



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th Street ~ Kenosha, Wisconsin 53143

Founded 1874 ~ Current Location 1961

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Our Core Practices



Becoming Inclusive—Becoming a congregation that does not build walls, but opens doors to all God's beloved people.



Connecting People—Building small groups for mission, prayer, fellowship, travel, and support.



Growing Disciples - Teaching and experiencing Christian faith for adults and children for a life of transformation.



Practicing Generosity—Giving of our time, talent, and treasure for God's mission in the world.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

It is an exciting time for St. Mary's as we move into the next stages of calling a full time Senior Pastor. The Call Committee has held multiple meetings to begin our ground work to accept candidates from the Synod. The committee has a standing meeting every two weeks, which will help us move along quickly if/when there are candidates available.

A few things we have kept us busy:

- ♦ Review of the MSP
- ♦ Call Committee Orientation with the Synod
- ♦ Creating interview questions that follow the MSP

Next steps:

- ♦ Finalize and approve questions
- ♦ Hold a mock interview with a local pastor
- ♦ Adjust any questions as needed
- ♦ Begin candidate interviews

Please keep us in your prayers as we do this important work of and for St. Mary's, and continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit

*SMCC Call Committee,
Leslie Sandahl, Chairperson*

Carol Schroeder
Neil Guttormsen
Mindy Eltoft
Michelle Fonk
Steve Hartfield—Secretary
Lisa Zanin—MET Liaison
Keith Richter—Council Liaison



¹ *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

² *Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.*

¹¹ *The Lord gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.*

Psalm 29:1-2, 11



The mission of St. Mary's Lutheran Church is to be a fellowship of believers, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the community and in the world. We equip ourselves for our mission by: Prayer, Worship, Education. Enabling us to witness through: Evangelism, Service, Stewardship.

WE ARE

GOD'S PEOPLE

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST

GIFTED BY THE SPIRIT

GO PRAY

GO LOVE

GO SERVE

THANKS BE TO GOD!



We are a
RECONCILING in CHRIST
Congregation

Stay Connected when unable to join us for worship. You can watch these services online three ways:

- 1) Like our church **Facebook Page**
- 2) Watch Live on **YouTube** or On **Demand (Live videos)**
- 3) Watch videos from the **church Website** (by **Tuesdays**)

SATURDAY

SEPT. 30

OKTOBERFEST

Interim Pastor, Pastor Kathy Brown



Grace and peace to you as we begin the month of October!

In the United States, October is National Pizza Month, National Popcorn Poppin' Month, National Pork Month and National Seafood Month. For any of you who know my husband Greg and me, you know that we are foodies, so celebrating these culinary observances are right up our alley. As we will be heading east to attend a conference mid-month in Boston, we are working in a few weeks of vacation in New England. Celebrating seafood month won't be a problem. Bring on the oyster, lobster rolls, and crabcakes! We may do a little pizza observance, too, if we make it to Mystic, Connecticut, the community who boasts of a pizza joint that was made famous in the movie "Mystic Pizza".

Of course, it won't all be about food. We look forward to witnessing God's handiwork in the change of seasons with the **change of colors** in the fall foliage and the crispness of the autumn air. It's always a marvel to see nature at its best and celebrate being part of God's creation through all of the seasons, both of seasons of nature and the seasons of our lives. Through it all God's presence is evident.

The writer of Ecclesiastes outlines in a laundry list, albeit not an exhaustive one, all the different seasons of our life:

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

*a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecc. 3:1-8)*

*To everything there is a season &
a time to every purpose under heaven.
ECCLESIASTES 3:1*

God appoints all these different seasons for us. Through all of our winters, springs, summers and falls, from birth to death and all times in between, God's presence accompanies us. God's Holy Spirit leads us, guides us, encourages, strengthens and empowers us to be and become what God intends for us in our personal daily lives and as community, particularly the community of Christ as we carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ.

As seasons of life change, we have God's assurance to be with us. As St. Mary's continues in its transition time and makes ready to receive a new pastor, the Holy Spirit is at work with the Call Committee, with the bishop and synod staff, with the prospective pastoral candidates, and with each and everyone of you through prayer and discernment. Please continue to pray fervently during this season of St. Mary's ministry that God's will be made known and be done.

*Peace,
Pastor Kathy*

CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings! St Mary's Community,
May Jesus Christ be praised!

