Servant Leadership

From Christ’s perspective, a true leader is a servant, committed to the success of each individual in the group. Jesus did not criticize his disciples’ desire to lead; he just showed them how to do it by washing their feet. ... The essence of spiritual leadership, therefore, is following Jesus and serving people. People rebel against controlling leaders, but it is impossible to rebel against a servant.

—Geoff Gorsuch, Brothers! Calling Men Into Vital Relationships

A Prayer for Neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world’s sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours — a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.

—Peter Marshall
Bible Study

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

On September 15th, Pastor Paul Bulgerin, from Grace Lutheran in Grafton, spoke to the class about a recent trip to Greece, Turkey and Italy, following in the footsteps of the apostle Paul. Those present were treated to beautiful pictures and interesting Biblical history.

During October we will continue our study of the Book of Acts. We will meet on the 2,9,16,23 and 30th from 10:00-11:00am in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. Bring your Bible and join us. If you haven’t been part of our study before, consider being a part of our group. Acts is a great book to begin on.

John Bennethum is our Teacher.

Greater Milwaukee Synod

LUTHERDALE TRAVEL MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Bring a friend and your appetite on Mon., Oct. 8th. Come hear about Lutherdale’s travel plans for 2019. Expanded offerings for those 50 and over include day trips, 3-5 day trips and 7-9 day trips.

- 11 a.m. travel ministry presentation,
- 12 p.m. special fall harvest lunch
  $15/person. RSVP to 262-742-2352

Lutherdale is located at N7891 US Highway 12 in Elkhorn.

LUTHER MANOR

“Lives Well Lived”, acclaimed feature film which celebrates the incredible wit, wisdom and life experiences of seniors who are living life to the fullest, will be presented on Thurs., Oct. 18th at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to 464-3880.

Holiday Bazaar - Fri., Oct. 12, 7am - 3pm
Shop for handcrafted items created by the residents and volunteers. Holiday Bazaar items will include scarves, jewelry, quilts, and ornaments as well as the ever-popular bean soup mix and bakery items. Some furniture and floral arrangements will also be available. Proceeds from the sale benefit Luther Manor programs and services.

Luther Manor’s Faith & Education Center is located at 4545 N. 92nd St.
On September 15th, at 2:00 p.m., members of Nativity and First Lutheran Churches, along with members of Bay Shore Lutheran, Hepatha Lutheran, Christ Lutheran in Arcadia and Luther Memorial in Delavan, celebrated communion with each other at Gus Barnes’ ordination service at Bay Shore Lutheran in Whitefish Bay.
Nativity is 85 this year. Here are some of the events, 85 years ago, in October of 1933, that were occurring the year that like-minded people established our church.

- Scientist Albert Einstein arrived as a German refugee and permanently settled in the USA
- The US Army Disciplinary Barracks on Alcatraz was acquired by the US Department of Justice (with plans to incorporate the island as a federal penitentiary)
- Germany announced its withdrawal from the League of Nations and the World Disarmament Conference
- A bomb destroys a commercial airplane on a transcontinental flight in mid-air over Indiana, killing all 7 on board (the first proven case of sabotage in civil aviation, although no suspect was ever identified)
- Esquire (billing itself as “the magazine for men”) published its first issue and quickly sold the first 100,000 issues despite the high cover price of fifty cents
- The last lynching in Maryland took place when a mob of more than 1,000 people surrounded the jail, and dragged George Armwood through the streets and hanged him, then brought his body back to the courthouse where it was hung from a telephone pole and burned

Halloween Spooktacular
October 27, 2018, at 2 PM is the date for the upcoming fall concert Halloween Spooktacular at Nativity. The Halloween Spooktacular will feature Rev. Gus Barnes, Jr., Susan Platt and Dennis Jon Wolfgang, and contain two new works - the “Dracula Suite” by Janet Correll and Disney’s “The Twisted Scarols” from “Haunted Mansion Holiday”, as well as highlights from Andrew Lloyd Webber’s soaring musical masterpiece “Phantom of the Opera”.

This year, the Halloween Spooktacular also features YOU, because this year you can (if the “spirit” moves you) pull your best ideas out of the closet and wear them to win a prize for best costume! So come and join in the fun!

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.
IT’S COMING! TIME FOR THE ANNUAL NATIVITY NOVEMBER RUMMAGE SALE! Calling everyone with too much “stuff” – it is time for the annual Nativity November rummage sale! Let Nativity help to lighten your load by bringing that “stuff” to Nativity. Volunteers for setup, and the sale, and breakdown are always welcome. And don’t forget that Nativity can use your tasty treats for the bake sale! Thank you, and mark your calendars for the sale now!

CALLING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
This year, when we were in the process of packaging all your donations into school kits, Nativity finds that we are short rulers and scissors. So if you are helping your family put their own school supplies together, consider adding a few extra items like rulers and scissors for Nativity.

