first week was titled Dolphins, the lesson was Philip & the Ethiopian and the Bible Lesson was from Acts 8:26-40. Some of our lessons include skits, kids sermons and crafts.

We kicked off Rally Sunday with a message and blessing from the pastor and viewing “Finding Nemo”. Sunday School also hosted “Coffee And” on Rally Sunday. Thanks to Linda Grulke and Jamie Schoberg for doing the baking. Gloria Grassell will be our Student Teacher this year. Gloria is one of First Lutheran’s confirmation students and will help with the lessons and crafts.

Sunday School is offered every Sunday except Thanksgiving weekend (No Sunday School November 27th). We will conclude the Fall Session with our Children’s Christmas Program on December 18th. Anyone interested in assisting with Sunday School please contact the church office.
**Synod News**

**DIAKONIA**

Diakonia is a two year lay ministry/leader program for lay persons who want to explore their faith and spiritual gifts in a deeper way. It’s kind of like “Confirmation for Adults”—two years of intentional study and learning for those who want to take their faith journey to the next level. Twelve courses over two years provide a deep theological grounding in these classic topics: Old and New Testament, Early Church History, Worship, Ethics, Doctrine, Creeds and Confessions, Lutheran Church in North America, Daily Life of a Christian, and practical ministry courses too: Visitation, Biblical Images of the Church, and Communicating the Gospel. Weekly classes are held. See John Bennethum or Pastor Bryant for further information.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW BISHOP**

The Rev. Paul D. Erickson was elected on June 4, 2016 to a six-year term as bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He will be installed at a festive service of Holy Communion on Saturday, October 8th, at 2pm, at St. Matthew’s Lutheran in Wauwatosa. Your prayers and presence are requested! Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will preside.

**FALL ORGAN CONCERT**

Incarnation Lutheran Church, 1510 W. Keefe, will present a Fall Organ Concert on Sunday, October 9th at 2 pm. The hour long concert will be followed by refreshments. A free will offering to benefit the church’s organ restoration fund.

**NEW BISHOP ELECTED IN TANZANIA**

We celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania upon the election of Pastor Elias Kitoi Nsarsari as Bishop-Elect. Pastor Elias is a native Tanzanian who has served here in the Greater Milwaukee Synod for the last 20 years. He will succeed Bishop Paulo Akyoo who has served as Bishop since the formation of the Diocese in 1992.

(from “Next Steps”, p.1, St John’s Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI)

**PREPARING FOR MARTIN LUTHER’S 500TH BIRTHDAY**

Under the program “500 Trees for 500 Years” initiated by Lutheran World Federation (LWF), the synod is encouraging congregations to plant a total of 500 trees to commemorate the reformation in a life giving way. This program will be coordinated through the GMS clusters. $250 will be available to each cluster once a cluster plan is in place to plant at least 50 trees and raise at least $250 towards planting trees. Clusters and congregations are encouraged to plant more than 50 trees and to plant larger trees, however all trees, even $1 trees, will count. Congratulations to the Diocese of Meru committee for committing to plant our first reformation commemoration tree. The committee voted to plant a tree in the Wittenberg Garden in honor of retiring Bishop Paulo Akyoo’s service to the Meru Diocese. This is wonderful news. Marie LePage is attending Milwaukee Synod meetings and will keep us informed about tree plantings!
CLEMENT MANOR
Center for Enrichment
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

Lifelong Learning Book Club - 1st Tue. at 12pm
October 4 - The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
November 1 - The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

Tuesday’s Bridge Group - Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Club Loomineers - A No-Needle Knitting Group. Meets First Wednesday of every month 12pm

Write-On: A Weekly Writer’s Group - Meets every Wednesday from 1-2pm. Any kind of writing you want.

Early Stage Support Group - Meets first Monday of each month from 2:30-4pm. For those in early stages of Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia and their care partners.

Alzheimer’s Assoc. Family/Caregiver Support
Meets third Wednesday of each month from 2-3pm.
Call 546-7302 for registration or information.

GOOD SAMARITAN OUTREACH CENTER
Please continue to bring donations of food for Good Samaritan Outreach Center. They are also requesting donations of Bibles. There is a box in the narthex at Nativity for your donations.

RECYCLE YOUR BIBLES!

Seems like we’re all cleaning house. Do you have a lot of old family Bibles on the shelf you hate to part with? It’s OK! Take a picture, or remove, the "presented to" page. Save the family tree pages that great grandma wrote in. Then if it’s still in good shape, donate it to Good Samaritan Outreach Center. If it’s too worn to read, you won’t read it either - you probably have a newer version. Then it’s really OK to put it in recycling!

LUTHER MANOR
A Life Plan Community
4545 N. 92nd St., Wauwatosa

Laugh & Learn at Luther Manor this Fall!

