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"A Church Where God's Diversity Works"

FROM PASTOR BETTY

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are in the middle of our "Sanrantañi," our journey together, and so far it has been very rewarding. We have shared the memories we have collected from our journey in the past, the challenges to continue our journey in the present, and the hope for our journey in the future. Our partners in ministry have come and talked about the meaning of "journeying together" and it seems that we are almost on track. Following Pastor Mark Thompson's invitation to think about what else we can **do**, we could say that our present challenge is to find a way **to do** more into the area of creating relationships with the people we serve in the different areas of our ministry and **go** to places where **"the Lord" is "making us" to go.**

Also our sister Alicia Ellis from CCCOM invited us to come and sit with our brothers and sisters and listen to their stories. I wonder how many of us know some of our brothers and sisters who come to the Outreach Ministry Program and benefit from it? Or how many of us know some of our brothers and sisters who come to the Prayer Lunch service we provide every Wednesday at noon? I'm always glad when some of you come and sit with our brothers and sisters we serve either through the Food Pantry or the Wednesday Prayer Lunch.

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Camp Hope

August 2-20

MON-FRI

8:30 a.m.

To

1:00 p.m.



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Reception for
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and is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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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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Let's remember that the apostle Paul, on his missionary journeys, always developed relationships. Those relationships were for him the starting point in a new missionary endeavor. While he was doing his "tent making" job, he didn't miss the opportunity to listen and learn from the culture, traditions and beliefs of the people around him; this was in order for him to know where in their faith journey that people were. This was also an opportunity for him to talk about his newfound faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

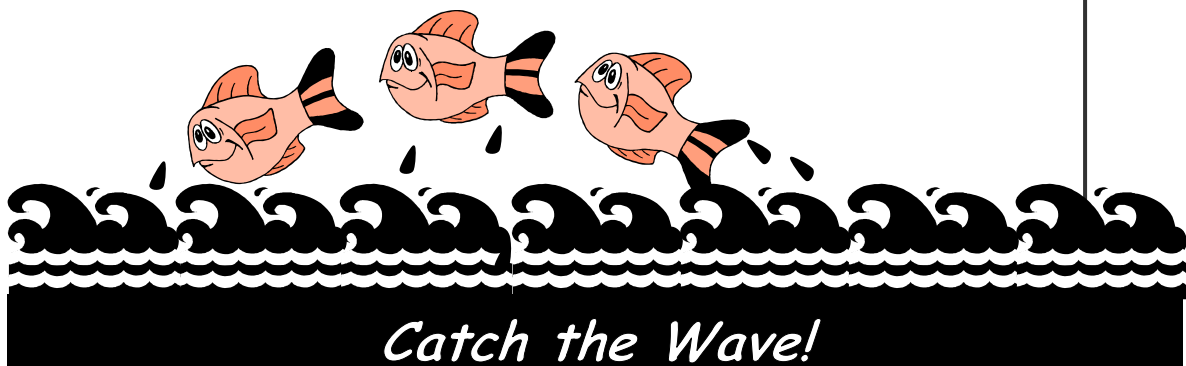
We also need to think in which way we can continue our "journey" together with the younger generations. The theme for this Summer Camp is about "catching the faith". According to some experts, faith is not something we can "teach". Faith is something we "pass on to" like something contagious and the people who are around us need to "catch it" like a virus type of illness.

In order for us to be "contagious" we need to get close to people and show the "symptoms" of our faith. The mentoring part of Camp Hope is trying to fulfill this experience. I'm thankful for those of you who are willing to serve as mentors. I know that this is a fundamental part of the program and will be a blessing not only for the young but also for those of us who participate.

Now brothers and sisters, while we continue thinking about the meaning of our journey together, I invite you to think about that special person/people who is/was responsible for you to "catch the faith bug" and how many people you have "passed on" the "faith bug" and how can you and the rest of the people identify the "signs and symptoms" of your faith.

May the Lord bless us and help us to continue, "pass it on" our faith to the next generations.

