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November 22nd at 7:00pm

Join us for worship, holy communion and PIE fellowship. Bring your bags of non-perishable food with you!

In November, the Sunday School Children will be handing out bags for the Thanksgiving Eve food drive. This food will be taken to the Shalom Center. *This is a separate drive from Food on the First that goes to Grace Welcome Center.* Start watching for those special sales at the grocery stores. Let's fill the altar steps and give thanks for all our blessings!

Thankfully, Gretchen

"Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!"

God Is Here ELW 526

DISCUSSION SESSIONS REGARDING WORSHIP WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 11/12 & 18/19. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP,

you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings about worship at St. Mary's. On Sunday, we will break out into four smaller discussion groups and plan to meet for 45 minutes to an hour. On Saturday, we will break out into two groups. You received questions that facilitators of these groups will use to guide these discussions. Hopefully, you have spent some time prayerfully considering your responses and the information you will share. Feel free to bring any written notes you have made so you will remember to share all that is important to you. Recorders will take notes on information given during the session. Each weekend the same questions will be asked. We encourage you to attend both weekends as you may hear something new or think of something else you want to share after the first session. You may choose to go on Saturday one week and on Sunday one week. Perhaps that will broaden your perspective and understanding of what is important to others that attend church at a different worship service.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. Our church, along with other churches, face new realities. As we all know, change is constant. We

saw this when we explored how St. Mary's has changed over the years at our **Time-Line** event. We saw it again when the pandemic hit and when returning to church after the pandemic. The data about churches in transition and the number of pastors available and looking for a call, also points to change that is occurring.

By gathering information and listening to your suggestions, the church leadership wants to explore how to improve worship to make it more relevant, meaningful, and spirit filled while meeting the needs of our congregation, pastors, and staff. As things continue to change, and we call a new pastor, this information is important.

During the discussions we will be using the following respectful communication guidelines (From Kaleidoscope Institute- Los Angeles).

R = take **RESPONSIBILITY** for what you say and feel without blaming others.

E = use **EMPATHETIC** listening.

S = be **SENSITIVE** to differences in communication styles.

P = **PONDER** what you hear and feel before you speak.

E = **EXAMINE** your own assumptions and perceptions.

C = keep **CONFIDENTIALITY**.

T = **TRUST** ambiguity because we are NOT here to debate who is right or wrong.

Thank you for your attention to this important discussion—Your Worship/Music/Arts Committee.

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!

ORGAN CONCERT: BRIAN SCHOETTLER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH 2:00PM
ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Interim Pastor, Pastor Kathy Brown

*All creatures, worship God most high.
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and start of night: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful clear,
make music for your Lord to hear. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

(ELW #835 "All Creatures, Worship God Most High")

Greetings to you as my husband Greg and I have returned from our vacation in New England. Much of what we experienced during our time away can be found in the verses of this familiar hymn. The change of seasons was evident in the crispness of the autumn air, in the colors of the foliage changing before our eyes from green to golden yellows to vibrant reds, and in the people who were flocking to the apple orchards to pick fruit, enjoy cider, and eat apple cider donuts.

Not only did we witness the change of seasons, but also the entire grandeur of nature itself from mountain heights with their rocky outcroppings to valleys with streams flowing, sometime rushing through them, to the shores of bays and sounds. We were surrounded by the diverse flora and fauna of God's good creation and feasted upon the bounty that the land and sea had to offer.

It was a beautiful trip, and yet, in the midst of our enjoyment came news of the Israel-Hamas conflict as well as the news of the death of the husband of one of my lifelong friends. We had praised God for the gifts of fruit and grain, for colors bright and rare, and then for God's love for all those who are in pain or sorrow grieving, giving thanks that Christ would bear all burdens and fears – ours, those of my friend, yours, those of the people in the Middle East and all places where unrest, violence, and oppression exist.

Later this month, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. For most of us, there will be feasting with family and friends, and for that we do and will give thanks, as well as for all the other ways that God so abundantly blesses us in and through God's good creation. But there will be those for whom there will not be such celebration and feasting, and so we give thanks for God's presence with them and for them in whatever place or circumstance they might find themselves. Let us ask God not only to grant us grateful hearts, but also willing hands and hearts that we might show love and care for those around us who stand in deepest need, that they, that we all, might "*still make our song amid the tears.*" God bless you all!

Peace,
Pastor Kathy

CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings St. Mary's Community,

It is hard to believe we are already to the month of November. The leaves are changing (some slower than others) and falling. In 2015, November was proclaimed National Gratitude Month. Per Webster the definition of Gratitude is "The quality of being **thankful**". As we go through the month of November think of the many things you are thankful for.

