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*"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"*

FROM PASTOR BETTY

Dear sisters and brothers:

There is a saying that goes like this "behind a great man, there is a great woman" I think that the right way to say this will be something like this "along side of a great human being, walks another great human being." Greatness can be obtained by the support, encouragement, constructive criticism, wise advice and love of one person to the other; one who is willing to walk side by side, mentoring the other one.

In the movies "The Blind Side" and the most recent "Karate Kid" we can see this kind of mentoring, support and encouragement toward a young person. I'm pretty sure that there are many others that we can mention. However, my intention in mentioning these two is because both of them have the kind of support that we are seeking for our young group of Camp Hope leaders. I'm talking about cross-cultural, cross-generational type of mentoring model.

According to many experts and researchers the presence of supportive, assertive, caring adults, the young people can successfully manage day-to-day normal and difficult situations. Without the immediate intervention of these caring adults, young people have the risk to make choices that can undermine not only their future, "but, ultimately, the social and economic well-being of others."<sup>1</sup>

(Cont. p. 3...)

**JOURNEYING  
TOGETHER  
"SARANTAHANI"**

As many of us travel during the summer months, we remember those brothers and sisters in Christ who journey with us in our Christian lives.

Our Savior's has many partners in the journey. Some of those will be represented this summer by guest speakers and preachers.

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## Adults

## Needed

See Pastor Betty's article



***Our Savior's is a***

***member of Central City Churches, Inc.***

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## **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

***A church where God's diversity works***

### **Church Council**

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## **Our Savior's Mission Statement**

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a diverse community of loved sinners gathered in the central city of Milwaukee:**

created by God the Father Almighty;  
redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ;  
united in celebrating God's act of salvation in Word and Sacrament;  
called to be the body of Christ;  
and empowered by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for ministry.

**Our purpose/ as a congregation and as individuals/ is to:**

be a visible and tangible sign of the body of Christ in metropolitan Milwaukee;  
acknowledge the reign of God by living out God's forgiveness, love and justice with all creation  
and use the diversity of gifts given us by the Spirit for proclaiming anew the healing and liberating Good News of Jesus Christ.

**As the body of Christ in this city we:**

celebrate the presence of the living God in our lives/ congregation/ community and world;  
proclaim the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ  
administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion;  
welcome as sisters and brothers, persons of any age/ gender, racial/ or ethnic heritage/economic status, mental or physical ability or sexual orientation;  
act as a messenger of hope in the redemption of the city;  
empower people to live as children of God;  
respect the witness/ insight and gifts of one another;  
support ministries of service to people in need locally and globally;  
advocate on behalf of those who are oppressed;  
and establish partnerships with the Global Christian Community.

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The New Testament is full of stories that show us a good way to mentor others by teaching and equipping them as Jesus did with his disciples before and even after his resurrection. In 1 Thessalonians 2:8 we read **"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."**

A mentor is a caring, adult friend who devotes time to a young person. Mentors can be just a little older than the youth or they can be senior citizens, and as we can see in the movies mention before, also can be cross-generational.

You don't have to be a super special type of person, what you need to be a mentor is:

- To be known as **Affirmative, Assertive, Available** type of person (AAA Adult.)
- Be at least 21 years old
- Actively involved in congregational life, including worship and prayer
- Have communication and relational gifts
- Meet Safe Haven Guidelines per the congregation

"According to Dr. Roland Martinson, only 10 percent of youth who grow up in the church will remain active in the church without ever leaving. Of those 10 percent, one common factor is having five or more mentors of vital faith in addition to their parents."<sup>2</sup>

These we can testify as being truth. Last year's Camp Hope left us the blessing of having some young people in the congregation. This group had the blessing of having a support group of adult mentors who believed in their gifts and encouraged them to keep going through words of appreciation .

We want to consolidate this group of new young leaders, but that will only be possible with the support of mentors. If you think you can commit at least 6 weeks of your precious time and have some qualifications to be a mentor, let us know. Your support will be highly appreciated by God ;) (see page 12 to sign up)

In God's inclusive love and mercy,

Pastor Betty Baires



1 Camp Hope Day Camp ministries, Congregational Ownership pg. 7

2 ibid

Are YOU a TRIPLE A Adult?