In God's inclusive Love, Pr. Betty Baires





Kaleidoscope Corner

Kaleidoscope Bible Study

from the Kaleidoscope Team - by Penny Schwid

The next round of Kaleidoscope Bible Study (KBS) is being planned. Four or five groups will begin meeting in August. Be prepared to say “yes”, “pass for now” or “pass” when you are invited to join a KBS.

Why are we so excited about getting everyone involved in Kaleidoscope Bible Study? Because we have noticed that it is making a difference in our lives. Alicia Ellis puts it this way, “It’s an exciting adventure. It has given me good steps to Bible reading and understanding and let’s me know that my interpretation is OK; my interpretation is not wrong.”

The KBS model is grounded in the RESPECTful communication guidelines (see April and May Messengers) and also the communication tool called Mutual Invitation (see June Messenger). These tools enable us to come to the Bible as equals; not one of us has THE right answer and all of our experiences are valid in interpreting and understanding of scripture for our lives. We can bring our own culture, heritage, communication style, and life experiences to the table and participate fully. We speak only for ourselves as we find meaning for our own lives. We can choose to speak, to pass or pass for now.

The Bible offers us a wide range of examples of people and their experiences. Some of the stories are repeated by several authors, giving us different perspectives of the same event. The Gospels offer us 4 different perspectives on the life and ministry of Jesus. By reading all 4 Gospels, we “capture a dynamic living relationship with Christ now in our own context...Each time we read a biblical text, we cross into the culture embedded in the text, the cultural context of the different groups and persons in the story, and the cultural context of the writer...the Bible invites us to bring our own cultural context to the crossing so that we can encounter God anew”.*

So, when we read Scripture together in a diverse community, we build an inclusive community. We do not rely on an expert Bible scholar to tell us what the text means. Rather we study the scripture with people of diverse experiences, hearing different interpretations based on the different contexts of the participants. “By listening to each other, we value the diversity that exists among us and receive our differences as gifts that provide a fuller vision of ourselves and our ministry.”*

*Eric H.F. Law “Living the Gospel of Peace” p. 17

Meet Yetunda Moore

Hi! My name is Yetunda Moore, but everyone calls me Tenday. In the beginning when I first arrived at Our Savior's the congregation wasn't so welcoming. I guess they just didn't know the abilities that I had and the things I could do. So I had to prove myself to them.

I started attending Youth Bible Study, which sometimes I lead. Also I started doing the readings in church and one day even did a small sermon. After that I started volunteering for whatever help was needed. I joined the counselors of Camp Hope and became the Expressive Arts director. My experience with Camp Hope has made me a far better person because, not only were we teaching children about the Bible, we also learned new things each day.

I am grateful that I have another chance to come back to work at Camp Hope again. Working with Camp Hope has given me the opportunity to work with other camps and other churches. Since I have been attending Our Savior's for almost a year, the congregation has not only become people of the church, but like family and a part of my family with God. I would like to thank Pastor Betty and all that she does for me, and also thank anyone who supported her ideas and helped. Also I would like to thank the donors and everyone who gives to the church.



*Yetunda Moore, Camp Hope Co-Coordinator
and Expressive Arts Director*

Age: 16

Grade: 11th

School: Vincent High School

Interests: Track, Basketball and Tennis





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Camp Hope will be open August 2-20
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