As we leave summer behind us and enter autumn season, we have a lot to rejoice about. The activities that have resumed and those that are ahead of us.

Rally Day kicked off the new ministry year with the start of Sunday School, FISH, Fusion and music programming.

On the topic of FISH and Fusion, Kendra Richter was hired as the part-time Youth Director.

The MSP was approved by the Church Council and has been posted on the **ELCA Call Process** Current Openings site. Again, thank you to the **MET** for all their hard work in putting this document together.

The Call Committee is meeting every other week and is currently creating a list of interview questions for potential candidates.

PROST: Oktoberfest will have taken place by the time you read this (Saturday, September 30th!) Hopefully you enjoyed the fellowship, food, drink, and entertainment.

The Chapel Lounge remodel is complete. Pastor Kathy will be leading us in a dedication ceremony after each service on the weekend of November 4th & 5th.

Worship Music and Arts has announced they will be having discussion groups in November on the future of what our worship services will look like. Your feedback is important so please plan on attending to answer the **"WHY's"**.

Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve!
Keith Richter, SMLC Council President

SEWN WITH LOVE

St. Mary's Quilters is a group of members from both our congregation and the community working together to provide quilts locally across the world. We meet on Monday mornings from 8:30-11:30 in the gym. We WELCOME new members. You need not know how to sew. We have members who tie, cut, measure, iron, and those that participate by working at home. This industrious group has donated over 5100 hours of time to this project this year.

From Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023 we have made over 350 quilts. Many have been donated to: The ELCA Urban Outreach Center (78), Grace Welcome Center (120), Lutherdale (6), and the local Afghan Resettlement (2) and to a member in Brookside. We also have boxed 131 Quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

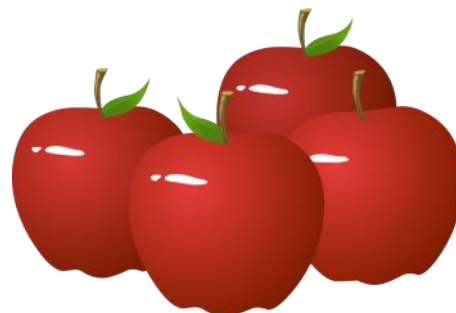
Please know it is through your generosity of money and material donations that make this ministry possible. We use any funds provided to purchase batting, thread and some sheets for backings. Tops and some backs are made from fabrics donated to us.



Apple- Cinnamon Mini Doughnuts

Recipe

1 tablespoon sugar plus 1/3 cup, divided
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon plus 3/4 teaspoon, divided
1 cup white whole-wheat flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1 large egg
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup apple cider
1 cup finely chopped peeled apple



1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat two 12-cup nonstick or silicone mini doughnut pans (or two 6-cup regular-size nonstick or silicone doughnut pans) with cooking spray.
2. Combine 1 tablespoon sugar and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon in a small bowl. Set aside.
3. Whisk the remaining 1/3 cup sugar and 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon, with flour, baking powder, salt, nutmeg, allspice and ginger in a large bowl. Whisk egg, butter and cider in a medium bowl. Mix the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients until just combined. Fold in apple. Fill each mini doughnut cup with a scant 1 tablespoon batter (or each regular cup with a scant 2 tablespoons).

Bake the doughnuts until a toothpick comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 2 minutes, then tap out onto a wire rack. Dredge the warm doughnuts in the reserved cinnamon-sugar mixture to coat.

Store airtight for up to 2 days; if desired, coat with more cinnamon sugar before serving. For the best flavor, store airtight in the freezer.



Advocate HealthCare

NURSE SUE—ADVOCATE FAITH & HEALTH

Dear Friends,

The cool crisp mornings, pumpkins, and **apples**, all are enjoyed as fall approaches. Many of you are making visits to the local **apple** orchards and farmer markets. **Apples** are so enjoyable and not meant to be consumed only in the fall. Research confirms that your health would gain from consuming apples all year long! Go **Apples!**

If you are old enough, you have heard “an **apple** a day helps keep the doctor away.” Is there any truth to this old-fashioned saying that’s been passed down. Here’s what the research is showing on the health benefits of **apples**:

