

This is an election year. The television ads are ramping up, most of them attacking the political opponent. Our former president was injured in an assassination attempt. Our current president is ridiculed on social media. There is certainly a lot of discord and division in our country. One of the things we can do in these violent and uncertain times is pray.

The following prayers are included in our hymnal – Lutheran Service Book.

For Responsible Citizenship:

Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (225)

For Peace in the World:

Heavenly Father, God of all concord, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up violence and strife, destroy the weapons of those who delight in war and bloodshed, and according to Your will, end all conflicts in the world. Teach us to examine our hearts that we may recognize our own inclination toward envy, malice, hatred, and enmity. Help us, by Your Word and Spirit, to search our hearts and to root out the evil that would lead to strife and discord, so that in our lives we may be at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (229)

Pray for our country. Pray for our leaders. Pray that God would work powerfully to bring peace and unity to our nation.

I pray that you don't get caught up in the malice, anger, and division that is so common today, but instead live each day guided by these words of St. Paul, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you, and over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity" (Col. 3:12-14.).

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

<u>Ushers</u>

<u>9:30 a.m.</u>

Phil Murphy Maria Riley Dave Valdes Marge Valdes Traci Murphy Karen Winefeld Alexander Gottsacker Georgia Cucinello Steve Dasher

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<u>Altar Guild</u>

Kaye Maletzke Diana Lafford Diana Streil Marcia Rosynek

<u>Greeters</u>

August 4 9:30am—Sandy Randazzo & Audrey Wilde

August 11 9:30am—Nancy Keck & Ruth Baer

August 18 9:30am—Suzanne Dettmann & Diana Streil

August 25 9:30am—Darlene Peters & June Peters

Directory Update

Mary Ernst Cell—(414) 915-8875

<u>Funeral</u>

Marty Larsen Jr. (*September 30, 1942 - June 11, 2024*) Service was held on June 20 at Krause Funeral Home in Brookfield, WI.

SPECIAL GIFTS

DCF Grant	\$1,604
Helping Hand Food Pantry	\$75
Postage	\$20
Vacation Bible School	\$730

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER DEAR LORD, USE MY EYES TO SEE NEW FRIENDS. OPEN MY EARS TO HEAR MY TEACHER. OPEN MY MIND TO LEARN NEW THINGS. LET MY HEART REMEMBER YOU ARE NEAR WHEN I AM AFRAID. HELP ME LOVE OTHERS LIKE YOU DO. I WANT TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT SO BRIGHT IN MY SCHOOL. AMEN

Church Info & Staff

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 414-464-2410 WEB SITE: covenantlutheranmke.com E-MAIL: covenantlutheran@sbcglobal.net FACEBOOK: Covenant Lutheran Church **OFFICE HOURS:** Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm **PASTOR:** Steven Voigt pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net **DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH:** Karen Winefeld **CHURCH SECRETARY:** Alyssa Gottsacker **FACILITY MANAGERS:** Steve Dasher & Jim Richter CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST: Bill Laesch

CECC Info

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Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm **Director:** Joely Douyette

August 2024

SUN	ΜΟΝ	TUE	W E D	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	2 8:00pm AA Meeting	3
4 9:30am Worship 10:30am VBS Setup	5	6	7 1:30pm Communion Service	8	9 8:00pm AA Meeting	10
11th Sunday After Pentecost	Vaca	tion. Bible	school	00-to 11	:30am	
11 9:30am Worship 12th Sunday	12	13	14 7:00pm AA Monthly Meeting	15 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	16 ^{8:00pm} AA Meeting	17
After Pentecost 18 9:30am Worship 13th Sunday After Pentecost	19	20	21 8:00am Northwest 1st Day of School - Middle School	22 10:00am Bible Study	23 8:00pm AA Meeting	24
25 9:30am Worship	26 8:00am Northwest 1st Day of School - All Students 1:30pm Prayer Team	27	28 8:00am Northwest Chapel	29 10:00am Bible Study	30 4:30 to 6:30pm Back to School Cookout 8:00pm AA Meeting	31
14th Sunday After Pentecost						

Birthdays

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August 14 **Tim Wallinger Bentley Winn** August 16 **Rick Winn** August 21 **Emily Krueger Coral Valdes** August 23 **Brooklyn Gottsacker** August 24 Henrietta Cloyd August 25 Colleen Gottsacker August 29 Alysha Winefeld

Anniversaries

<u>August 10</u> Jadee & Will Campbell James & Mai-Nhia Kruse Ron & Judy Omet <u>August 14</u> Jim & Nancy Keck <u>August 17</u> Rick & Jodi Winn

August 21

Greg & Linda Doby Justin & Racheal Kerby <u>August 26</u> Gerald & Jetta Bobholz <u>August 28</u> Mike & Theresa Weiss

School Supply Collection

We are collecting school supplies for Northwest Lutheran School and other LUMIN schools. Items should be brought to church by August 18 so we can distribute them before school begins.

- Items needed...
- 2 Pocket Folders
 - #2 Pencils
- Black Expo Markers
- CRAYOLA Markers
- CRAYOLA Crayons
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
 - Clorox Wipes
 - & more...

Finance Update

The mid-year Treasurer's Report has been completed. Copies are available in the narthex at Covenant or by request from the church office.

Income year-to-date is \$272,635 which is nearly identical to the total through the first six months of 2023. The expenses year-to-date are \$248,530 which leaves us with a positive balance of \$24,105. Expenses are lower this year as last year we spent more than \$25,000 to replace the roof over the Upper Fellowship Hall. We continue to receive income from the lease of the Northwest Lutheran School property and from the State of Wisconsin for our child care center. These two income sources total \$32,358 so without it, we could have a negative balance. Also of note, our offering income is up \$5,586 thru June 30. Thank you for your generous giving!

We are in a good financial position but we still need to practice good stewardship of our finances. Thanks and praise to God for His gifts and blessings. We give to our church in joyful and loving response to what God has given us. Thank you to all who have given so faithfully to Covenant.







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