## *Kaleidoscope Corner*

### **MUTUAL INVITATION**

*from the Kaleidoscope Team  
by Penny Schwid*

Our Savior's Kaleidoscope team will soon be inviting people to join the next Kaleidoscope Bible Study (KBS) groups.

The new KBS groups will begin to meet in July for eight weeks. Are you ready to be invited? Do speak with Pastor Betty or another member of the Kaleidoscope Team to express your interest. These Bible study groups are building a foundation that will undergird the Our Savior's congregation objectives towards being a place "where God's diversity works":

**Being intentional about inclusion**

**Focusing on God's Word**

**Putting in practice time**

In the last two issues of *The Messenger*, we wrote about the technique of Respectful Communication Guidelines. In this issue, we lift up **Mutual Invitation**, a technique used to include everyone who wants to participate. So just what is **Mutual Invitation**?

*The following explanation is taken from "Living the Gospel of Peace, Tools for Building More Inclusive Community" by Eric H. F. Law.*

In this process everyone is invited to listen to others without judgment or comment. This is an exercise in letting go of power or any urge to control the group. It is an opportunity to be humble and take up the cross. At the same time, the process ensures that each person will have his or her share of time and space to exercise power. Everyone is invited to speak and be heard; everyone is empowered. With the "pass" rule, each person is invited to take responsibility to determine how to use that power.

The "pass" rule works like this; each person invited to speak may do so, or may "pass" or "pass for now". For those who perceive themselves as powerful enough to speak freely in most groups, Mutual Invitation invites them to be silent and wait their turn to speak. When they are invited to speak, they are free to share their thoughts and feelings and have full control of the time until they finish. Then they give up their power by inviting another to share and become silent and listen again.

For those who perceive themselves as having less power and thus find it hard to speak in a group, Mutual Invitation guarantees they will be invited to speak. Once they are invited,

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they may choose to use that time in any way they want. They might choose to be silent in order to put their thoughts together before they speak. They may decide to speak, or to pass, knowing they will have another opportunity. When they are finished, they give up their power and invite another to speak. The opportunity to extend an invitation is empowering in that it provides the privilege to direct the process.

## *Kaleidoscope Corner*



Mutual Invitation, if practiced consistently, challenges the assumptions of power held by the different groups in a system. It becomes a visible sign of what inclusion is about: inviting other to participate by giving them power to voice their perceptions, experiences and insights. Inclusion is also about listening and receiving without judgment what others have to share. It is about people speaking honestly with the power that is given them to reveal themselves. It is about taking time to make sure everyone in the circle is respectfully invited to join the discussion.

When the Respectful Communication Guidelines and Mutual Invitation are applied to Bible study, we create an environment in which everyone is assumed to be an interpreter of Holy Scripture. Both the powerful and the powerless are invited to bring their own particular cultural contexts to bear. They are invited to prophesy to each other, sharing the dreams and visions inspired by God. When this happens, the community will see with more clarity how God inspires, challenges and invites us to change, grow and act in our lives and ministries. A community that studies Holy Scripture using these inclusive processes will move toward becoming a community of Pentecost in which the mighty works of God as spoken, shared and lived by all.

*KALEIDOSCOPE BIBLE STUDY is guided by Respectful Communication Guidelines and Mutual Invitation and concludes with prayer. "I ask God...I thank God..." Do talk to Pastor Betty or another member of the KBS team if you would like to be in a KBS soon.*



### ***Our Savior's Kaleidoscope Leadership Team***

*Pastors Barbara Rasmussen & Betty Baires*

*Phil & Wendy Enockson*

*Penny Schwid*

*William Martin*

*Bill Wood*

# Catch the Wave!

 **Camp Hope  
Day Camp Ministries**



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[www.oslcmilw.org](http://www.oslcmilw.org)

Date: August 2-6

Date: August 9-13

Date: August 16-20

**Water Life- It's all good!**  
We will explore the ocean of God's love for us and our partnership with God in caring for Creation.

