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Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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Summer Worship Schedule: No Need to Miss Worship!

We're excited for summer worship at Our Lord's, especially because YOU can join in the weekend worship no matter where you are on Sunday morning with any internet connection! Worship live through [Facebook](#) or check out a recorded worship service through the [website](#) or on [YouTube](#). Summer is surely a time for play, travel and rest. It is also a rich time of spiritual growth as we make new discoveries, connections and gain spiritual depth through lived experience.

Here are a few summer worship highlights!

*Your Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) will bring a visioning word to you on June 12th as Pastor Kelly participates in the WI Annual Conference.

*"Drive-In Live" will be back! (Dates to be determined).

*We'll welcome Melissa Frieberg back to the pulpit July 17 & 24 AND we'll celebrate Christmas in July on 7/31 with Dennis Wolfgang on the organ bench and a special blessing of a group project!



A Word from Pastor Kelly

PRIDE is a Part of Our Call

Learn / Grow / Inform / Celebrate ALL facets of our church family and community!



As I began info gathering for this article, I learned that New Berlin got a jump start on Pride Month with a LGBT Bowling Night hosted at New Berlin Ale House on May 14th! Yaaaay New Berlin! The “House of Harley-Davidson”, a beloved brand of many Waukesha County residents, kicks off Pride month with a “Ride with Pride” event at 3 p.m. on June 3rd.

It was my joy to sponsor a church member participating in different Pride Ride, this one raising money for ‘The Trevor Project’ [helping LGBTQ youth] as she join the “Bicycle Ride for Pride” being held on Sunday, June 5th ending at the start of the MKE Pride Parade. (I hope to join up with them there!)

Uniquely Milwaukee is running a 6-part podcast in June on the history of the LGBT community in and around Milwaukee.

PrideFest 2022 kicks off Festival Season June 2-5th at the Summerfest grounds with music, booths for shopping and educational (and spiritual) resources and a welcoming hug at the entrance from all of us in PFLAG [Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays]!

Leading up to Pride month, I’m attending a talk on ‘DEIB [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging] in the Workplace’ given by my friend, President and CEO of the Wisconsin LGBT Business Chamber of Commerce at the Sheboygan County Chamber.

June is a beautiful month in Wisconsin! Adding a bit of Pride to your June might be a new challenge for you: I encourage you to seek me out for reading resources, for good information, and to just have a chat over an iced tea.

Peace be with each of you,
Pastor Kelly



Point of Connection

Virtually connect Tuesdays and Fridays on
Point of Connection
@ 9:30 a.m.

Live on Pastor Kelly's [Facebook](#) page and
then posted on the church [website](#).

What are You Reading This Summer?

Daughter Sara challenged me to listen to podcasts this year – today I'm listening to "Homebrewed Christianity" with Tripp Fuller and his guest is Brian McLaren who's speaking on, among other things, his new book "Do I Stay Christian?"

I think this might be an important book, as I value Brian's challenging perspective and scholarship. It's gonna touch on: Discerning who I become/am as a follower of Christ. Can I be "spiritually alive", speaking the truth in community – am I invited to stay or will I get escorted out? Growing up and being 'where we are' invites us to consider: How did I get here? Why do I believe this way? Why do I think about others in this way? on my unique journey of faith. Believing is what community tells us is most important. For McLaren, belonging is! And, community (a place to belong) must position itself as loving, hospitable and committed to 'doing no harm'.

I realize that this is perhaps too 'deep' a read for summer for some. If it sounds intriguing to you, please join me in reading "Do I Stay Christian?" by Brian McLaren. Brian says, "I hope the book is zesty for readers!" If not – what are you reading this summer?

We'll get together twice to share, mini book report style, on June 21st and August 16th, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on the 'Praise Patio' @ 5000 S. Sunnyslope Road. Bring your own beverage and chair and please be ready to talk about what you've read and enjoyed!

Pastor Kelly



June

Sue Broker	6/4	Helen Tanner	6/20
John Perreault	6/7	Lauren Davis	6/20
Martha Krawczak	6/7	Gary Darnall	6/21
Debbie Zwicky	6/10	Deb Meyer	6/22
Sam Veit	6/13	Rebecca Radick	6/26
Mary Lou Bradstreet	6/17	Joanne Keuler	6/29



July



Brenda Merschdorf	7/7	Dori Love	7/27
Bob Blotz	7/19	Carol Heinert	7/28
Dave Smith	7/26	Karen Whyms	7/29
Shawn Kesler	7/26	Darlene Hempel	7/30

Grant Awarded for Outdoor Signage Additional Funds Needed!