One of the things I am thankful for is the many resources God has given St. Mary's: our Pastors, the Staff, Lay Leaders, and you, the Stewards of St. Mary's, who continues to step up and share the resources (times, talents and treasures) God has given you with our church, our community and our world.

This is a true display of Stewardship as outlined in "Stewards of God's Love" a resource the ELCA has developed to help congregations with year-round stewardship. On November 4th, St. Mary's leaders will be meeting to further discuss the Down-In-Out of year-round stewardship to continue to shift the way we think about Stewardship

FROM

TO

Stewardship is about paying the bills.....→ Stewardship is about loving God and my neighbor.

Stewardship is about money.....→ Stewardship is about my whole life.

How much of what is mine

should I give away?.....→ How much of what is God's should I keep for myself?

We don't have enough.....→ God has provided us in abundance.

DOWN – Relationship with God: Our practice of Stewardship can begin with how God has come down to us in love.

IN – What God has entrusted to our care: Then discover all the resources God has entrusted to our care. We each have resources we can use to love God and our neighbor. We need only to look in to discover the abundance God has entrusted to us.

OUT – Relationship with our neighbor: Finally look out to see the many ways God is calling us to love our neighbors both near and far. When we share the abundance God has entrusted in our care with our neighbor, we not only love our neighbor, but God.

We will continue to hear in the next year each ministry's Down-In-Out Stewardship.

Go Pray, Go Love, Go Serve
Keith Richter, SMELC Council President



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 Kenosha, Wisconsin ELCA



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

We have just closed another month of important work by the Call Committee. As I said in my last message, it is an exciting time for St. Mary's as we work to call a full-time pastor. The committee continues to hold a standing meeting every two weeks, which helps us move quickly to ready ourselves to interview candidates.

Additionally, we had a discussion with a former member of St. Mary's who is now a consultant for churches that are going through the same transition we are. Some of you might remember John McGinty from our church or Kenosha Hospital. He has graciously agreed to help us "pro-bono" in our search for candidates. He has successfully brought forward multiple pastors that have been well suited for congregations, so we are looking forward to this relationship.

What do we need from you? Do you know anyone that is looking for a call and feel they could be successful at St. Mary's? Do you know other people that might know someone who is looking for a call? We all need to be the hands and feet of God, so we ask that you send these candidates our way. The synod will directly reach out to them, we will not cold call anyone.

A few things we have been busy with:

- Finalized and approved questions
- Held mock interview with Pastor Steve Bogie from Saint Luke's, Waukesha

Next steps:

- Adjust questions as needed
- Begin candidate interviews

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue this important work of and for St. Mary's.

SMC Call Committee

Leslie Sandahl, Chairperson

Steve Hartfield, Secretary

Keith Richter, Council President

Lisa Zanin, Council Liaison

Carol Schroeder

Neil Guttormsen

Mindy Eltoft

Michelle Fonk

Food on the 1st

FOOD, FOOD AND MORE FOOD!

Thank you for your dedication to the monthly **FOOD ON THE FIRST** program benefiting the Grace Welcome Center. Our congregation has contributed over 400 pounds of quality food each month since its inception in August. You are directly helping to feed the over 200 families that currently come through the center each week.

The Grace Welcome Center is so grateful for your generosity. St. Mary's Lutheran Church has once again become a great resource for this food pantry that is located in the heart of our community.

Please remember that the "red bags", sponsored entirely by the St. Mary's Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation, will be available at the end of EACH month for you to take and return with nonperishable food items on the first weekend, **FOOD ON THE FIRST**. If you are not able to drop the bag off on the **FIRST**, bags of nonperishable food may be left in the church building at any time and a member of St. Mary's Lutheran Church Lydia Circle will transport the bags to the food pantry that arrive after the **FIRST**. In addition, if you are unable to pick up an empty bag at the end of the month, there will be a few empty bags hanging up to the right as you enter the eastside church entrance.

*Blessings to you and yours,
Cheryl Hayes*



APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
2001 – 80TH STREET KENOSHA, WI 53143



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.

NURSE SUE—ADVOCATE FAITH & HEALTH—November, 2023

Dear Friends,

The fall is moving quickly into the cold months and holiday travel. Everyone is on the move and so are the little hitchhikers called bedbugs. We are seeing increased infestations in apartments, commercial real estate, and residential homes in our community.

