



# SALT

Our Lord's United Methodist Church

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## A Hearty Welcome to AJ Special Services!

Hi,

My name is Alexis Malloy. I graduated from New Berlin Eisenhower in 2011 and started up my own business, AJ Special Services. My team is excited and honored to be cleaning many areas of your church on a weekly basis. I need to work so I can pay for my apartment. As a person with a disability, I believe everyone has gifts. I hope to get to know many of you personally over the next year and learn about the gifts God gave you. I know the gifts God gave me can help some of your families in ways you might not even be able to imagine. If you would like to learn about my gifts, please put a note in the AJ Special Services mailbox by the office.



Our Lord's is celebrating its 55th year! Every 2nd Sunday of each month will spotlight highlights from the history of the church. Join in the year-long celebration as we connect our past to our current and future Life @ Our Lord's!

Make plans to join us on October 10th at 9:30 a.m. for the next "Celebration Sunday"!



## A Word from Pastor Kelly

### Asking the Right Question

“Be anxious for nothing.” Philippians 4:6

Our Lord's UMC has accomplished a milestone in ministry! Fifty-five years of service and mission to the glory of God. It's so interesting to read back through the early annual reports for the church; to appreciate the work and sacrifice of the early attendees. They trusted the vision and possibility of purpose for a mission church 'way out here' in New Berlin and there was energy in their risk and commitment. Roots are important as history is grounding. The ensuing years, muddy that ground a bit with its' fluctuation in experience, ministry effectiveness and sometimes just in mismatched leadership.

These hills and valleys are also a part of the Our Lord's story. As we step forward, it is good to name and claim this journey for those who have journeyed every step and for those, like me, newer to the timeline.

We can get caught up in “how much the church has changed” and we can get stuck in wishing and waiting “for things to be as they used to be”.

Now is the perfect time to ask lots of questions about where the church is headed in the near and distant future. Casting vision can often be a revitalizing time for a body that is transitioning. Friends, staff upheaval, the member exodus and now COVID-19 have left us tired, bruised and anxious about our current realities and abilities.

I believe this is a time to seek your voices, to listen to your ideas and your laments. And, I believe this is the time to invest in trained leaders who can guide our conversation toward bearing fruit for our future. Your Board leaders and I have engaging with the “Churchwerkes” group [[www.churchwerkes.com](http://www.churchwerkes.com)] to be our guides and companions in this process of “discernment”.

I invite you to begin to pray about your investment in the future days of the ministry of Our Lord's UMC. Assess your true willingness to commit time, talent, treasure and witness to our shared ministry as it continues to unfold. Each persons' voice, time, financial commitment and place in this church story is needed and valued – no matter your age or stage in connection.

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More will be announced soon, so keep praying and listening with eager anticipation!

And let us, together, pray daily the short line from Philippians 4, verse 6.

"Be anxious for nothing", people of God.

Peace be with each of you,

*Pastor Kelly*

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**Accountable Leadership  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 19th  
6:30 p.m.  
Garden Room**

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**Point of Connection**

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

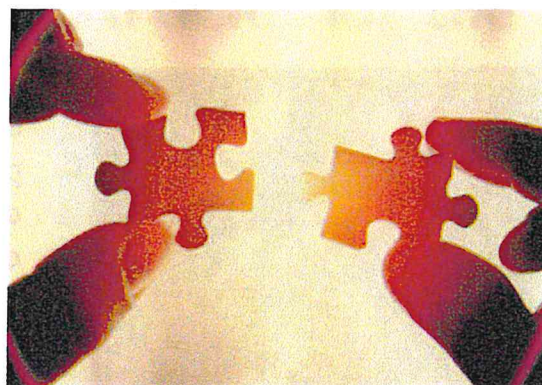
Live on Pastor Kelly's [Facebook](#) page and  
then posted on the church [website](#).

*Be anxious for NOTHING,  
but in everything by prayer and  
supplication, with thanksgiving, let  
your requests be made known  
to GOD;  
and the peace of God, which  
surpasses all understanding, will  
guard your hearts and minds  
through CHRIST JESUS.*

Philippians 4:6-7



*"Be anxious for  
nothing"  
Philippians 4:6*



## Kudos, Many Thanks, and God Bless You!

Thank you to the anonymous angel who did soooo much grounds clean up prior to the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Thank you to Joe W. for trimming bushes.

Thank you to Len H. for covering the entrance ceiling can lights to prevent them being homes for the birds.

Thank you to the garden ministers for your weekly efforts to weed, harvest, water and deliver produce to those who need it and soooo appreciate it—Chris C., Lynda McD., Perry H., Mary S., Julie D. and Pr. Kelly.

Thank you to Lynda McD. for taking on the maintenance of one of the church flower beds.

Thank you to Karen H. for planting and maintaining the half-wall flower bed.

Thank you to Dave S. for his weekly volunteer hours preparing MIDI music files for use in worship.

Thank you to Wendi H. who donates time beyond her paid hours to assist with social media for worship access.