One unfortunate note – the Playskool brand of crayons found at the Dollar Tree have been found to contain asbestos. Just a heads up so you can avoid those for your family and for Nativity.

Trying out a new recipe?
Too many brownies? Bring your favorite treat, a box of donuts, or a bag of bagels to the Nativity coffee hour. Nativity and your fellow churchgoers will appreciate your delicious donations. You can co-ordinate those tasty treats with Don and Joan Brauch.

Nativity Lutheran celebrated 85 years of the Lord’s service on Sunday, September 9th, with a service from the 1958 hymnal, and a picnic on the lawn.
Olive Rai, daughter of Carrie & Joe Muffler, was baptized by Pastor Bryant on Sept. 9th.

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**
KICKOFF TO FALL SERVICES
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH A SPECIAL ICE CREAM TREAT
Thanks to those who provided the treats and supplies!

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**
Saturday, Nov. 3rd
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Do your early Christmas shopping! Tupperware, Partylite, knitted goods, board paintings, stamped goods, handmade greeting cards, Arbonne make-up, jewelry, handmade wooden carved pens & pencils, handcrafted purses and much more!

Bake Sale, Raffle and Lunch, too!
Come Join the Fun!
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING**

Operation Christmas Stocking will be collecting items for our December Christmas distribution again this year. We are asking for items that we can give to the men, women and children that come to the Food Pantry. This year we are looking for the following items: men’s socks, hats and gloves. For the children we would like activity books for ages 8, 9 and 10 year olds. Items can be dropped off in the Operation Christmas Stocking barrel in the narthex, or in the Church office.

We would like to thank the Leonard and Plicka families for their generous support of the project.

Remember to save your leftover Halloween candy for our bags & coffee mugs!

Respectfully submitted,
Co/Chairs Jaqueline Bayer/Greta Plicka

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**Sunday School At First Lutheran**

**Superheroes of the Bible**

Each week includes a lesson about a well-known Bible Hero and their story. Along with the weekly lesson there are crafts, science, games and music. In September our lessons included "The Battle of Jericho" and "Jonah and the Big Fish". During the children’s sermon Pastor Bakkum talked about baptism. A few minutes later we got to observe Kitty’s sister Olive get baptized. Linda did the "Joshua Experiment" focusing on faith and trust. We built the Wall of Jericho and acted out the story. After Sunday school everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Social. Thank you Lori for taking pictures of the days events. In October our lessons will include "Noah's Ark" and "Joseph and The Coat of Many Colors".

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**WhereDoYouFit? CAN YOU HELP?**

We’re looking for volunteers to help with the Holiday Fair on November 3rd. We could use people to help with the bake sale and raffle table. You can work from 9-12, or 12-3, or the whole 6 hours of the fair. We’ll also need donations of baked goods for our bake sale, food products for the hot dog/chili lunch. See the board and sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer!

Check the Sunday bulletins for updates on our "God’s Global Barnyard" project. There are Barn and Piggy banks in the narthex to take home to put your spare change in. When they are full return them and the children will use the money to purchase animals for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family end the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. You can also put your spare change in the barn that Marie LePage made for us in the Narthex. As of September 9, 2018 our Global Barnyard account is $28.61. Matt Grulke will be counting our money and giving us updates. Thank you Matt for helping us out.
Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with our Pet Blessing Service on Sept 8th. We had lots of “fur babies” and their human caretakers come for the special blessing.

The next time you visit Eden Garden and Pets, located at 1439 S. 70 St, thank them for their kind donation of bags of pet treats. Thanks, also, to West Allis Animal Hospital for their donation of pens for the event.

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

“Deb, at Good Samaritan Outreach, are so very indebted to you for your recent gift for our food pantry. Please know that your donation will be put to good use.”

“I personally THANK-YOU with all my heart for your on-going generosity to the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic! Your support in many ways is a life line for us! It helps us do “God’s work. Our Hands.” in this world which has so many needs.”
Meet our Members...

Nancy Krizan has been a member of First Lutheran since she and her husband Ted purchased their home in West Allis, about 35 years ago. Nancy grew up in Milwaukee and attended high school at Girl’s Trade School on 19th and Wells. The Trade school taught cooking, sewing and secretarial skills to young women. She recalls that for her final exam for graduation, she had to cook and serve a meal to the teachers while wearing a dress that she had sewn. She and Ted met in the late 1940’s at the Eagles ballroom and married in 1949 at Cross Lutheran Church. Nancy’s real passion was sewing. During the Korean War, she worked at a shop sewing white uniforms for the Army (snow camouflage) and later heavier uniforms for the Navy. Nancy later got a job at American Motors where she began sewing seat covers for cars, worked on the assembly line and retired from the Parts Department for Chrysler. Nancy has helped in the office and kitchen here at First and recently retired from her position on the Altar Guild. She continues to sew at home for the Quilters. Nancy and Ted will celebrate their 70th anniversary in June. They raised 5 children and have 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. They’ve enjoyed camping and a rousing game of sheepshead. Ted is a WWII veteran and retired from the GE plant in West Milwaukee.