- ❁ **Apples** are very high in antioxidants called “flavonoids”. In fact, **apples** have the second highest level of antioxidants of any U.S. fruit. Antioxidants help decrease inflammation and keep cells healthy. These same flavonoids have also been shown in studies to help reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Make sure to consume the peel of **apples**. Two-thirds of the antioxidants in **apples** are found in the peel!
- ❁ **Apples** are high in heart-protective soluble fiber. Soluble fiber is gluey and gel-like. As it travels through your digestive system, it grabs onto cholesterol and prevents it from being absorbed back into the bloodstream. This helps to reduce cholesterol levels and decrease the risk for heart disease.
- ❁ The soluble fiber in **apples** also helps with portion control, blood glucose and weight management. When you eat something with fiber, water is attracted to it and fills up the stomach which provides a feeling of fullness. Soluble fiber helps food break down more slowly, leading to smaller peaks in blood glucose and feeling fuller for longer.
- ❁ Eating **apples** may lead to less hardening of the arteries. Research studies found that eating an apple a day for four weeks lowered LDL or “bad” cholesterol by 40%.

- ❁ **Apples** may also lower levels of C-reactive protein, a key marker of inflammation. In a six-month research study, eating an **apple** a day was found in research to decrease C-reactive protein by 32%.
- ❁ An Oxford study found that eating an **apple** a day may be just as beneficial as taking a statin to prevent death from heart attack, stroke, and vascular disease in people over 50 who **don’t previously** have heart disease.

Enjoy the **apples** that are in our community and try the shared recipe **Apple- Cinnamon Mini Doughnuts**...just like making cupcakes! I am praying for your good health!

Shalom,

Sue Quever R.N., F.C.N.

Advocate Faith and Health Partnership Team



*Nurse Sue’s in the Office on
Tuesdays Only. Call 658-3555 for
Appointments.*

When You Are Sick in Mind, Body, Spirit:

St. Mary’s is one of the only church congregations that employs a Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse. She has amazing resources, both as a Registered Nurse, and as a Christ-Centered servant.

Please call the office and leave a message with how we can call you back. **Do not give any personal, private or symptomatic information to the office.**

When You Are Hospitalized:

Please call the church to notify the staff of your admission. Don’t assume the hospital will notify the church, even if you have asked them to. Hospitals are very busy places, and some tasks are put off for more urgent needs.

Please notify the church office when you are scheduled for surgery (in or outpatient).

If you wish to be included in the Prayers of the People, please contact us.

We don’t mind getting more than one phone call about a parishioner who is hospitalized. Please don’t assume that someone else will be notifying us.

SMLC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday School Calendar

October 01: The Chief Priests – Jesus is a teacher of all

October 08: Parable of the Vineyard– Be open and kind to God's helpers

October 15: The Wedding Banquet – Jesus loves us and does good things for people

October 22: Paying Taxes – Jesus wants us to share our time and talents with others to spread his love

October 29: The Greatest Commandment – Love God with all of your heart, soul, and mind.

Sunday School music time begins after Kids Connection, the kids return for Communion, and then have instruction until 10:30.

www.facebook.com/smlcsundayschool

Fish/Fusion Calendar

October 02: FISH and Fusion

October 08: Youth sing at Contemporary Service – 8:45AM

October 09: FISH and Fusion

October 16: FISH and Fusion

October 22: Living Light Community Meal afternoon/evening

October 23: FISH and Fusion

October 30: HALLOWEEN PARTY (6pm-8pm) – Fonks' House

FISH 6:00-7:30pm Fusion 7:00-8:30pm

www.facebook.com/smlcyouthed



Michelle Fonk - Children & Youth Education Coordinator 262-770-0523
Kendra Richter - Middle & High School Youth Lead (FISH & Fusion) 262-287-2463
Stephanie Raszkievicz - Children's Ministry Lead (Sunday School) 262-945-7519