Pastor Kelly collaborated with Dan Spitz, graphic designer, to develop new marketing materials highlighting architectural elements of Our Lord's and outdoor signage to increase curb appeal. We were awarded a \$2500 grant from the WI UM Foundation which will fund $\frac{3}{4}$ of the estimated cost. The rental of the lift required for banner installation was not covered (\$1,890.00) halting this project. Financial gifts toward this aspect of the project are welcomed, either by check or through the church website. If paying by check, please be sure to write 'banner lift' on the memo line.

Thank you!

Quotes to Ponder

from **"Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World"** by Kay Kotan

"We're not going back to normal."

Gideon Lichfield, Editor in Chief of all editions of WIRED

"Innovation no longer remains a choice but has become an imperative."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Your Gifts are Welcome Here!

Want to share your gift of music, creativity, leadership, or tech support for worship this summer? Sign up to assist as a worship leader, reader, audio/visual helper, musician, counter, usher, or acolyte. Training and further information is available in ALL areas.

Volunteer cards are available on the "Sign Up" table in the narthex. Service dates are printed on the card - simply check the area(s) you'd like to assist with and the dates you are available and drop the card into any of the orange offering buckets in the narthex. You may also call the church office at 414-425-7030 and let Tabitha know when you'd be available to assist.

There's a place for YOU here!



- Wednesday, 6/1 “Life Together Apart” discussion, 12 noon, in-person/Zoom
Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 6/5 Worship service w/Holy Communion& graduation recognition,
9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 6/6 Our Lord’s serves at The Gathering
- Wednesday, 6/8 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 6/12 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 6/15 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 6/19 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, 6/20 Monday Funday, 10:00 a.m., Garden Room
- Tuesday, 6/21 “Praise Patio” book discussion, 6-7:30 p.m., outdoors at
5000 S. Sunnyslope Rd. (don’t forget your lawn chair!)
- Wednesday, 6/22 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
- Sunday, 6/26 Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, 6/28 ALB Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Garden Room/Zoom
- Wednesday, 6/29 Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room

Just a Reminder!

If you are part of a group that meets at the church and will be continuing to meet throughout the summer, please be sure to let the church office know for calendaring purposes. It’s not too early to begin thinking about Fall scheduling, either! Contact Tabitha at the church office at 414-425-7030 or by [email](#) with any additions or changes to your group’s meeting plans.



July Calendar of Events

Sunday 7/3	Worship service w/Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, 7/4	Church office closed in observance of Independence Day
Wednesday, 7/6	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Sunday, 7/10	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 7/13	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Sunday, 7/17	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, 7/18	Monday Funday, 10 a.m., Garden Room
Wednesday, 7/20	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Sunday, 7/24	Worship service, 9:30 a.m.
Monday, 7/25	United Women in Faith "Christmas in July" lunch, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., (location to be announced)
Wednesday, 7/27	Mission Crafters, 1:00 p.m., Garden Room
Sunday, 7/31	Worship service "Christmas in July", 9:30 a.m.



Monday Funday is a refreshing time to find joy and friendships, served with love and smiles. Our summer dates are June 20, July 18, and Aug 15, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. As summer is fast approaching us we find ways to escape our busy lives by traveling, vacations, camping, or going up north. But here at Our Lord's UMC, you can stay local to have fun and fellowship with God's people and feel welcomed. We meet in the Garden Room, so bring a friend along and hope to see you on one of these dates. If you need a ride or have concerns contact the [church office](#) or [Rebecca Radick](#).

Congratulations to Our 2022 Graduates!

Lily Engel

Zach Zwicky

Loyal Sheedy

Emma Springer



New Berlin Preschool Celebrates Graduation

The New Berlin Preschool held their graduation ceremony on May 27th. Two groups of excited 4 year-olds presented short programs for their parents and are eagerly looking forward to kindergarten!



Devotional: "Staying Connected"

"You are no longer a stranger, but a fellow citizen with God's people and members of God's household." Ephesians 2:19

Have you ever noticed how God connected people in the Bible? Adam-Eve, David-Jonathan, Mary-Elizabeth, Jesus-His disciples. It's fun to see the dot-to-dot concept of people being involved with each other. But, sometimes those dots or people are hard to be with. It takes work to find dynamic and joyful experiences with others.

Staying connected is important, especially during the summer months when people travel more. It takes time and some effort from all of us to do our part. Make phone calls to people, send cards, Facetime or text, and even write a letter. Tell about what you are doing, ask about how they are, share a joke or an old memory, share the gift of encouragement or cheerleading to give support to show you care. Go out of your way to share cartoons or funny happenings with each other, for we know how intense life is these days. We need to spread joy and bring laughter in our lives.