Bedbugs are small wingless insects, the size of an apple seed, that feed exclusively on the blood of warm-blooded animals. Humans and pets are ideal hosts for them. They do not spread disease, but they can cause bites that itch, burn and well up. Before 1950, 1 in 3 households had bed bugs thus the little saying, “sleep tight, don’t let the bed bugs bite.” Stronger insecticides were introduced and significantly reduced the bedbug population until the late 1990s. With increased global and local travel, stricter insecticide usage and the ability to hide and reproduce, the bed bug population has really grown in numbers.

There are 92 known bed bug species in the world. India leads with large amounts of bed bugs circulating in the country and the United States follows in second place. Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Cleveland are ranked at the top of the list in the United States.

Bedbugs hide in the cracks and crevices of beds, box springs, headboards, bed frames and other objects around a bed and come out at night to feed on their preferred host, humans. You can get them if you spend time in places where nighttime guests come and go often -such as hotels, trains, buses, hospitals, dorm rooms, cruise ships, or homeless shelters. Bedbugs can easily travel between floors and rooms in hotels or apartment buildings. Bedbugs don’t care if the environment is clean or dirty. They tend to live within 8 feet of where a person sleeps. All they need is a warm host and a hiding spot.



So, what can you do to keep these hitchhikers out of your home.

- 💡 Cover up – Bedbugs don’t burrow under clothing. You may be able to avoid bites by wearing PJs that cover as much skin as possible.
- 💡 Use hotel precautions - Check mattress corners/seams and back of headboard for bedbugs, their feces (dark specks), their exoskeleton after they molt to a bigger size, rust-colored blood spots and eggs (the size of rice) or sometimes a sweet musty smell. Place your luggage away from the bed on a hotel luggage rack or in the bathtub instead of the floor.
- 💡 Keep your suitcase and purse zipped up when not using them.
- 💡 Unload your suitcase in the garage and bring your clothes to the washer as soon as you unpack. If the clothes are clean, run them in the dryer on high for 20 minutes. Bedbugs can’t survive in temperatures above 122 F.
- 💡 Vacuuming crevices around your bed and other furniture can remove many bedbugs. Empty the vacuum after each use.
- 💡 There are many insecticide sprays out there, Ecovenger is a brand that is residual and uses chemicals that are not as toxic. Diatomaceous Earth powder -food grade can be lightly dusted or brushed on surfaces with a brush. This powder dries up the insect and eggs after contact...proven a winner. Heat treatment from a steamer held over an area for a while can kill bedbugs too.
- 💡 Keep your mattress and box spring in a zipped encasement, wash and dry bedding once a week, simplify clutter in bedroom, move bed away from walls, and vacuum floor once a week.

Now that we are all itching...don’t panic if you have bedbugs...there are solutions. Keep vigilant by inspecting your mattress, especially if you have been traveling. If you suspect you have a bedbug infestation, contact your landlord or professional pest control company.

*Shalom, Sue Quever R.N., F.C.N.,
Aurora Faith and Health Team*





St. Mary's presents...

Our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Event

Saturday, September 30th

The Reconnections Team, Hungry Five & Friends band, The MGJ Harmonia choir & so many behind the scenes people made this a success!





Photo Credit: Patti Mason

SMLC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sunday School Calendar

November 03: Friday Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30 pm

November 05: Pride vs. Humility – Putting Christ FIRST

November 12: Be ready for Jesus by using your resources wisely

November 19: God's gifts are meant to be shared

November 26: *Happy Thanksgiving! No Sunday School*

December 01: Friday Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30 pm

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

November 06: FISH and Fusion

November 12: Youth sing at Contemporary Service – 8:45AM

November 12: Cookies N Christ

November 13: FISH and Fusion

November 17-18: RockN LockN at Adventure Rock

November 20: Culver's Dinner Fundraiser

November 26: Cookies N Christ

November 27: *Service Night – ELCA Outreach Center (6pm-730pm)*
6218 26th Ave, Kenosha

FISH 6:00-7:30pm Fusion 7:00-8:30pm www.facebook.com/smlcyouthed



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Stephanie Raszkiewicz - Children's Ministry Lead (Sunday School) 262-945-7519

} smlcyouthed@gmail.com



Rummage Sale
January 7-8
Donations Drop-Off Date & Time
TBD



Overnight Retreat
December 2nd-3rd
Grades 3rd-5th
Contact Stephanie
smlcyouthed@gmail.com



Our First
Friday Family
Fun Night!



