

United Redeemer Lutheran Church

“The VOICE”

May 2018

It actually arrived! It showed up! It's happening! All the world around us, here in Minnesota, seem to be basking in the reality of spring- Basking in the warmth of the sun. I think we appreciate this spring more than ever, don't you? And when the plants and flowers start pushing their heads through the unfrozen soil, we will quite possibly notice more than we ever have. When the buds on the trees open up and there is that beautiful mossy light green haze starting to fill the spaces of the branches we will quite possibly smile more deeply. It actually arrived and this Spring will capture our hearts in new ways, don't you think? And our souls.....perhaps they too will be captured in a newness too. That life is unpredictable, life comes to us in unexpected ways and moment, life is short and this life is gift. Yours, mine and the stranger we see on the path. Perhaps our souls will awaken to a fresh approach to caring for the planet-more aware of recycling, treading lightly, consuming less. Perhaps our souls will open up to forgiveness when we have chosen coldness and perhaps a dream will begin to unfold and stretch and truly give bloom where it once remained dormant afraid of failure or disappointment. The world is alive with wonder. And the truth is so do our very lives- we just have to pay attention, listen more and live with a renewed openness. Spring came.....we knew it would. Same for our very souls- same for the promises of God they are happening now and they will unfold -if we dare to believe. Happy Spring!!!! Let the newness capture of every pore of our being.

Pastor Marggi

Reminder

SUMMER HOURS

Start June 3rd

Service times are 8:30 and 9:30

URLC COUNCIL NOTES APRIL 16

The March 2018 minutes were approved.

It was noted that the council should update its closing procedure. Issues arose the weekend of April 14 that brought this to our attention.

The council was provided information about the cemetery board for the United cemetery. It was reported that there are currently three board members.

The council initiated a trust fund request for \$10,000 for the Project 3R costs.

It was reported by the property management committee that the fellowship hall furnaces and air conditioners need to be replaced after over 30 years of use. One quote received by the committee was for the replacement cost of \$18,616. A decision about how we will address the funding for the project will be addressed in May.

The resignation of Maryann Urban (Jubilee Bells director) was approved.

The next council meeting is set for Monday May 21 @ 6pm.

Following the regular council meeting the council met in a retreat format.

TRAVEL, TRAVEL AND MORE TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES!!

Cambodia and Vietnam, May 24-June 3rd, 2018

There is still time to sign up for this exciting and small private group experience through Intrepid Tours.

Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany Sept 16-26, 2020 (Please note that date is 2020).

This trip fills up quickly so if you are the least bit interested, please attend the info session. We will also be heading to Budapest and other destinations. We will travel with Collette Travel.

Traveling with Collette Travel Tours. This is a group trip which means we will join other travelers on this 4-5 star trip tour.

Cuba, November 3-13th, 2018

Travel in a private tour group with Pastor Marggi.

Brochures are available from Marggi. Havana, Vinales, Cienuegos and Trinidad will be our destinations. Contact Marggi even if you are just maybe thinking about it!!!!

Guatemala mission trip! March 9-18th, 2019

Sign up is on Pastor Marggi's door. There are a few openings left. It is necessary to begin planning early so we can get the best airfare prices.

Sign up and come along with us!

SFF!

Sunday Fellowship and Forum

Our time spent together in May wraps up the year for our organized times together in Sunday fellowship. May becomes a celebratory time for our fellowship gatherings. We will celebrate mothers with the Mother's Day brunch. The following Sunday we will celebrate the graduating Seniors that are members of URLC. Come and wish them well as they go forth and start their life's journey. There is nothing planned for the final Sunday of May, as it is Memorial Day weekend. Let's celebrate the beginning of "summer" and the change to our outdoor services. This is the May schedule as of this writing.

5/6: Open

5/13: Mother's Day Brunch

5/20: Senior Recognition Day

5/27: Memorial Day Weekend

We have covered a variety of topics this past year. We've welcomed a variety of speakers. We have also had plenty of opportunities to just sit and converse. Some of the topics we covered, the interest was generated by URLC members. Thank you, thank you.