Did You Know....

West Allis Firefighter, Chad Staszak, witnessed a woman collapse while attending a music festival in West Bend in August. Staszak said, “I knew I needed to step in and help and initiated CPR with chest compressions. He then felt a strike to the back of his head by a bystander who was arrested and charged with multiple counts. Despite all this he kept his composure and continued CPR. Unfortunately, the 80 year old women did not survive. West Allis Mayor and West Bend Police Chief have commended Staszak for his efforts. The victims family stated “We are thankful for his help, including when he offered to drive us to the hospital”.

Chad Staszak is the son of Heidi Leiser---“I’m so very proud of him”.

August Financial Summary Report 2018

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YTD income is falling short of expenses by ($15,071.44).

God made a commitment to us, what is our commitment to him?
Out and About in Our Community

CLEMENT MANOR
Center for Enrichment
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

“A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF JOHN MUIR”
Presented by Paul Akert
Oct. 25, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

John Muir was one of America’s most famous and influential naturalists and conservationists. He is one of California’s most important historical personalities. He has been called “The Father of Our National Parks”. Paul Akert will come as John Muir to share a glimpse of his life from Scotland to America through stories and pictures.

$3 for members, $5 for non-members.

AARP Smart Driver Course
Oct. 23, 12:15-4:30 p.m.
Class size limited to 18 participants

Call 546-7302 to register for either program.

HUNGER TASK FORCE
STOCK BOX DELIVERY
WEST ALLIS SENIOR CENTER
7001 W. NATIONAL AVE.

The next West Allis distribution at the Senior Center will be on Oct. 9th between 1-2 p.m.

JUST A “CLICK” AWAY
If travels, illness or schedule conflicts have kept you away, Pastor Bryant’s weekly sermons are available on our webpage. You can either listen to an audio recording or read them online. If you are receiving this newsletter online, use this link to access the sermons at: https://bryantbakkum.wordpress.com/. Read them online by selecting the MEDIA tab on our web page at firstlutheranelca.org or at firstlutheranelca.com.

What’s Happening in West Allis?

Sun., Oct. 7th, 10a.m.—3p.m.
28th Annual Downtown West Allis Classic Car Show

Sat., Oct. 28th, 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come in costume and receive treats from downtown merchants

Trick or treat will be held in West Allis on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

WAYS TO SERVE...
If you are thinking of “giving back” this fall, we could use more help at the Food Pantry check-in desk signing people in, cooking, dishwashing, serving food and cleaning up.

The food pantry could use gallon and quart sized Ziplock style bags to “downsize” big bags of vegetables into smaller bags, so we can help more people. Drop them off in the office.
October Birthdays…
First Lutheran
10/1     Gail Sopa
10/3     Pita Garcia
10/3     Marie LePage
10/8     Odemaris Dixon
10/11    Linda Grule
10/13    Cindy Labadie
10/16    Carrie Pflugradt
10/17    Earl Casto Jr.
10/20    Elizabeth Gray
10/21    Myra Shields
10/22    Gloria Grassell

October Birthdays…
Nativity Lutheran
10/10    Dale Isotalo
10/17    Robert Saur II
10/26    Harriet Miller
10/28    Carol Garza

October Anniversaries
10/6     William & Guyon Metzen (N)  56 yrs.
10/21    James & Sandra Larson (N)   46 yrs.
10/26    Daniel & Gail Sopa (F)      44 yrs.

CALL ON HIS NAME

Who was Moses’ father-in-law, and what was his occupation?
A. Joshua; shepherd
B. Miriam; tentmaker
C. Aaron; farmer
D. Jethro; priest
Answer: (See Exodus 3:1.)

What’s the Church Council doing?
First Lutheran’s church council minutes and reports are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office as soon as they are available.

Friendly Reminders
Remember to notify the church office of any address, phone or email changes!

Need pastoral care?
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 (death in the family, hospitalization, etc.), you can reach Pastor Bryant by calling him at (414)768-3670.

"Could we study Exodus instead of the book of Acts?"
First and Nativity Lutheran Churches (ELCA)
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am to 12pm
Office located at 7400 W. Lapham, West Allis
(414)476-4664

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

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Wauwatosa, WI
www.nativitylutheran.us
Nativity Phone: 414-476-1853

Oct. 27th, 2:00 p.m. Nativity’s Halloween Spooktacular Concert
Nov. 3, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. First Lutheran’s Holiday Fair
Nov. 2-3 & 9-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nativity’s Fall Rummage Sale
Dec. 15th, 9 a.m. First Lutheran’s Sunday School Christmas Program

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