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## Remembering Our Saints



As part of our Fall planning, if you have a loved one you'd like to remember and elevate please submit a photo to Tabitha at the church office email. Include the name, birth date, date of death and relation to you of the person you are submitting. Submissions are needed by Thursday, October 28th, 2021.

## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to assist at Sunday worship services, especially, but not limited to:

- \*Worship leaders/liturgists
- \*Greeters
- \*Tech room assistants

If you'd like to help, pick up an "I Want to Help!" card in the narthex, fill it out and drop it in one of the orange offering buckets after the service on Sunday, or contact the church office at (414)425-7030 or by [email](#).

THERE IS A  
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FOR YOU HERE.

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## Quotable Leadership

"Failure is the foundation of truth. It teaches us what isn't true, and that is a great beginning. To fear failure is to fear the possibility of truth."

*Joan D. Chittister*

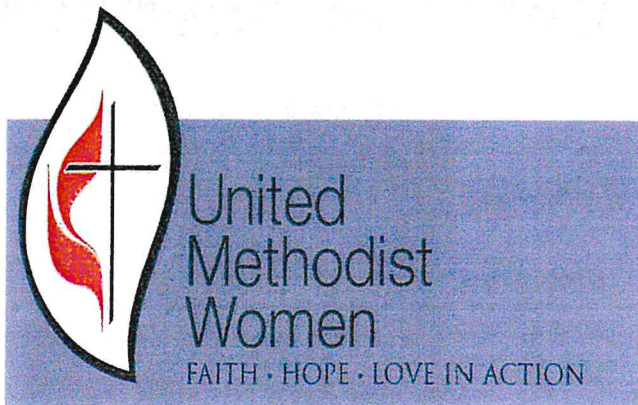
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## 2021 Charge Conference



The date for the Annual Charge Conference has been set for Sunday, December 5th. Be watching the What's Happening emails and future issues of SALT for more information.

**Articles for the  
November issue of  
SALT are due by  
Thursday,  
October 21st.**



## UMW Reading Program

Due to a variety of factors, only one member completed the requirements for the 2021/2022 UMW Reading Program. Now that the church library is open on a limited basis, providing access to more books from the reading program, more UMW members are expected to participate in this worthwhile reading program in 2022.

## UMW Annual Gathering

The district Annual Gathering, scheduled for October 2, was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID pandemic and the illness of the speaker.

## UMW and Pledges

Now that UMW will be meeting on a more regular basis, operating funds will be needed to help start up some programs, such as the Sunshine cards sent out by Rebecca Radick, our spiritual growth coordinator; buying fleece to make blankets for a homeless shelter; and books for the UMW Reading Program to put in the church library.

To help meet these programming expenses, many UMW members make a monetary pledge. Any pledge made is effective for the entire year in which it is made. In other words, if you make a pledge in November 2021, it is effective until November 2022. Any funds remaining after meeting the unit's annual expenses go toward national UMW-supported missions. You can give your UMW pledge with your Sunday offering, and it will be shown on your statement; please be sure it is clearly identified as such. Contact Carol Heinert, the UMW treasurer, if you need more information about pledging to UMW.

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, UMW will not have a fundraiser, such as the Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale, this year. Please consider how much you would spend to make cookies etc. and add that amount to your pledge.

## Fellowship and Crafting

Starting Thursday, October 7, at 1:00 p.m. UMW will sponsor an afternoon of fellowship and crafting in the Garden Room. This time is open to all women of the church who want to chit-chat and/or work on crafts at the same time. The initial craft will be making fleece blankets for mission entities supported by Our Lord's. Ongoing crafts will include knitting/crocheting prayer shawls, filter socks for the Water with Blessings program, and hats, scarves, and mittens for the Mitten Tree. If you do not knit or crochet, there are many talented women who can help you to learn; scarves and filter socks are very easy to make.

Our supply of yarn needs to be replenished. If you have extras, please bring them along.

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Mark your calendars for 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, to join a fun fellowship group called Monday Funday.

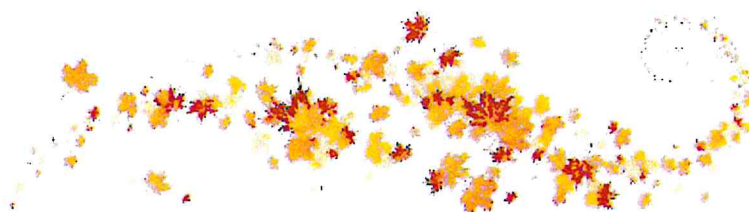
Life has so many emotions - we sometimes feel overwhelmed, tired and alone. There is a saying that "laughter is good medicine and being with other people lifts our spirits." This group does that when we meet on the third Monday of each month in the church Garden Room from 10-11:30am.

It's a time to get away, relax and be with friends. We share stories as we build puzzles, play cognitive games, or listen to a devotional with a short discussion. We are together to support one another through laughter and love. During the pandemic we have been apart from each other and are looking forward to being together again. We welcome anyone to come join us and bring a friend along. "A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17.