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.
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COMMUNITY PROGRAM/CARE MINISTRY COORDINATOR
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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

The church office will open on Veteran's Day (11/10).
We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day
& Friday, November 24th, 2023.

October 2023

Worship Attendance

7th: 30 8th: 80
14th: 21 15th: 79
21st: 21 22nd: 95
28th: 28 29th: 133

A FRESH LOOK AT THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AT ST. MARY'S! NOVEMBER, 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. **Volunteer ushers needed for each service. Contact Gary Rice.**

Worship Greeters: Worship greeters are the first impression of St. Mary's fellowship. No experience necessary and families are welcome to greet! We need greeters for Saturday nights AND Sunday morning. **Volunteer greeters are needed, 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.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Tuesday Morning Women's Prayer Breakfast

All women are welcome to join us at 8:00am at The Hillcrest Restaurant, 6000 75th Street—Kenosha.

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast All men are welcome to join us at 7 a.m. Marina Garden near the entrance 5001 7th Avenue—Kenosha.

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 @ 12:30pm

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

All children ages 11 and under are welcome to join us each Sunday morning after Kids' Connection to enjoy Music Time, Lesson Time and Sunday School fun! Registrations encouraged and you can follow us on Facebook [here!](#) Middle School (6pm FISH) & High School (7:00pm Fusion) ages are welcome to join us each Monday night downstairs in the Youth Room! Our staffed leader, Kendra Richter, and her group of awesome leads encourage all teens—no matter if they go here or to another church or at all! Check out the Facebook page [here!](#)

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

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)**

Treasurer's Report—September 2023

Income Actual	\$38,933.45
Expenses Actual	\$37,523.52
Profit/Loss	+\$1,409.93

Fiscal Year-to-date 23/24

Income Actual	\$120,050.15
Expenses Actual	\$129,528.07
Profit/Loss	-\$9,477.92

The current Year-to-date percentage of electronic giving to total offerings given is 35%.



The annual collection for the WELCA Thankoffering will be held on November 11th and 12th, 2023. Special envelopes will be available on those dates.

This year's offering will benefit two ministries. One is "Katie's Fund". Through "Katie's Fund", we honor the life of Katharina von Bora Luther by supporting resources and activities involving global connections, leadership development, and living theology. Katie, a wise and bold woman of faith, tilled many gardens, raised cattle, ran a busy household, brewed beer and managed the family's finances. She continues to serve as a role model for us all. To learn more, go to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/katiesfund>

The other recipient of the Thankoffering is "Luther's Lunchbox" at Carthage College. "Luther's Lunchbox" is in it's 5th year of supplying free items like energy bars, quick eats for the microwave, tampons, laundry pods, etc. About 2,000 items are given out per month. Free breakfasts for computer students, twice a month as well as free lunches twice a month. This is a program managed by the Center for Faith and Spirituality available to Carthage Students 7 days a week in the A.F. Siebert Chapel. Questions? contact

Debbie Clark at dclark@carthage.edu

The congregation of St. Mary's Lutheran Church has been very generous in the past to support the ministries that are important to our church and synod.

If you are able to donate to this year's THANKOFFERING, please place cash or make a check out to "WELCA, St. Mary's Lutheran Church" and place in the offering plate during services and mark as "THANKOFFERING" or send donations to WELCA's treasurer:

CHERYL HAYES
4741 40th St.
KENOSHA, WI 53144

The funds will then be distributed to the two ministries mentioned here.



Nice Warm Blankets!

The members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church donated a total of \$441 for Lutheran World Relief on Blanket Sunday. This amount surpassed last year's total and these funds are used to offset the large shipping costs incurred to transport these blankets and other care items to those that need them.

Thank you for your generosity,

*Cheryl Hayes,
Treasurer of WELCA*



St. Mary's Friendly Center.

The Friendly Center welcomes people of all faiths, young in heart and spirit, 55-years and older to join our monthly gathering of devotions, luncheon, friendly conversation and entertainment.

OUR NOVEMBER GATHERING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY THE 15TH, 11:00 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. And our end of the year **CHRISTMAS GATHERING WILL BE ON DECEMBER 13TH AT THE FIRESIDE RESTAURANT.** To reserve your seat at an upcoming gathering or for more information, contact Bob or Sue VanBendegom at 652-1770 or bvdutch@gmail.com.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE 2023

A Blue Christmas worship service is being offered as a time of worship that recognizes the loss, loneliness and hurt that can be felt during the holidays. We gather in the midst of suffering to experience the light in the darkness.

What: A Joint Kenosha ELCA Blue Christmas worship service.