August

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Mon

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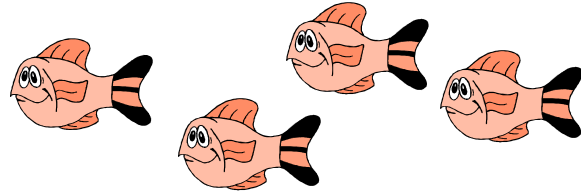
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| 1 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study | 2 Joan Totten +  7:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field | 3 Lolita Lukach+  9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. - All Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m. - Combined Worship Planning Meeting | 4 Tammy Arvelo+ 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. KBS (2 groups) |
| 8 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study | 9 Russ Jacobsen+  Championship Softball Game | 10 Ruth Williams+  9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting | 11 Tammy Arvelo & LaVonne Williams + 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. KBS (2 groups) |
| 15 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship, Bible Study, Rummage Sale Meeting | 16  | 17 Lolita Lukach+  9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 18 Tammy Arvelo+ (note; No Leah Circle) 3:00 p.m. West End Landlords 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. KBS (2 groups) |
| 22 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Thrivent Ice Cream Social | 23 6:15 p.m. Men's Softball at Juneau Field | 24 9:30 a.m. - 1pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting | 25 6:00 p.m. 3AM Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. KBS (2 groups) |
| 29 10:00 a.m. Worship followed by Open House for 25th Anniversary of Pr. Barbara's Ordination | 30 5:00 p.m. Central City Churches Picnic at Redeemer | 31 9:30 a.m. - 1 pm L&M Payee* 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry Team | KBS is Kaleidoscope Bible Study— contact the church office if you are interested in joining one |

* Guests +Prayer Partners for Pastor Barbara

You may contact the church

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2010**Thu****Fri****Sat**

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| 5  Gary Christianson+  9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. L & M Payee* 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 6  Gary Christianson+  9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. L & M Payee* 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 7  9:00 a.m. NA Group* and picnic Following on the parking lot |
| 12  | 13  Jerry Williams +  9:30 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 14  5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal |
| 19  9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. L & M Payee* 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 20  Virginia Koch+  6:30 p.m. Peace Vigil | 21  Patti Brynildson+  9:00 a.m. NA Group* & Church Council Meeting |
| 26 Gary Christianson+ 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 27 2:00 p.m. - KBS 4:00 p.m. - KBS | 28 9:00 a.m. NA Group Meeting* |
| Thursday 4:00 p.m. KBS replaces Summer Worship in August | CCC Outreach Ministry will be closed August 2-13 for cleaning | |

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

Catch the Wave!



Camp Hope Day Camp Ministries



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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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 destina-
tions unknown!*

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

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Come one, two or all three weeks

Register in the Church Office

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BITS AND PIECES

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books will be sold by the Senior Choir members starting the end of August. Save 50% on many things or use money off coupons. The price is \$35. Profits are used for purchasing new music, hiring instrumentalists, cleaning choir robes etc. Contact Marian Gielow to pre-order yours today!

Rummage Sale Meeting, Sunday August 15 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a rummage sale on Saturday, October 8 to benefit the Central City Churches Outreach Ministry Food Pantry. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come to a planning meeting on Sunday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. (between services) in the Conference Room. Sooo, save your good STUFF. We will be able to accept donations for the rummage sale beginning October 1. We thank LaVonne Williams for agreeing to coordinate this fun and important event again this year!

10%

Stewardship: Where did the tithe go?

Last month I mentioned an experience that Pastor Barbara and I had as we took a shuttle back to the Nashville airport. Taking a clue from a sign over the driver's head encouraging passengers to tip it read: It is not against company policy to tip the driver. I suggested a sign over the church door that might read: *It is not against church policy to tithe.* Hmm :-)

Earlier last month while visiting New York City and then later while in Door County, I learned that a tithe is no longer appropriate for table service. At the bottom of our food check printed just below the total were suggested tip amounts:

15% tip followed by an amount equal to fifteen percent of our check

20% tip followed by an amount equal to twenty percent of our check.

25% tip followed by an amount equal to twenty-five percent of our check.

Apparently 10%, that is a tithe, as a tip is just too low to even consider. Hmm. :-)

This, of course, got me to thinking. Certainly our offering is not tipping God for God's services. Rather, it represents our joyful and generous response to the bounteous gifts God freely gives to us daily. If this is so, then why is it that the typical Lutheran (whoever that is?) returns only 1.9% of his/her income to God's church?

Just thinking out loud.