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FOR ST. MARY'S SAINTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Marcia Gaston Taylor Timmons	Owen Pierce Samantha Pierce Debbie Ruhle	Kip Cushing Jan & Frank Tresch David & Janet Parmentier Sarah & Evan Chumbler	Kelly Borchardt Darla Buskirk Edie Iverson Eric Wistrom	Madison Markowski Shelley Meyer Gary Packman Mary Sjoerdsma	Gary Lodousa Julie Leff Wyatt Rosmann Arlyn & Karon Baumgarten Justina & Thomas Dimitrijevic	Livy Shreve Ben Rader Jerry & Sue Green Lara & Ben Rader
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Glenda & Olgar Bergerson Melissa & Misael Manjarrez Stephanie Antes Sandy Benson Ellie Fonk Sharon Jantz Ed Meyer Nancy Nigro Robert Vogt Karen Wargo	Kaelan Aker Cristian Figueroa-Kosup Doug & Kristina Swift	Harold Fuller	Jon Palmen Nataliya & Louis Nikonova-Schoen	Brian Bear Amarjit Bedi Sangeeta Bedi Rod & Faith Pfeiffer	Alan Kuro Doris Poshak Andrew & Kimberly King	David & Debbie Ruhle
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Gloria Boscher Carole & Kevin King	Maeve Wisniewski	Susan Christy Connor Cornelius Betty Cozine Angela Petersen Erica & Todd Burleson	Kevin Larsen	Carrie Nelson Darlene & James Christensen	World Osteoporosis Awareness Day	McKenna Studrawa Brian & Lisa Parmentier
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Andrea Beer Gary & Helen Packman Gary & Sally DeKok Amy & Mike Holzer	Doug Derginer Megan Haapanen Brittany Mathieson Tim & LeAnn Blachowicz Adam & Michelle Fonk	Barb Blachowicz Michelle Haines	Kendra Richter Jon & Shelley Lindquist	Kip & Janet Cushing Colleen & John Wisniewski Sue & Mike Podskarbi	Jonah Luzinski Matt Mierta Allen & Lynn Wright	Steve & Brenda Dahl
29	30	31				
Sharon Corso Gerry Lachman Miranda Maritato Tim Padjen Andrea Palmen Lori & Steven Broughman	Joann Anen Niki Gough Megan Reyes Sam Wierzbicki	John Wisniewski	<div></div> <div><div><i>Reformation Sunday October 29th</i></div></div>			

Don't forget to check out St. Mary's Lutheran Church's website for uploaded Weekly Worship Bulletins, Announcement Sheets, and so much more!

Call the office if you have questions (262) 658-3555

info@stmaryslutheran.org

www.stmaryslutheran.org

October 2023 Volunteer Schedule						
Temple Talk: Information Technology Committee						
Sunday October 1	Saturday October 7	Sunday October 8	Saturday October 14	Sunday October 15	Saturday October 21	Sunday October 22
Assisting Ministers						
Dana Larsen	Di Michalski	Di Michalski	Harold Frush	Harold Frush	Patti Mason	Patty Mason
Readers						
					Julie Schmit	Julie Schmit
Carol Scolese	Tim Somers	Kathy Basler	Pat Gallo	Judy Reynolds	Bob VanBendegom	Ken Winkle
Communion Assistants						
					Mark Zanin	Dick Sjoerdsma
Leslie/Dave Sandahl, Sandy Bear	Edie Iverson, Tim Somers	Sharon/Keith Corso, Sandy Bear	Tim Somers, Pat Gallo	Cheryl Hayes, Steve Hartfield	Edie Iverson, Todd Woller	Kay Manderfeld, Jacqie Vranak
						Edie Iverson, Todd Woller
Council Connection - Patti Mason godsittlesinger71@gmail.com 262-721-8065						
						Cheryl Hayes, Julie Schmit
Greeters						
Margaret VanBoven		Mary/Jack Saarela		Anne Winkle	Kay/Dave Manderfeld	Hayley/Kris Jensen
Musicians/Instrumentalists/Groups						
Deb Black	Laurel Borter/Holden	Contemporary	Deb Black	Deb Black	Laurel Borter	Deb Black
						Deb Black
Organ/Jubilate/Adult Choir	Piano	Worship Band	Piano	Organ/Adult Choir	Piano	Organ, Adult Choir
Ushers						
Gary R., Ralph T., Dan N., Dave R., Carol S., Sandy B.	Sandy B., Dale B., Bob V.	Gary R., Ralph T., Dan N., Dave R., Carol S., Sandy B.	Sandy B., Dale B., Bob V.	Gary R., Ralph T., Dan N., Dave R., Carol S., Sandy B.	Sandy B., Dale B., Bob V.	Gary R., Ralph T., Dan N., Dave R., Carol S., Sandy B.
						Sandy B., Dale B., Bob V.
Kids Connection						
Pastor Kathy Brown		Stephanie Raszkievicz		Pr. Ihlenfeld/supply		Lara Rader
						open
Altar Team						
Hayley Jensen		Mary Saarela		Cheryl Hayes		Kay Manderfeld
						Mary Saarela

KEY CONTACTS—WHO DO YOU CALL?