What is in store for the fall? Did we cover all the information that we have on Martin Luther? Surprisingly he kind of got forgotten this year. There are still about 5 DVDs that we can use to further explore his life. I think there are members that have been on "Luther" tours in Germany. We'll look to tap members and friends of members if there are travelogue stories out there! The committee will likely be meeting again in August to tentatively plan for fall topics. If there is something that you as a member would like to see us discuss or have a presentation on let us know. Members of the committee are Wayne Radke, Nathan Hellyer, Mary Goplen, Marilyn Anderson and myself Genella Mussell. Our council rep is Linda Herrick.

As is stated with every listing in the VOICE or the weekly bulletin, Sunday Fellowship is a time when we gather together after the first service. There is always time to sit, talk and drink coffee. At about 9:15 or 9:20, there may be a presentation from a guest presenter, a video that prompts discussion, or simply time to continue to sit and talk if nothing has been planned. **Making coffee and serving the coffee is done on a volunteer basis. Everybody that served has survived the experience! Thank you to everyone whether you did it once or multiple times.**

So, for all the Forum suggestions and the volunteers this past year, the SFF Committee says "Thank You"

Genella Mussell

BULLETIN & VOICE DEADLINES

Any announcements for the bulletin, needs to be e-mailed or dropped off by Wednesday at Noon for the upcoming Sunday bulletin. Any announcements for the Voice needs to be emailed or dropped off by the 18th of the month for the following month's Voice.

WELCA News

May and Cinco de Mayo will be here. **WONDERFUL FOOD AND FUN!!!** More details below. **Plan to attend!!!** (WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE HELP.)

WELCA URL CIRCLES donate each month to the Woman's shelter. We use a schedule such as we use for the food shelf only items needed when someone leaves their home with nothing. Lately members have been a little "lax". Let's make up for it in May. **May will be toothpaste.** Maybe we can catch up!! You will feel good that you did it. You can bring them to circle meeting or use baskets across from the office door. It will be very much appreciated.

Think Spring, Leah Wichmann Hinz

WELCA CIRCLE'S

Rebekah Circle May 10th, 1:30pm Paula McDonald home

Naomi Circle May 19th, 9am Julie Baumberger home

WELCA BOARD MEETING

May 16th, 5:30pm, church gathering room, note date change

PRAYER CHAIN

Please pray for our members & friends with long-term illnesses, those recovering, and those in our hearts and thoughts. Also please keep praying for the families of all military personnel and world peace.

Sue Quam Evie Benrud Gracie Sather Richard Dahling Conway Jacobson Gary Dykman Martha Schaefer Lillian Froisland

*Pray for our pastors, staff, church council, transition committees and congregation as we work together to accomplish God's will and purpose.

Thank you from **Stay 'n Play** for allowing the kids to use the basement space for our indoor playtime. We had another great year with an average of 20 kids at each play date.

We are truly blessed to have such a large space for the kids to run off some of their winter energy.

—Melanie Lodermeier

Mother's Day Brunch

Coming May 13th

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!
Pay \$5 for 1 ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets

PRIZES*:

- \$100 Gift Card to Jenny's Greenhouse
- Yeti Cooler
- Tile creation from Wilson Install

MENU

- Ham
- Scrambled Eggs
- Omelets (*made to order*)
- Hot Oatmeal Bar
- Pancakes
- French Toast
- Fresh Fruit
- Assorted Desserts
- Hot & Cold Drinks

JOIN THE FUN

All morning free gifts to women present!
Bid at the Silent Auction!

Buy raffle tickets for the 3 prizes!
You do not need to be present to win

**Anyone willing to donate items to the Silent Auction, please contact Cindy or drop items at main office*

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MEAL DELIVERY

FOR THE

Sue Quam Family

They are in need of meals to be delivered to their home a couple times a week. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary or in the office.

