A WORD FROM OUR NEW
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT

As your new Sunday School Superintendent, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Mari Mitchell, and I am a retired high school English teacher of 31 years. After I retired, I was a substitute teacher for K-12. My husband and I moved to West Allis this past September from the Madison area, and I’m happy to have a new church home. I will be distributing a survey on Sunday School in the Mother’s Day bulletin. I will also be canvassing the area around First Lutheran to determine the needs of our neighbors.

I look forward to meeting you. Thank you for letting me serve you!

Mari Mitchell

Important Dates to Remember:

5/9-10  Mother’s Day Weekend
5/15-16  Nativity Rummage & Plant Sale
5/16   First Lutheran Bake Sale
5/25  Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
6/20-21  Father’s Day Weekend
7/21   First Lutheran Block Party

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First and Nativity
Lutheran Churches (ELCA)
Henry Hammerling, Pastor Emeritus at First
Dennis Jon Wolfgang, Dir. of Music/Organist
Shirley Cogan, Mission Interpreter
Barb Reed, Secretary
Natalie Jaeger, Custodian, First Lutheran

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am to 12pm
Office located at 7400 W. Lapham, West Allis
(414)476-4664
Who Do You Remember?

Who do you remember during the month of May? I remember my Mother, Ella Bennethum, (1912-1992) and all of the other Mothers who have touched my life. Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th and we should take time to thank all of women who support us in our many endeavors. They are always there to provide their special insights and encouragement! Without them many of our efforts would fall short of their goals. Let us never take them for granted and always tell them how much we appreciate them.

Then too, the month of May brings May 16th Armed Forces Day. I remember my many students who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country by giving their lives in its defense. I remember those of my friends who came back with serious injuries which changed their lives forever. Lives broken by the ravages of war. I am also aware of the many men and women who actively serve in America’s Armed Forces in the four corners of the world even as I write these lines. They secure our freedom at great cost! We also remember them on Memorial Day which this year falls on Monday, May 25th. We should never forget these sacrifices nor take them for granted.

“I know, O LORD, that a man’s life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.” (Jeremiah 10:23) “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me: your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” (Psalm 23:4-6)

Who Do you Remember? Happy Mother’s Day and fond remembrances.

Chaplain John

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Christian Sympathy

Please keep the family of Jacquelin Judkins in your prayers. Jackie passed away on April 24th, and will be missed by her friends at First Lutheran.

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NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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VICE PRESIDENT: MAUREEN JONES
SECRETARY: NICOLE DEBACK
TREASURER: JILL MICKELSON
Mission Interpreter: Shirley Cogan

Nativity: an inviting and nurturing community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and serving Christ

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TREASURER: WERNER BAYER

Christian Education: Mari Mitchell
Evangelism: Joy Dowd
Finance: Werner Bayer
Memorial Fund: Marie LePage
Mission Interpreter: Shirley Cogan
Social Ministry: Earl Casto
Stewardship: Vacant Position
Worship & Music: John Bennethum

Reaching out in our community to share the Word of God
**Worship and Study**

**Worship Matters**

*by John Bennethum*

The Easter SEASON continues during the month of May (White). We have 7 Sundays after Easter this year. Ascension Day is May 14 (= 40 days after Easter) and PENTECOST (the Birthday of the Church, 50 days after Easter) (Red) is May 24th. The Festival half of the Church Year ends with The Holy Trinity on May 31st (White). We will continue to have SUPPLY PASTORS as we continue our search for a new Pastor. The Call Committee interviewed a potential candidate on April 20th.

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**Tuesday Bible Class**

During May the Bible Class will be studying the Book of Esther. This is an interesting book with a secular style that is enjoyable to read. Come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. John Bennethum is our Teacher. Bring your Bible and join the discussion. After class, some of us have lunch at a local restaurant, and we’d love to have you join us.

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**For Women Only**

The Women’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. They’re studying the 100 most important stories in the Bible. Materials are available and new members are always welcome!

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**No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.**

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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 Marie Le Page (First Lutheran), Laverne Breed (Nativity Lutheran) or the church office.
Greetings Friends,

On Sunday we heard about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He is our Shepherd and we are His flock. We were also reminded that He loves us and He told us to love one another - everyone (not just family)!

It reminded me of one of my favorite poems. It’s called “Huggin & Lovin” by Walter J. Roob. I want to share it with you.

Ever wonder what your hug can do?
You can help someone when they’re blue.
Your hug can say “I love you so,”
Or “I hate to see you go.”
Your hug can say “Hi again,”
“I love you,” or “How’ve you been?”
Your hug can heal a hurt,
When a friend’s been done some dirt.
Your hug has heavenly beauty about it.
You can hardly live without it.
Your hug delights, thrills, and charms.
That’s why God gave you arms.
Hug and love your father and mother.
Show God’s love to sister and brother.
Huggin’s great with your grandpa.
It’s even warmer with your grandma.
Little puppies and kittens, too,
Love lovin’ and huggin’ from you.
Every human being, slave or king,
Knows that huggin’ is “The thing.”
Language is no barrier with huggin’. If God is Love, huggin’ is lovin’.