Remember the story in the Bible when Mary, the soon to be mother of Jesus, visited the aging/pregnant Elizabeth? The unborn child of Elizabeth leapt for joy when the two women met. (Luke 1:41) What a beautiful picture of celebrating another's blessings and connecting at a deeper level in each other's lives. What a surprise and a pleasure it is to connect or reconnect with people. It's a joyful experience to re-establish a relationship, a friendship, or a family connection. For we are all one family of God. We all long to know that we have a strong link of acceptance in being connected!

Who do you need to connect with? Maybe it's a church member, a neighbor, family, friend or even a stranger? Reach out to someone to show how important they are and how they belong! Lord Jesus, "Thank you for connecting us together in Your love and making us Your family." Amen.

Submitted by Rebecca Radick

(excerpts from the devotional, "Joy Breaks" by Patsy Clairmont)



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God” (Matthew 5:9)

Siblings in Christ,

Some days the pain is so overwhelming that words are hard to come by. These are the times we are called to our knees. I write to invite you to pray that we might be fed by God’s solidarity with humanity and consider our Christian duty to be peacemakers.

The core of Jesus’ teaching is nonviolence, but that is not a passive route. Peacemaking seeks to actively bless our interdependence with unconditional regard for the neighbor. Jesus promises those who act as peacemakers will offer a witness that is so remarkable that peacemakers will be called children of God.

We have declared many times that we cannot condone white supremacy. The hate crime in Buffalo targeting our African American siblings, the hate crime in Laguna targeting Taiwanese people, the hate crime in Dallas against Koreans, and the gun violence in Milwaukee over the weekend, call us to our knees that we may ask God—what can we do to live as peacemakers? Why, in this country, is there a mass shooting of four or more every *day*? Let us be in prayer and more: call an end to the voices of white supremacy and systems that create violence. Children of God must pursue peace-making in this society.

Siblings in Christ, peace is not achieved by coercion, intimidation, or making persons an object of hatred. Peace is a gift of God that brings a measure of God’s presence, a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Christians must love God enough to call for change in systems that embed racism. Christians must trust God more than assault rifles of the kind used in Buffalo. Christians must love God more than current solutions that are not working—can we love God enough to listen for the prophetic imagination that would allow the lion to lie down with the lamb?

There is no time to wait to advance the interdependent good of God's realm. Repressed demands for justice will not give birth to peacemaking. We need political change but more: to be fed by God's peace that you might make the prince of peace the cornerstone of your life, your church, and the unifying witness of compassion to your community.

We learn from the grief of racism hard truths about the body of Christ. Those who are vulnerable teach us that we have not heard their cries. We learn from this grief that proclamation of a nonviolent Christ cannot be muted. We learn through pain to grow in love. We learn again that personal holiness must involve social holiness.

This is not just a political issue, let's live an interdependent good where people make neighbors, change systems, and create a new axis of creativity centered on goodness.

Know that I am praying for you.

In hope.
Hee-Soo Jung, PhD.
Bishop Wisconsin Conference UMC

Work in the Giving Garden Has Begun!



Here are some "before" and "after" shots of the garden preparation that has been happening over the past several weeks. Thank you to all the faithful gardeners who have put in many hours already preparing the garden for planting!

Calling All Knitters & Crocheters(And other interested folks!)



Double Down Bag Project



Who is this project for?

Each Christmas, Our Lord's United Methodist church congregation has a mitten tree including gift certificates (\$10 value) to benefit United Methodist Children's Services. The goal of the Double Down project is to help us **double** our efforts in providing warm winter gear and gift certificates from Pick 'N Save, Walmart, and Target.

So why do you need knitters and crocheters?

Each yarn crafter would create 2 items to put into a bag along with 2 gift certificates. For instance, a bag could contain a hat and scarf set, a hat and mitten set, or two scarves (lots of possibilities) along with the gift certificates. Each bag the crafters create would become available to the congregation before Black Friday in November. Participants would double the contents of the bag so 2 scarves become 4 scarves and 2 gift certificates become four. The doubled filled bags would be returned to church in December for delivery to United Methodist Children's Center.

Do all the items in the bag have to be hand made?

No! New, purchased items are welcome!

Do I have to be a knitter or crocheter to participate?

No! Gift certificate purchasers and bargain hunters who love to find great items at a great price are also welcome to participate. Warm socks for all ages are also needed so folks could participate by creating sock bags. Winter jackets, hats, snow pants are also welcome, especially if you'd like to coordinate your gifts instead of matching them!

Do I have to attend Our Lord's to participate?