If you have any questions
please call **JoAnn Ring at 507-732-5989**

Thank You

Maryann Urban for all your hard work
with the Jubilee Bells.

You will be missed!

YOUTH & FAMILY DIRECTOR'S PAGE

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

May 2nd 6:30-7:15pm Large Group Class

May 9th 6pm Picnic with Volleyball

May 13th is Youth Sunday

8am Acolytes: Brennan Sheda & Tate Miller

8am Reader: Soren Hellyer

8am Ushers: Morgan Archer & Sheridan Wilson

10:30am Acolytes: Emma Buck & Olivia Seymour

10:30am Reader: Rianne Buck

10:30am Ushers: Anna Lowrie & Matti Stensland

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you for a wonderful season of Sunday school! We look forward to VBS scheduled for July 30th-Aug. 2nd 5 – 8pm. We will start with a family supper & then go into our songs, games, crafts, & more! This is a **FREE** Vacation Bible School, & we invite any child 3-12yrs. to join us in the fun! Please sign up with Cindy at Youth@urlchurch.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER HELP—NEEDED

We are looking for teams to make another successful VBS year! These teams are: Food Team, Craft Team, & Activity Team. Please contact Cindy if you are interested in helping in one of these 3 areas. Those kiddo's would appreciate any help you can give us, to create a fun week!

NOISY OFFERING

Our next Noisy Offering is set for May 6th at both services. Save all your change to help support the Sunday school program.

7TH GRADE CLASS

We look forward to Confirmation Camp on Sun. June 10th-15th. We have 10 kids attending camp at Good Earth Village this year! Please go to the Good Earth Village web site to fill out your health form this month of MAY. See you at Camp!

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

We have 23 kids & 4 adults going on the June 26th-July 2nd Houston ELCA Youth Gathering. We look forward to our last two fundraisers: "Mother's Day Brunch" & the "Car Hop" set for June 15th.

"CBC" CHRISTIAN BREAKFAST CLUB

We are finishing up our weekly breakfasts this month. We'll end by letting Bridget at Bridget's Café cook for us on Wed. May 16th at 7am. Thanks for joining us each week kids!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

We are so excited to hold our annual brunch on Sun. May 13th from 9-noon. We are again serving our favorites: Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Made to order Omelets, French Toast, Fruit, Yogurt, & Cake! We'll draw for prizes all morning to the Women that attend! There will be a Silent Auction going all morning. We also have raffle tickets for 3 grand prizes, available now until noon on Mother's Day! The prizes are: YETI Cooler, \$100 Gift Certificate to "Jenny's Greenhouse" in Zumbro Falls, & a Tile Creation from Wilson Install. Raffle tickets are available before church each Sunday, & in the main church office for \$5 a ticket, or 5 for \$20. This event is freewill donation. All the funds collected help fund the Youth trip to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer.

SR. HIGH RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 20th we'll honor our 16 - 2018 Graduates! Please join us at either service to celebrate with word & song, and at the fellowship time in between services in the Reception Hall.

OUR 2018 GRADUATES ARE:

Luke Tupper, Luke Dahlen, Caden Steffen, Cole Lingbeck, Alex Miller, Lyndsey Quam, Madisen Enger, Kaitlynn Swanson, Brandi Weiland, Ben Knowlton, Hayden Stensland, Greta Gartner, Summer Gruhke, Conner Heitman, Lauren Miller, & Matt Moreno.

Worship Assistants May 1st - June 1st

IF YOU CAN'T BE AN ASSISTANT ON THE DAY YOU ARE LISTED PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A REPLACEMENT.