When: Tuesday, December 19th

Time: 6:30pm

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8760 37th Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53142



VETERAN'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 11AM

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5601 WASHINGTON
RD KENOSHA, WI 53144
(262-656-1995)

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\$25 (\$20 for ages 60+)

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Identifying, Reporting, and Preventing Acts of Hate
Protecting Places of Worship

Please join Community Hosts Kenosha Coalition For Dismantling Racism, Congregations United to Serve Humanity, Simmons and Uptown Libraries and The Kenosha Civil War Museum for a discussion with our Federal and local officials regarding effective strategies to prevent and respond to hate crimes and incidents.



United Against Hate (UAH)
Community Discussion
Thursday, November 2, 2023
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Address:
Civil War Museum
5400 1st Avenue
Kenosha, WI

2023 Grace Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

Calling all Crafters & Vendors

November 25th
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Contact for registration and information
gracekenoshacraftfair@gmail.com

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Deb & Steve Hartfield	1	Wren Ide	14	Keelin Ricciardi	24
Hayley & Kris Jensen	1	David Raszkievicz	14	Charlotta Jonsson	25
Tim Lange	1	Melanie Stein	14	Larry Schultz	25
Sandra Schmidt	2	Caul Sturzenegger	14	Keenan Dreger	26
Nicole Visintainer	2	Emerie Gott	15	Lucas Eltoft	26
Pam & Jeff Greathouse	2	Karen Norris	15	Kirk & Barbara Piehl	26
Tom & Trisha Plotner	4	Gary Stein	15	Madelyn Parmentier	26
Andrew Westland	4	Patrick Griffin	16	Deb Black	27
Katherine Garrigan	5	Debbie Hartfield	16	Keith & Sharon Corso	27
Brian Hamm	5	Chris Honey	16	Mark Robinson	27
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Constance Wierzbicki	7	Gwenn Kuhlman	17	Anna Gospodarek	28
Leslie & Nancy Carr	7	Faith Pfeiffer	17	Charles Rader	28
Michelle & Rick Haines	7	Wendy Williams	17	Olivia Rader	28
Nanette & Mark Hylinski	7	Emily Quimby	18	Walter & Karen Griffin	28
Hannah Brenner	8	Kenneth Weiher II	18	Walter Griffin	29
Victoria Potts	8	Nick Van Laningham	19	Michele Nielsen	29
Andrea Fjelsted	9	Hayley Jensen	20	Dylan Pierce	29
John Gardynecki, Jr.	9	Jayne Mackey	20	Drew Shreve	29
Nicole Boyer	10	Ralph Tollas	20	Arlen & Kathleen Berg	30
Gretchen Rasch	10	Dolores Froemming	21	Candice Lemme	30
Dale & Linda Galster	11	John Gustin	21	Lucas Schroeder	30
Merle & Scott Haarbauer	11	Elena Pedicone	21	Amber Smith	30
Ashley & Chad Robinson	11	Steven Klopstein	22	Faith Wrycha	30
Quinn Blair	11	Bethel Krahn	22		
Kathleen Neururer	11	Chris Seymour	22		
Laura Sturino	11	Abigail Shreve	23		
Julia Benscoter	12	Debra Barton	24		
Sally Derginer	12	Sandy Bear	24		
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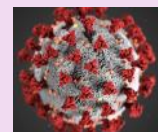
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NOVEMBER 2023 VOLUNTEERS

November's Temple Talks: Care Ministry Committee

November's Council Contact is Christine Johnson 818-8879 or chris.johnson1800@gmail.com

Saturdays

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Assisting Ministers Harold Frush
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Music/Musicians Laurel/Piano
Readers Tim Somers

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The Zanins
Laurel/Piano/Holden
Lisa Zanin

Patti Mason
Edie I./Todd W.
Deb/Piano
Mark Zanin

HWF/TBD
Edie I./Todd W.
Laurel/Piano
Pat Gallo

Sundays

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Altar Help Kathy Basler
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Christy Burmeister
Di Michalski
Cheryl H./Sandahls

Kay Manderfeld
Patti Mason
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Nanette Hylinski
Julie Schmit
Cheryl H., Sharon C.
Andy S.

Greeters The Jensens
Music/Musicians Jubilate! Adult Choir!
Organ/Deb
Readers David Frost

Margaret VanBoven
Contemporary Band
none
Laura Miesbauer

The Manderfelds
Adult Choir
Organ/Deb
Beth Kerscher

The Corsos
Adult Choir
Organ/Deb
Julie Schmit

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