CHURCH COUNCIL 2023-2024 St. Mary's Church Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Committee Meeting Day/Times to be reviewed. All are 1+(262) unless otherwise noted. Council liaisons are as follows:

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ext. 333, (262)799-5791 or pastorkb@
- Rev. Debbie Hartfield..... Assoc. Pastor/Pastoral Care
ext. 343, (262)599-5795 or pastordeb@
- Nurse SueADVOCATE FAITH AND HEALTH
COMMUNITY PROGRAM/CARE MINISTRY COORDINATOR
Call the office or Fcn@
- Beth Kerscher.....ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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- Sondra Kuro.....BOOKKEEPER
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- Reception..... info@
- Kendra Richter..... Youth Director
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- Deb Black.....ORGAN/PIANO ACCOMPANIST
- Laurel Borter.....PIANO
- Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma.....ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR
- Madeline Weirick.....JUBILATE! HANDBELL DIRECTOR
- Art Kotenko SOUND/VIDEO TECHNICIAN

Church Office Hours:
Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays:
9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesdays:
Noon—6:00pm
Fridays:
9:00am—Noon

September 2023
Worship Attendance
3rd: 69 9th: 22 & 10th:100
16th: 33 & 17th: 86
23rd: 36 & 24th: 61



A FRESH LOOK AT THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AT ST. MARY'S! OCTOBER, 2023

WORSHIP ON SATURDAYS, 5PM* & SUNDAYS, 9AM

Worship will be entirely inside the sanctuary. Both worship services' orders of worship will be the same, except when we celebrate a *Holden Evening Prayer* service at 5:00pm Saturdays and a Contemporary led service at 9:00am Sundays. Worship materials include using the ELW hymnal, printed bulletins, announcement sheets, etc. Printed material available online at our church's website under "uploaded documents".

Holy Communion at the railing or from your seat as needed; on Sundays that are Contemporary style (2nd Sunday each month) communion will be by intinction. Gluten-Free or regular wafer, wine or juice offered. Children who haven't received instruction yet, or anyone not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing instead. Simply fold your hands when approaching.

Sharing of Peace during worship will now be up to you: *[the people] you may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words. You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing arms over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.*

Offering: Passing the Plate Our ushers will once again enter the sanctuary space and pass the offering plates through the pews. You are welcome to give that way, online or mailing in your checks.

Worship Greeters: Worship greeters are the first impression of St. Mary's fellowship. They welcome parishioners and guests into the sanctuary. They also make sure bulletins and any announcements available are handed out. If informed that the people are visiting, they encourage them to sign our guest book. We ask greeters to be available 20-30 minutes before services. Usually greeters participate once or twice a month. If interested in participating as a greeter, please contact Margaret Van Boven at 262-694-8281 or mav5804@gmail.com.

MUSIC GROUPS

Adult Choir~ Rehearsals 7:00pm Wednesday nights, singing monthly on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays (5th is applicable). Contact Dick Sjoerdsma, Deb Black or any AC member to join!

Contemporary Worship Team ~ Tuesdays (2x month) 5:45pm; sing monthly 2nd Sunday. Bjorn Hanson is the contact if you're interested in joining!

Jubilate! Handbell Choir—Rehearsals 5:30pm Monday nights in the sanctuary space. Jubilate! under the direction of Maddie Weirick again this year, plays in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month AND play for special occasions like Reformation Sunday (10/29).

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Prayer Breakfast.

All women are welcome to join us Tuesdays at 8:00am at The Hillcrest Restaurant, 6000 75th Street—Kenosha. Any questions? Please call Inez Lemnus at 694-1099.

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Meet in the glass side room of the Marina Garden near the entrance 5001 7th Ave, Kenosha, WI 53140. Call Ken Winkle (654-8436) for additional information.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Miriam ~ 2nd Tuesday @1:00pm

Circle of Friends ~ 3rd Wednesday @1:00pm

Women's Book Club ~ 1st Tuesday @2:00pm

Lydia Circle ~ 2nd Monday @ 11:00am

Lydia Circle is a part of WELCA, Women of the ELCA. No prior notice or knowledge required. Free will offerings collected at meetings for use in our community.