05/06/2018		AV: Jim Esser
		Noisy Offering
	8:00 AM	Acolytes: Landon Chandler &
	8:00 AM	Communion: _____
	8:00 AM	Reader: Jessica Ottem
	8:00 AM	Ushers: Darren and Linda Pahl
	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Acolytes: Tommy Quenzer
	10:30 AM	Communion: _____
	10:30 AM	Reader: Paula McDonald
	10:30 AM	Ushers: Peggy Keller
	10:30 AM	Worship / Communion
05/13/2018		AV: Garry Ring
		Mother's Day
		Youth Sunday
	8:00 AM	Acolytes: Brennan Sheda & Tate
	8:00 AM	Reader: Soren Hellyer
	8:00 AM	Ushers: Morgan Archer &
	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Acolytes: Emma Buck & Olivia
	10:30 AM	Reader: Rianne Buck
	10:30 AM	Ushers: Anna Lowrie & Matti
	10:30 AM	Worship Service

05/20/2018		AV: Deb Bradt
		Pentecost
	8:00 AM	Acolytes: Caden Mercer & Lucas
	8:00 AM	Communion: _____
	8:00 AM	Reader: Allan Nilson
	8:00 AM	Ushers/Greeters: Senior
	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Communion: _____
	10:30 AM	Acolytes: Gretta Anderson &
	10:30 AM	Reader: Jim Huston
	10:30 AM	Ushers/Greeters: Senior
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
05/27/2018		AV: Brett Edstrom
		Trinity Sunday
	9:30 AM	Acolytes: Volunteers Needed
	9:30 AM	Reader: Cathy Radke
	9:30 AM	Ushers: _____
	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Inside
06/1/2018		AV: Steve Lodemeier
	8:30 AM	Communion: _____
	8:30 AM	Reader:
	8:30 AM	Ushers:
	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Communion: _____
	8:30 AM	Reader:
	9:30 AM	Ushers:
	9:30 AM	Worship Service

Social Ministry Closet

We will use these items October through March ongoing each year.

In need of new or gently used clean, boys' and girls' winter jackets & snow pants, sizes 3 through 14 and waterproof gloves to go with them. Sizes needed are small, medium and large.



Please put them in the Social Ministry closet.

A receipt for your donation can be found outside the office. Thank you for Giving!

Sanctuary Choir

No rehearsals June, July and August

The Sanctuary Choir

will give its

Spring Concert

at both services on

May 13th, 2018

Come and hear the

Good News in song!

Please join us for URLC's 2nd annual

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Friday, May 4th, 5 - 7pm

Fiesta includes



Taco Bar, Tamales, Enchilada Casserole,
Taste-Pleasing Punch & Dessert

Piñata breaking & other fun activities for kids!

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FREE -WILL OFFERING to help support the missions of Women of the ELCA
Sponsored by URLC WELCA & Thrivent

Silent Auction

Though the "Singing in the Spring" event has been cancelled -
the Silent Auction will go on!

Bidding starts April 15 in the Fellowship Hall & and will conclude during the
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, May 4th at 6:30 pm.

Among the Opportunities are:

"Be Our Guest"

Berne Pizza Outing ~ Join Chad & Melanie Cylkowski (*on a mutually agreed upon date*)
Wood oven Pizza, Live Music & Fun Company

"Sweet Help"

For your holiday or special occasion Marilyn Anderson will provide 4 Delicious Desserts
(*Delivered on a mutually agreed upon date*)
Options include: Pecan Pie, Scandinavian Almond Cake or
2 dozen of Ps. Marggi's Famous Chocolate Chip Cookies

"Scandinavian Style Brunch"

Sunday Brunch at Anderson Acres (*on a mutually agreed upon date*)
Tour the pond and visit the Norwegian styled stabbur. Hosted by Joe & Marilyn Anderson

"Best View on Lake Pepin"

A Shore Picnic, Ladies' Lunch, or Poolside Evening Dinner at the Pepin Lodge in Lake City
(*up to 10 people - on a mutually agreed upon date*)
YOUR event, at our fabulous location, hosted by John & Deb Wilkinson

"Gold & Black Quilted Throw"

Dress up your living or family room
U-R Quilting Ladies' Finest Work