“More Witty, More Wise, Still Weathered” Sept. 30th, 7pm; Oct. 1st, 2pm
Free, lighthearted performance reminiscent of Olde Tyme Radio, including music & skits

“Taking the Hassle Out of Downsizing & Moving One Step at a Time” Oct. 20th, 10am

“Having Important Life Planning Conversations With Seniors You Love” Oct. 26th, 4pm

On the Lighter Side

“Dad’s thankful service finished in time to rush home and see the big game!”
**This ‘n That Around Here**

**FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCES 2015**

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**BIBLE QUIZ…**

It’s intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn’t mention autumn?

A. Matthew  
B. Jeremiah  
C. Proverbs  
D. Jude  

Answer: See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12; Matthew 6:11 (one’s a trick!)

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**Interfaith Older Adult Programs**

**Solving the Senior Transportation Problem With Your Help – Three Easy Ways to Get Involved!**

Be it in the city, suburbs or the country, every day across Southeast Wisconsin seniors need a way to get to the doctor, grocery store, library, or other places they can no longer drive themselves. That’s why Interfaith created Drive. Give. Serve. It’s three easy ways to help solve one of our community’s biggest problems – senior transportation. Call 414-220-8655 to get involved!

**Homebound? On Vacation?**

If you’ve been away, or are homebound and unable to get to church, listen to Pastor Bryant’s wonderful sermons by clicking on the Sermon button on First Lutheran’s website at www.firstlutheranelca.org.

**Council Info…**

If you want to keep up with the actions of the First Lutheran church council and committee, you can find minutes and reports posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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need pastoral care?  
contact us!

Please remember to notify the pastor or church office if you are ill or hospitalized so that we can offer prayer and support directly to you. If you have a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, death in the family, etc.,) you can reach Pastor Bryant by calling him at (414)856-7672.
### First Lutheran

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### First Lutheran Birthdays

- 10/1  Gail Sopa
- 10/3  Pita Garcia
- 10/3  Marie LePage
- 10/3  Rylee Siskoy
- 10/8  Odemaris Dixon
- 10/8  Henry Hammerling
- 10/11 Linda Grulke
- 10/13 Cindy Labadie
- 10/16 Carrie Pflugradt
- 10/20 Elizabeth Gray
- 10/21 Myra Shields
- 10/21 Barbara Troller
- 10/22 Bradley Fox
- 10/22 Gloria Grassell
- 11/3  Romelle Wilson
- 11/5  Debra Mariscal
- 11/6  Makinon Herbert
- 11/6  Karlie Marquez
- 11/7  Katlynn Trader
- 11/8  Dominic Dixon
- 11/10 Lorenzo Dixon
- 11/10 Richard Reinhard
- 11/13 Kevin Siskoy
- 11/14 Cindy Roesler
- 11/18 Thomas Wilson
- 11/21 Jace Spinks
- 11/26 Elsie Boese

### Nativity Lutheran Birthdays

- 10/10 Dale Isotalo
- 10/13 Breny Ormaeche
- 10/17 Robert Saur
- 10/26 Harriet Miller
- 11/3  Jean Leppien
- 11/3  Noel Maitine, Jr.
- 11/7  Arne Sandberg
- 11/9  Helen Peterson
- 11/14 Jeanette Mortier
- 11/15 Julieta Espino
- 11/20 Ruby Horst
- 11/21 Paul Garza
- 11/22 Marlene Smith
- 11/23 Rebecca Reinert
- 11/24 James Fierst
- 11/24 Matthew Avendano
- 11/25 Gene Reynolds

### As a community we pray for those with immediate needs of healing and strength:

- Steve Clark, Mike Dowd, Terry Favre, Patricia Frailey, Tom Hackl, Jody Monty, Dennis Schoberg Sr., Chrystel Schumann

### For our homebound members & those with ongoing concerns:

- **From Nativity:** Carol Garza, Ruby Horst, Dorothea Isermann, Louise Kohn, James Larson, Harriet Miller, Helen Peterson, Jeanne Vermeulen
- **From First:** Gail Bartoleria, Pastor Tim Benninghoff, Marlin Bradway, Beverly Brunn, Marie Casto, LaVerne Guthrie, Pr. Henry Hammerling, John Isaacson, Earl Junck, Alfred Korth, Virginia Martin, Richard Reinhard, Betty Roeder, Myra Shields, Joyce Staub, Lois Taylor, Barbara Troller and Pat Zuback

### For all those serving in the armed forces:

- Sean Brown, Robert Chrzanowski, Jason Dowhie, Andrew Dowd, David MacDonald, Sam Rogers, Robert Simmer and Zach Tennison

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**PRAYER CAN HELP...**

If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need. If you are interested in joining a prayer chain, contact the church office.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Dorothy Daniels who died on September 8th. May the hope of the resurrection give them peace.
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Henry Hammerling, Pastor Emeritus at First
Dennis Jon Wolfgang, Dir. of Music/Organist
Jamie Schoberg, Sunday School Superintendent
Barb Reed, Secretary
Natalie Jaeger, Custodian, First Lutheran

Worship With Us:
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. First Lutheran
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. at First Lutheran
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity Lutheran

Sunday School is at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays
at First Lutheran

If you no longer wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the church office.