St. Mary's Quilters ~ Mondays @ 9:00am

The St. Mary's Quilters meet on Monday mornings in the gym from 9a-12p. We encourage anyone who is interested to either stop by any Monday morning or contact Lynda Ryan at 914-1244 or Mary Saarela at 960-5477. You do not need sewing skills to be part of this group.

SENIOR MINISTRY

55+ people both members of St. Mary's and non-members are welcome at **The Friendly Center**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall with an 11:00am start time. The Friendly Center will meet on **Wednesdays: October 25th; and November 13th**. Reservations for lunches are REQUIRED. Catered or box lunches vary from \$10—\$20 per person. Contact Bob/Sue VanBendegom & Faith/Rod Pfeiffer.



**temporary as leadership will assess and evaluate all worship services throughout the remainder of 2023.*

Treasurer's Report August 2023

- Income Actual.....\$38,070.80
- Expenses Actual.....\$49,398.97
- Profit/Loss.....- \$11,328.17

Fiscal Year-to-date 23/24

- Income Actual.....\$81,116.70
- Expenses Actual.....\$92,348.75
- Profit/Loss.....- \$11,232.05

*The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 33.5%.

NATIONAL IMMIGRANTS DAY—OCTOBER 28, 2023

On October 28th, 1987, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Immigrants Day. It was particularly fitting that the proclamation was made on the 101st anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty, October 28th, 1886.

Lady Liberty represents all the best about the United States: freedom, Democracy, and the opportunities that America offers to people worldwide. These well-known words-found on the pedestal of the statue-reverberate around the World:

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these,
the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Our country was founded and settled by immigrants in 1776. Since then, tens of millions of immigrants from every country on the globe have come to our nation with hopes of a better life. Immigrants have contributed countless ideas, inventions, and innovations for our society. They bring new languages, new foods, new religions, new styles of music. As a nation of immigrants, we must remember that generations of immigrants have helped lay the railroads, build our cities, pioneer new industries, and fuel our Information Age. They worked in oilfields; in gold, silver, and coal mines; and in rubber and steel mills. They spend their incomes on American goods and services, pay taxes, and raise the productivity of U.S. businesses. Immigrants are good for the economy, not the other way around.

1. Immigrants start businesses.
2. Immigrant-owned businesses create jobs for American workers.
3. Immigrants are also more likely to create their own jobs.
4. Immigrants develop cutting-edge technologies and companies.
5. Immigrants are our engineers, scientists, and innovators.
6. Immigration boosts earnings for American workers.
7. Immigrants boost demand for local consumer goods.
8. Immigration reform legislation like the DREAM Act reduces the deficit.
9. Comprehensive immigration reform would create jobs.
10. Comprehensive immigration reform would increase America's GDP.

Source: Ten Ways Immigrants Help Build and Strengthen Our Economy, JULY 12, 2012 AT 10:09 AM ET BY JASON FURMAN, DANIELLE GRAY

On the weekend of October 28-29, members of SMLC will be invited to contact Congressional leaders to pass the Afghan Adjustment Act (AAA). The AAA was slated to pass Congress in December, 2022, but was derailed at the last minute. The act was reintroduced in the 118th Congress in July of this year with bipartisan support.

SMLC has a stake in the passage of this legislation, as it will provide permanency for our Afghan men and the 77,000+ other Afghans resettled in the U.S.

The Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team will furnish pre-addressed envelopes and sample letters to assist you in this effort which will be available in the East narthex that weekend.

Thank God for the enrichment of our country by immigrants over the years!

FOOD, FOOD AND MORE FOOD!

Thank you for making the **FOOD ON THE FIRST** food drives for the *Grace Welcome Center* successful! I am so proud to be a member of St. Mary's Lutheran Church and be able to tell you that you contributed many pounds of quality food! You are directly helping to feed the over 200 families that currently come through the center each week. With the high cost of rent and groceries, *Grace Welcome Center* is providing a much needed resource in the heart of Kenosha. Please remember that the "red bags" will be available at the end of **EACH** month for you to take and return on the first weekend of the **NEXT** month, **FOOD ON THE FIRST**. If you are able to shop a little for others as you get your own groceries, you will be helping a neighbor in need more than you know. If anyone would like to see firsthand what the *Grace Welcome Center* is doing in our community, please let me know and the *Grace Welcome Center* would be happy to show you around their facility!

THANK YOU!
Cheryl Hayes

**NKOARANGA ORPHANAGE**

The members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church have supported the Nkoaranga Orphanage owned by the Meru Diocese for many years.