**Water Voyage- Surf's up!**  
An adventure with Paul & his friends to destinations unknown!

**Living Water- Dive Deep!**  
Life is filled with treasures to discover as we look at our world through Jesus' eyes.

August 2-20, 2010 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Come one, two or all three weeks

Register in the Church Office

**Camp Hope Summer Day Camp**  
**for children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade**

**August 2-20, 2010**

**Day Camp:** Youth who are 5 years old and will attend kindergarten in the fall, through 4th grade are invited to Day Camp. Expect an action packed day which includes Bible Stories, crafts, games (indoor & outdoor), songs, & more. Campers are cared for by High School and College age trained Small Group Leaders and Support Staff throughout the day.

**Disciple Camp:** Youth who have attended 5th & 6th grade are Disciple Campers. Pre-teens learn to serve God by helping others. Bible Study and crafts connect faith and daily life.

**Support Staff:** Those who have completed 7th grade on up are encouraged to volunteer at camp. Support Staff are vital to the camp staff.

**Adult Mentors:** Adults! Flexible schedules and those eager to assist youth leadership are needed each week at camp for a variety of ministry positions.



**The Camp Day includes:**

**Alpha**

(Opening Worship)

**Manna**

(Active Bible Study)

**Small Group\***

**Lunch**

**Sabbath**

(Rest Time)

**Small Group\***

**Omega** (Closing Worship)

\*Small Group Activities include games, crafts, snacks & expressive arts

**Tuition:**

\$5 per week  
per child

\$10 per child  
for all three weeks

**Scholarships and Family**

**discounts:**

Available by application through the church office.

**Questions?**

Contact...

Pastor Betty Baires  
414-342-5252



# July 2

## Sun

## Mon

## Tue

## Wed

<b>4</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study	<b>5</b> Sherrilee Freeman+ Church Closed for Independence Day holiday	<b>6</b> Penny Schwid+ 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. - All Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> Tammy Arvelo+ 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 6:00 p.m. 3AM rehearsal
<b>11</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study	<b>12</b> Sherrilee Freeman+ 7:15 and 8:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field	<b>13</b> Ruth Williams+ 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	<b>14</b> Tammy Arvelo+ 12:00 Last Prayer Service/Lunch for the summer 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal
<b>18</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study	<b>19</b> Sherrilee Freeman+ 6:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field	<b>20</b> Paul Brynildson+ 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil 7:00 p.m. Our Savior's Foundation	<b>21</b> Tammy Arvelo+ 9:30 a.m. Leah Circle at Steeple 12:00 Prayer Service/Lunch 3:00 p.m. West End Landlords* 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal
<b>25</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study	<b>26</b> Sherrilee Freeman+ 6:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field	<b>27</b> Phil Enockson+ 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Finance Team Meeting	<b>28</b> Tammy Arvelo+ 6:00 p.m. 3AM rehearsal

\* Guests +Prayer Partners for Pastor Barbara

*You may contact the church*

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## Thu

## Fri

## Sat

<p><b>1</b> Phil Enockson+</p>	<p><b>2</b> Wendy Enockson+</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Summer Worship</p>	<p><b>3</b> Virginia Koch+</p> <p>9:00 a.m. NA Group* 9:30 a.m. Clean-a-thon</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> Jeny Sebesta+</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Quilting 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. L&amp;M Payee* 6:30 p.m. Summer Worship</p>	<p><b>10</b> Carol Hope Leader Training at Ascension LC July 8-10</p> <p>9:00 a.m. NA Group*</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Summer Worship</p>	<p><b>16</b> Mary Foley+</p>	<p><b>17</b> Mary Taylor+</p> <p>9:00 a.m. NA Group*</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. L&amp;M Payee* 6:30 p.m. Summer Worship</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting* &amp; Parish Life Team meeting 1:00 p.m. NA Event</p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. L&amp;M Payee* 6:30 p.m. - Summer Worship</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:00 a.m. NA Group*</p>

office or consult the website for up-to-date meeting and event information. Tel: 414-342-5252 www.oslcmilw.org



We received a letter of thanks and a certificate of appreciation from Lutheran World Relief for our use of Eco-Palms on Palm Sunday this year.