In closing, try some Huggin’ - Mom first. It’s her special day on the 10th. Hug other family members, too. And then hug everyone you meet, for they are Jesus’ family, and yours, too!

Happy Mother’s Day, moms! Happy Spring!

Sincerely, Shirley Cogan

Celebrating Mother’s Day May 9-10

Be sure to bring your mom to church and join us for services on Mother’s Day weekend. We’ll be honoring mothers and those that provide motherly care, with special prayers during services that weekend.
Thank you to Heritage Senior Living Center on 79th and National for their donation of $1,300 to our food pantry. The check presentation took place at the food pantry on April 10th. The donation reflects the proceeds of a lunch/dinner special event held by them earlier in the year. To add to the fun, Heritage invited 8 members of their staff to join us that day as volunteers. We really appreciate their help and involvement as a community partner. Just a note, Heritage continues to serve lunches and dinners to raise funds for various charities. Be sure to watch email announcements forwarded by the office and support their efforts for others as others support us.

God continues to bless our pantry with resources to help others. As a result of this year’s fundraising campaign “Home runs for Hunger”, which ran from January 1 through Easter, we’ve added $2,100 to our account. Thank you to church members and friends, other churches and community sources for their donations! We appreciate your help with food and funds and we continue to be blessed with wonderful volunteers who give of their time each week. We’d also like to thank Pastor Carol Hegland and Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins for greeting visitors and ministering to their needs each Friday in April.

Some items that the food pantry can always use are canned meats, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly. We purchase some of our food by the pound at Feeding America, and these items weigh a lot! Watch for sales, save those coupons, and buy a few extra jars or cans the next time you shop.

 Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.‘
Matthew 25:40

Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers’ graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.
**Special Thanks**

Thanks to all who helped make the First Lutheran Irish Concert and Dinner a success. We raised over $1500.00 to support our ministries! Your support of this major fundraiser for First Lutheran was greatly appreciated!

Thank you to those who donated “benefit drawing” baskets and to these local businesses for their donations:

- Eden Garden and Pets, West Allis
- Finn McGuire’s Irish Pub & Grill, Hales Corners
- Hawthorne Coffee Roasters, West Allis
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Mystic Ireland Shop, Elm Grove, National Sign and Design, West Allis
- Mari Dixon- Mary Kay Consultant, West Allis
- Pegasus Restaurant, West Allis
- Pick N Save, West Allis
- Plumbing Parts Plus, West Allis
- Salon Dovini, West Allis
- Sons of the American Legion, Todd Post, West Allis
- Trinity Irish Dancers

When you patronize these businesses please mention that you are aware of their sponsorship of our event.

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**Nativity Outreach**

During the month of May, Nativity will be collecting non-perishable items such as peanut butter, jelly, noodles, canned vegetables, sugar and flour for the Good Samaritan Outreach Center. Place your donations in the box in the narthex.

Nativity’s WELCA will be collecting cookies for Habitat for Humanity, and will pack them on May 9th at 10am. Cookies can be homemade or store-bought, and can be dropped off at Nativity on Mon., Wed. or Thurs. mornings. Leave them in the kitchen and mark them for Habitat for Humanity. You can also bring them to the church office by noon on May 8th. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Isotalo.

**Help Wanted at Nativity Lutheran**

The Rummage/Plant Sale is only a couple of weeks away! Start dividing your plants, bring in your gently used items that need a new home, and get ready to bake! If you need to make arrangements to drop off on a day other than Sunday, contact Don Brauch or the church office. A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Rummage & Plant Sale! May 15-16**

Come to Nativity for their annual sale from 8a-4p. You never know what bargains you might find! Bakery, too!
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Worship & communion at Emergency Lutheran are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Carson Baptist Church worships at First Lutheran at 12:00 p.m. every Sunday.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Pentecost

Memorial Day
# NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
## May 2015

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*Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend*
WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER
7001 W. National

The West Allis Senior Center has many helpful programs available.

Stockbox - A box of healthy food once/month provided by the Hunger Task Force.

AARP Tax Assistance Program

Senior Nutrition Programs

SeniorLAW - a Program of Legal Action of Wisconsin.

There are also many activities taking place at the center such as trips, classes and support groups. Contact the center for more information at (414)302-8700.

Clement Manor
Center for Enrichment
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

Keynote Speaker - 1:30-3:00 p.m.
May 28 - From Heathen to Hero: American Indian Participation in WWII. Dawn Scher Thomae, Milwaukee Public Museum will explore American Indian involvement in the war beyond the Navajo Code Talkers.

Lifelong Learning Book Club - 1st Tue. at 12pm
May 5 - The Fever Tree by Jennifer Harman
June 2 - Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

Club Loomineers - A No-Needle Knitting Group
1st Wed. of month. 12pm. No charge.