On average, there are 30 children in the orphanage, from the ages of 0 to 3. The orphanage makes sure that the children are adopted by a family by the age of 4. The family reunification is a major goal of the orphanage.

Our members will once again have an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. The orphanage depends on donations to survive. St. Mary's Lutheran Church raised \$2150 in 2022, a record-breaking amount!

Jars will be available for donations on weekends in the months of September and October. You may also place a donation marked for the orphanage in the offering plate.

If you would prefer to mail a donation to be forwarded to the orphanage, checks can be sent to Cheryl Hayes, the treasurer of WELCA, made out to "WELCA St. Mary's Lutheran Church", at 4741 - 40th Street, Kenosha, WI 53144.

Let's surpass 2022's generous contribution!



Food on the 1st



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FREE LUNCH AND HELP OUT ST. MARY'S!
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A free lunch will be provided following an informational meeting about Action Teams and Choice Dollars offered through Thrivent Financial. These programs can be used by individual Thrivent members to help support their church or charities without costing the individual anything.

On Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 following the service, two representatives from Thrivent will be at St. Mary's to explain Action Teams and Choice Dollars, how to use them and how they can benefit St. Mary's. This is not a sales meeting. Thrivent members along with others who may be interested are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served after the meeting. Registration is required to attend this meeting by either filling out the form below or calling the church office at 262-658-3555 by October 25. Hope to see you there.

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Church in Society _____



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BLANKET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH, 2023

Envelopes will be available for donations to Lutheran World Relief on this weekend to help with shipping costs.

- Cost of shipping 1 personal care kit and supplying
- *toothpaste at the arrival point is \$2.65.
- *Cost to ship 1 quilt from the port in Maryland is \$2.25.

St. Mary's boxes of quilts and personal care kits will be transported from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran to Minneapolis and from there to the Port in Maryland.

The date for LWR semi loading at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran is on October 14th from 8 am to noon.

*In peace,
Anne Winkle*



ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation applications are due November 15, 2023 for disbursement in December, 2023. Application information may be found on-line at the St. Mary's website, www.stmaryslutheran.org. Please provide supporting information about the need, intended use, cost/ project breakdown, and supplier for everything included in your request.

Applications must be postmarked and mailed by the 15th of November for consideration. Please provide follow-up information about how the funds were used. Funds not used for the specific request must be returned to the Foundation for future disbursements.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
2001 – 80TH STREET KENOSHA, WI 53143



CONGREGATIONS UNITED TO SERVE HUMANITY

CUSH is an interfaith organization in Kenosha of which Pastor Jim Shadduck was a founding member.

St. Mary's has supported CUSH in numerous ways throughout the years and part of that support has come from the monetary support of sustaining members.

St. Mary's has only "2" sustaining members now. This is a gentle reminder that a renewal of or a first time sustaining membership to CUSH would be very helpful. The grant money CUSH and other interfaith organizations in the state is no longer available.

Checks to CUSH can be mailed to:

CUSH P.O. Box 1324, Kenosha, 53141

262-358-6449. cushkenosha@gmail.com.

In the near future, Lori Hawkins from CUSH will present a Temple Talk to the congregation.

Thank you!

Anne Winkle, Church in Society, Chair



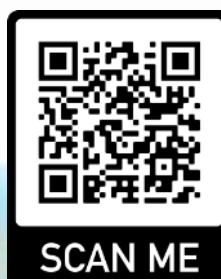
Contact Us!
Email: fostercare@psgcip.com
Phone: 262-654-1004

Kenosha County has a great need for new foster families for all ages of children! Join us for a Foster Care 101 Informational session to find out how you can help children in our community by becoming a foster parent!

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Organ Concert: Brian Schoettler
Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
2001 80th Street, Kenosha, WI 53143
Website: www.brianschoettler.com



Kenosha organist Brian Schoettler presents an hour of organ music in the sanctuary of St. Mary's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 5 at 2:00pm. Selections include Bach's epic "Passacaglia and Fugue," a transcription of the first movement of Beethoven's serene "Pastoral Symphony," and other works by Dupré, Harris, Marchand, Mendelssohn, and Schoettler. The concert is free and open to the public.

A light dessert reception to follow in St. Mary's Fellowship Hall.

For additional information about Brian, visit: www.brianschoettler.com

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6:00pm-10:00pm

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