"Because of you, we celebrated our most successful Palm Sunday yet. More than 780,000 Eco-Palms waved jubilantly this year, with 300,000 of those in the hands of Lutherans across the U.S.

Because of you, nearly \$40,000 will go back to the palm harvesting communities to provide scholarships to local children and improve their ability to manage the palm program.

Your simple act is making a difference.

Next year, with your help, we hope to hit the one million palm mark.

Now, we are asking you to help us make another big difference. LWR is raising \$1 million for programs that will bring plentiful water to the world's poorest people. Water affects every aspect of life. LWR works with local partners and rural communities to solve water problems at the source. Help **LWR Fill the Well** to make sure families have life-sustaining water they need now and for years to come.

Visit [lwr.org/water](http://lwr.org/water) to donate, download resources and learn more."

And visit [lwr.org/fairtrade](http://lwr.org/fairtrade) to learn about LWR's fair trade chocolate, handicrafts and coffee.

## A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first week of Pastor Barbara's sabbatical was spent attending The Festival of Homiletics (preaching conference) held this year in Nashville. More than 1,500 clergy representing a wide range of North American denominations attended in order to worship, and listen to some of the best preachers sermonize and lecture on preaching. A variety of music and worship styles accentuated the week.

Late Friday afternoon we took a Greyline airport shuttle from the hotel to catch our flight back to Milwaukee. Displayed inside the van above the driver's head were several beautifully etched signs. One simply read: No Smoking. The second was the one that especially caught my eye. It read: It is not against company policy to tip the driver.

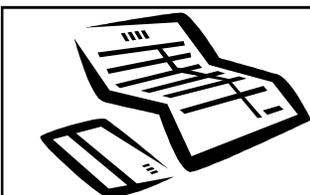


Interesting, I thought. It was a nice way to remind passengers how they might thank the driver. It was then that my mischievous mind (remember, I was by this time quite tired) thought that perhaps we should place a sign above our church doors:

**It is not against church policy to tithe.**

That would serve as a reminder as to how we might thank our God for all that we've been given. Hmmm???

Pastor Bob  
Stewardship Ministry Team Chair  
(and not on sabbatical:-)



Quarterly Giving Statements  
will be in member mailboxes in July

## Camp Hope Seeking Adult Support

### Adult Mentor

#### ***Camp Hope has a youth-led, adult-mentored Leadership System:***

This ministry is unique because of the adults who support, coach and mentor Camp Hope's youth and young adults.

Young people lead differently than adults. Most don't have previous experience, so they are not like teachers or parents. In fact, they are more like the children they're working with, which is why the campers connect with them so well. Yet, without previous experience, they cannot be successful unless committed adults coach or mentor them in their leadership role. This type of youth-adult relationship calls for what is known as "Triple A" adults – ***Available, Affirming and Authentic***. If you can be available to a youth leader by providing support, encouragement and spiritual guidance, please contact Pastor Betty or return the form below to the church office. You may use the form below to offer your help as a Mentor or a Sponsor.

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### Adult Sponsor and/or Mentor

Camp Hope needs your support to sponsor youth, children and supplies. Your contribution will go a long way to show God's love for people as we journey together in unity.

My contribution is enclosed to be a Camp Hope sponsor.

\$75 will sponsor a Youth Leader for one week.  \$375 for 5 weeks of camp.

\$5 will provide a scholarship for a child to attend one week of Camp Hope.

\$10 will provide a scholarship for a child to attend three weeks of Camp Hope.

\$30 will provide breakfast and lunch for one child for all three weeks of Camp Hope.

I want to be an Adult Mentor for Camp Hope this summer. I understand that I will be matched with a Camp Hope Leader for whom I will provide spiritual support and encouragement.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Congratulations Graduates!