Bridge Group - Every Tues. - 9-11 am


Call Clement Manor at 546-7302 for registration or info.

Catch Us on the Web...
Check out First Lutheran’s website at: www.firstlutheranelca.org
You can find information on our activities, view an online version of the First and Nativity newsletter in color (and save postage), and see upcoming events.

It’s Fish Fry Season at Lutherdale!

Head to Lutherdale Bible Camp for a delicious fish fry on Friday, May 29, from 4:30-7pm. Dinners include baked or fried cod, choice of potato, cole slaw, bread & butter, applesauce, beverage and dessert. A specialty fish choice will also be available. Cost is $12 for adults and $7 for youth 12 and under.

While you’re there, take a walk around the camp, sit by the lake, and enjoy the outdoors. Contact the church office for more information on the camp.

Lutherdale Bible Camp is located at N7891 Hwy. 12, Elkhorn.

ST. JOHN’S MUSIC CAMP

“GO AND TELL OF JESUS AND HIS LOVE”

Singing! Drumming! Movement! Bible Stories! Handbells! Drama! And….Lots of Fun!

June 15-18 from 9am-12pm

St. John’s Lutheran
20275 Davidson Rd., Brookfield

For children who have completed 4 yr. old Kindergarten through 6th grade by June, 2015.

Cost: $15 for first child, $10 for each additional child in the family. Includes T-shirt, daily snacks and Thursday Family Picnic

Register at www.makedisciples.com or call (262)786-6887 for forms.
**National Night Out Block Party**

Be sure to save the date for our yearly National Night Out Block Party on Tuesday, July 21, from 6-8 pm. Our party is the day after the city-wide celebration at the Farmer’s Market on Monday.

We will be selling soda, juice boxes and bottled water to help cover expenses and are requesting donations of each so we can sell it at “family friendly” prices. Best sellers are coke, diet coke, root beer and sprite but any brands or flavors are welcome. We know that July is a way off, but want to give you plenty of time to watch for sales and coupons. Write “Block Party” on the box and drop it off in the office anytime now.

**First Lutheran Chair Lift Update:**

The shop drawings were completed and sent to the state. A state permit has been issued and they are assembling the chair lift at the factory. We'll keep you informed when we are given a date for installation. They tell me that installation is only a one day process.

Werner Bayer
Chairman, Handicap Access Committee

**Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund**

Every year in September we bless the quilts and school kits made lovingly by the quilters at each church. We collect funds to help Lutheran World Relief offset the cost of shipping these much needed quilts and kits around the world. Right now we have an opportunity to have donations to this fund matched dollar for dollar by the Rupert Dunklau Foundation. We only have until May 10th to collect this money. Please consider making a contribution using the envelopes provided at each church. After May 10th, each church will send in the donations. Please be generous! This is a great opportunity to support Lutheran World Relief.

**Bake Sale! May 16th**

3-5 p.m.

Get your oven heated up, look up those favorite recipes, and get some goodies ready to sell! Bring bakery to church by noon on 5/16. Items can be left in the church office and should be clearly marked “Bake Sale” If possible, please have bakery wrapped & packaged for sale. Items that remain will be sold prior to worship services. Proceeds will benefit First Lutheran Ministries.

**Many Thanks…**

to my friends at First Lutheran for all of your cards, prayers and phone calls while I was recovering from my stroke. It meant a lot to me to know that I had so many friends at my side. Thanks and God’s blessings to you all.

Sandy Wymelenberg
FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCES 2015

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Note: Expenses include a $7,261.50 down payment for chair lift.

FIRST LUTHERAN ATTENDANCE

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Nativity Lutheran

5/7  James & Audrey Fierst       60 yrs.
5/20 Gary & Cheryl Brautigam     48 yrs.

First Lutheran

5/2  Mike & Greta Plicka        28 yrs.
5/4  Dale & Sharon Phillippo    52 yrs.
5/5  Daniel & Brittany LaSavage 3 yrs.
5/15 Bradley & Lela Fox        22 yrs.
5/21 Jason & Crystal Zehe      11 yrs.

BIBLE QUIZ...

According to Acts 2, on Pentecost some people accused the disciples of being drunk. Why?

A. Because they were still asleep at 9 in the morning.
B. Because all the wine was gone.
C. Because they were all speaking in foreign languages.
D. All of the above.

Blessing of Mothers

Gracious God,
in love you have given us the gift of mothers.
Grant to each of them your power and grace.
Strengthen them in their mothering
with tenderness and understanding,
with compassion and joy.
Endow them with wisdom and knowledge
so that they might teach their children
how to live and how to love;
how to seek and pursue that which is right and true;
how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong.
Deepen their own faith
so that they might instill in their children a love for you
that will sustain and keep them their whole life long.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Worship With Us

Saturday
5:30 p.m. at
First Lutheran

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
at First Lutheran
11:00 a.m. at
Nativity Lutheran

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