Pastor Bob Scheuermann, Stewardship Ministry Team Chair

8:30 a.m. WORSHIP LEADERS AUGUST, 2010

| <i>Schedule</i> | Sunday, August 1 | Sunday, August 8 | Sunday, August 15 | Sunday, August 22 | Sunday, August 29 10:00 a.m. |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Assisting Minister | Jane Bosman-Clark | Penny Schwid | Gail Jacobsen | Paul Brynildson | 10:00 a.m. Paula Holman |
| Reader | Dorothy Kittleson | Karen Schneble | Norma Fogle | Hannah McLean | 10:00 a.m. William Martin |
| Communion Server | LaVonne and Jerry Williams | Bill Wood Eric Seymour | Steve Oakland Norma Fogle | Hannah McLean Steve Oakland | 10:00 a.m. William Martin Hannah Mclean |
| Acolyte | Jane Bosman-Clark | Eric Seymour | Norma Fogle | Hannah McLean | 10:00 a.m. Tranean Cade Tenday Moore |
| Sacristy | LaVonne and Jerry Williams | Bill Wood Karen Schneble | Virginia Koch Marie Loga | Marie Brynildson Lenore Blasier | 10:00 a.m. Judy Pinger Doris Sorvick |
| Gift Bearer families 8:30 | Cason | Pinger | James | Westcott | Camp Hope Leaders |
| Sound Room 8:30 | Paul Schneble | Paul Schneble | Mike Festge | Jane Bosman-Clark | 10:00 a.m. Mike Festge |



August Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Totten, Joan | 08/02 | Wells-Cage, Aaron | 08/18 | <i>Happy Birthday!</i> |
| Baumann, Cayla | 08/04 | Wells-Cage, Isaac | 08/18 | |
| Paasch, Rebecca | 08/06 | Holman, Elise | 08/19 | <i>May God bless you!</i> |
| Strange, Joyce | 08/08 | Brisco, Verona | 08/20 | |
| Foley, Robert | 08/09 | Jacobsen, Russell | 08/20 | |
| Wigdahl, Verna | 08/09 | Enockson, Wendy | 08/21 | |
| Forseth, Keith | 08/12 | Cason, James | 08/22 | |
| Gray, Kevin | 08/13 | Haberman, Dave | 08/22 | |
| Walker, Marshall | 08/15 | Deer, Shirley | 08/26 | |
| Peterson, Judith | 08/17 | McLean, Hannah | 08/26 | |
| Foley, David | 08/18 | Bergemann, Clarine | 08/28 | |
| Heinemann, Ronald | 08/18 | Salazar, Samuel | 08/28 | |
| Severtson, Jean | 08/18 | Meyer, Suzan | 08/31 | |

*You are invited
 to an Open House Reception
 in celebration of the 25th anniversary of ordination
 of Pastor Barbara Rasmussen
 Sunday, August 29
 Following the 10:00 a.m. worship service until 2:00 p.m.*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR

Jan Quade
 Debra Nelson & her mother
 Steve Rowbottom
 Cyndi Benner
 Jena & Tammy Arvelo Sebesta on
 the death of Jena's grandmother,
 Elaine
 Romenita "Cookie" Henderson
 Glenna Czepulonis

Visit the Flower Chart Sunday, August 8th is
 open for sponsoring altar flowers. See the flower
 chart posted outside of the church office to sign
 up. \$40 is the cost.

New Address

Lenore Blasier
 9200 W Layton Avenue
 #B114
 Greenfield, WI 53228

Prayer Partners

Wanted: Contact the
 church office to sign up
 to pray for Pastor Bar-
 bara while she is on
 sabbatical.

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Rev. Betty Baires, Pastor of Discipleship

Billy Nash, Maurice Scruggs, Nila Wooten,
Ayub Mohamed - Custodians

Penny Schwid, Parish Administrator

John Seboldt, Organist

J. Mark Baker, Senior Choir Director

Phil Enockson, Congregation President

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| Articles due by August 15 for September 2010 Messenger |
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