Evan James - Luther College

Danielle McLean - Northwestern University

Addie Schultz - University of Pittsburgh

**BITS AND  
PIECES**

## Leah Circle Meeting at Steepleview Apartments July 21

Leah Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on July 21st at Steepleview Apartments, 12455 W. Janesville Road in the community room for the July-August meeting. There will be Bible Study, food and fellowship. All women of Our Savior's Lutheran Church are invited and welcome to come.

Call Ardith Strommen (414-525-5557) or Marie Brynildson (414-543-9247) for directions or to arrange a ride.



## Join in the Clean-a-thon, Saturday, July 3 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This Clean-a-thon will focus on the church grounds. The Youth Group and the Building and Grounds Team will lead the way and invite you to join them! Bring your gloves and your willingness to have fun while cleaning up around the church yard and parking lot. Direct your questions to LaVonne Williams.

## Save the Date for a Special Celebration!

Celebrate Pastor Barbara's 25th Anniversary of Ordination  
Sunday, August 29  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Open House at Our Savior's



## 8:30 a.m. WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY SUNDAYS

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday July 4	Sunday July 11	Sunday July 18	Sunday July 25
Assisting Minister	Paula Holman	Gail Jacobsen	Penny Schwid	Paul Brynildson
Reader	Dorothy Kittleson	Karen Schneble	Norma Fogle	Hannah McLean
Communion Server	LaVonne and Jerry Williams	Bill Wood Eric Seymour	Steve Oakland Norma Fogle	Hannah McLean Steve Oakland
Acolyte	Paula Holman	Eric Seymour	Norma Fogle	Hannah McLean
Sacristy	LaVonne and Jerry Williams	Bill Wood Karen Schneble	Frank & Nancy Schultz	Marie Brynildson Lenore Blasier
Gift Bearer families 8:30	Cason	Pinger	Schultz	Westcott
Sound Room 8:30	Mike Festge	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble	Jane Bosman- Clark



## July Birthdays

Zimmermann, Greta	07/01	Davis, Richard	07/14
Heinemann, Keith	07/02	Cáceres, Elise	07/15
Roby, Antoine	07/02	Davis, Latonyja	07/16
Koch, Virginia	07/03	Wiese, Lana	07/16
Roe, Joshua	07/04	Festge, Kurt	07/17
Kaari, Clifford	07/06	Walker, Marrien	07/17
Bosman-Clark, Eleanor	07/08	Schumacher, Ella	07/18
Dusold, Lynn	07/09	Gutowski, Sandra	07/19
Gielow, Richard	07/09	Johnston, Sherry	07/19
Nowicki, Jayne	07/11	Prochnow, Jason	07/22
Chossek, Aleta	07/12	Bliesner, Jonathan	07/23
Jorgensen, Doreen	07/12	Davis, James	07/23
Schruba, Ellen	07/12	Wimmer, Jenine	07/28
Wilson, Maude	07/12	Dewalt, Robert	07/30
Formoe, Charles	07/13	Palmer, Jamela	07/30

*Happy  
Birthday!*

*May God  
bless you!*

**A Call for Pray-ers** Additional pray-ers are welcome to fill some dates in August to offer prayers for Pastor Barbara during her sabbatical.

**Visit the Flower Chart** There are Sundays available in July and August for sponsoring altar flowers. See the flower chart posted outside of the church office to sign up. \$40 is the cost.

**Marriage** We rejoice with Rikki (Greengrass) and Delmer Crowsbreast on the blessing of their marriage on June 4th.

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED  
FOR...**

Jan Quade  
Debra Nelson  
Steve Rowbottom  
Debra Nelson  
Elaine Sebesta  
Joanie Bickler on the death of her fiancé, Ron Aardahl  
Teens looking for summer jobs  
Those who are traveling

**New Address**

Jan Quade has a new apartment number at the same address. Her new apartment is 180.

**Deaths**

*The prayers of the congregation are requested for the families and friends of our brother in faith.*

Don Reger                      June 1, 2010

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Ayub Mohamed - Custodians  
Penny Schwid, Parish Administrator  
John Seboldt, Organist  
J. Mark Baker, Senior Choir Director  
Phil Enockson, Congregation President

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