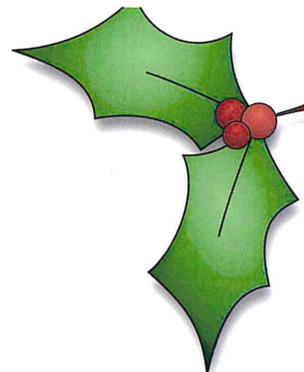
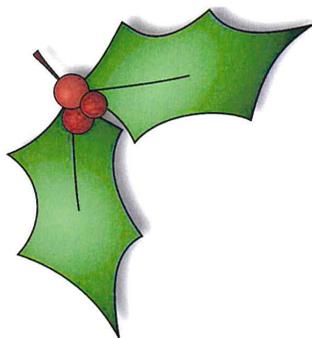
Along with Our Lord's members and friends, we are inviting other congregations and friends to learn about this project on Monday July 25th 10AM-2PM with a catered lunch, by reservation only, at noon. They can take the project back to their home congregations to continue the support for United Methodist Children's Services, or the mission of their choice.

See flyer for more information and to reserve your spot now.

Won't you join us? Think about what we can do as we double down together!

Questions on the project: [Mary Schulz](#)

Questions on the lunch: [Debbie Huyck](#)



You're Invited!

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Christmas in July

Monday July 25, 2022
10am-2pm
Catered lunch at noon, by reservation only *

PRESENTATION ABOUT OUR "DOUBLE DOWN PROJECT"

Learn how you can take these ideas back to your churches for an interesting way of doubling Christmas donations to your church's favorite mission! (UMCS, Northcott, homeless shelters)

SOCIAL TIME with others from area United Methodist churches. All are welcome! Feel free to bring your favorite patterns for hats, mittens, scarves, dishcloths. Bring needles and hooks along with your yarn.

OPPORTUNITY to learn new ideas for outreach and mission, knit, crochet, chat with one another, and pick up some free yarn, donated by OLUMC members. We practice social distancing and masks optional, subject to change due to Covid.

CATERED LUNCH \$11.00 includes sandwich from Great Harvest*, chips, cookie, and bottled water. We are catering from Great Harvest since the church's kitchen is currently closed due to Covid restrictions.

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I would love to attend and stay for lunch. Choose type of sandwich and enclose check for \$11.00 per person made payable to Our Lord's United Methodist Women. Send to OLUMC by Thursday July 14th.

An email confirmation will be sent.

NAME (print) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (for confirmation) _____

Type of Sandwich* _____ Comment ("no cheese" etc.) _____

**GREAT HARVEST Cobb Sandwich: avocado spread, turkey breast, crispy bacon, romaine, tomato, bleu cheese dressing

**GREAT HARVEST Chicken Salad Sandwich: Chicken breast chunks, seasoned mayo, cranberries, sweet and spicy pecans, romaine, tomato

**GREAT HARVEST Veggie Sandwich: Hummus spread, tomato, peppers, cucumber, spinach, avocado spread, cheese

Mail to Our Lords UMC (address above) by July 14th for your lunch reservation. No extra lunches will be ordered.

Questions? Please email Debbie Huyck at debbiehuyck@gmail.com

CARING MINISTRIES



As we all get busy with our summer activities, please remember your church is nearby to help with any concerns, needs, or even to listen as you share some fun events with us. We all need to stay connected and be supportive of one another. Contact the church office, Pastor Kelly, or the Caring Ministries Team: Chris Gyga, Karen Haubert, Carolyn Huebsch, Lynda McDowell, or Rebecca Radick if you have a need.

“So then, banish all anxiety from your heart and cast off all your troubles.”

Ecclesiastes 11:10

May God send many blessings and a safe summer to all!

Submitted by Rebecca Radick



The Gathering is a meal site for the homeless and hungry. Due to COVID, the meals are prepared in to-go containers and given out at the door by The Gathering coordinator. The Ascension Lutheran Church meal site prepares 120 meals on Saturdays,

Mondays, and Wednesdays. The date reserved for Our Lord's UMC to serve is Monday, June 6th, at 3:00 p.m. Please consider helping us serve! The guests are very thankful and appreciate our service.

If you would like to help, email Margo Hoelzer at margohoelzer@gmail.com. We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 3:00 p.m. and returning at about 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Margo Hoelzer



There's a place for you here!



**Join us for Sunday worship!
9:30 a.m.**

There are three ways to worship—choose what works best for you!

***In-person worship in the church sanctuary (masks are optional.)**

***Worship from the comfort of your vehicle in the church parking lot. Services are broadcast through speakers mounted in the parking lot.**

***Watch the live-stream of our services on our [Facebook](#) page, or watch at a later time on our [website](#) or [You Tube](#) channel.**



Want to know “What’s Happening” at Our Lord’s?

A weekly electronic newsletter containing information about upcoming events is sent out on Sundays. If you aren’t currently subscribed but would like to be, [email](#) the church office.

A monthly calendar of events is posted on our [website](#).

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