Dear Lord, help us to do the things that will bring us closer to You and each other. Please bless us with Your love as You provide for us all. In Your name we pray. Amen!

# October Birthdays

Ellie Stapleton Yu	10/1	Dottie Harrison	10/14
Carri Haubert	10/3	Becky Yokosh	10/15
Jill McCanna	10/4	Emma Springer	10/17
Alex & Jack Merschdorf	10/4	Ryan Ware	10/17
Jean Meyers	10/5	John Zwicky	10/18
Tim Radzius	10/6	Chuck Garrigues	10/19
Adam Rogge	10/6	Debbie Huyck	10/20
Bill Rogge	10/6	Ben McCanna	10/20
Connie White	10/6	Amy Veit	10/20
Samantha Engel	10/8	Joe Paquette	10/22
Elizabeth Ware	10/7	Jenny Rybarczyk	10/23
Jim Bock	10/11	Dorothy Focht	10/24
Leslie MacIntyre	10/11	Judith Dascenzo	10/26
Jessie Yokosh	10/11	Carolyn Huebsch	10/27
Alex Rodriguez	10/13	Grace Sheedy	10/27
Carolyn Blotz	10/14	Pat Garrigues	10/29



## Devotional

"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!" John 4:35-36 (NLT)

We are all, as followers and believers of Christ, called to missions. Just because you haven't packed up your belongings and moved to the other side of the world doesn't mean you are off the hook for sharing the Gospel.

Jesus said, "In this world, you will have trouble, but fear not, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) What great news! You don't have to look very far to feel the effects of the most recent troubles in our world today. It's all over many forms of media. Maybe your battle hits closer to home, in the form of health issues or family crises. It is easy to understand why you would like to be an ostrich and stick your head in the sand. The information overwhelming us today is difficult to accept. But what about the people who don't know Jesus? How do they cope, with all that society is pushing on them? We who know the Good News need to find ways to share it. We need to be brave, strong, and confident, for the world needs to know there is Hope! Jesus has indeed overcome the world! Jesus, on the cross, said, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) There is victory over darkness and evil. We can live with hope and without fear because Jesus has already won the battle! We need to let others know this victory—that Jesus will bring light and new hope in our darkest moments. We are called to live out the Great Commission of sharing the Good News of the Gospel and live out the Greatest Commandment to Love One Another. We need to let go of our hurts and fears, open our hearts to hospitality and open our homes and churches to be welcoming to our neighbors by reaching out to all others, for we are all family in the eyes of God.

We can start by telling those around us that Jesus loves them—they are important and are valuable people. As they embrace it, they will want to pass it on by appreciating the worth of others. We need to be willing and available to speak about God as we go about our daily activities. Pray that HE will guide you to where you can help. Remember we are people of Hope, because we belong to Jesus. Let's reflect that Hope to those who don't know Him yet. What joy awaits us all—both the planter and the harvester alike!

*Excerpt from Sweet Monday and Upper Room Devotionals  
Submitted by Rebecca Radick*



Who and what is Caring Ministries?

We are a team of members who started a care ministry here at Our Lord's six years ago. There was a need to support the elderly people who needed help with transportation to

doctor appointments, shopping, church services/programs or those dealing with health issues. With our short visits, and/or a hot meal, they don't feel alone. We also help younger families who've just had a baby, taking them a meal or doing hospital/home visits with those recuperating. We also support our members and their families after the loss of a loved one. We sit with a spouse or parent of a caregiver so the caregiver can get their hair done or run some errands. We hand out prayer shawls and baby blanket, knitted or crocheted by members of the United Methodist Women, to give loving comfort to those in need. The Youth Group has assisted us in making frozen meals that are kept at church, so church members could receive them through the Pastor or during our visits. Before COVID, we provided a welcoming table in the narthex for our Sunday visitors and provided some treats for the hospitality table.

During the past few years we hosted several speakers who educated us about programs in our nearby communities that offer assistance to those in need. Twice a year, with the help of the UMW, we held a Homebound Luncheon (with entertainment) for our church members who were unable to get to church. We host a monthly fellowship group called Monday Funday. Many of you have received a card from our Card Ministry, hopefully letting you know how important you are and that your church family is here to support you in any way needed.

We had started with a strong volunteer team of ten people, but due to different circumstances we are down to four people and are looking for more interested people to join us. Our funds come from Special Sunday Donations and a recent United Methodist Foundation Grant. These past eighteen months (with the pandemic) have been hard on us all, with the church doors closed and no visitations allowed anywhere, but we have stayed connected to our members and frequent visitors with our phone calls and Card Ministry. If you have a need for our assistance or you'd like to join our team, contact the church office or one of us: Rebecca Radick (coordinator), Chris Gygax, Karen Haubert, or Lynda McDowell. There's a quote: "To bring happiness and healing to others-volunteer." Pray to God to guide you where you can help out. God's blessings to all of you, our church family!

## Volunteers Needed at The Gathering

The Gathering is in need of volunteers to help prepare and package meals for the homeless and hungry. I have volunteered once a week during the past year. It is a very safe volunteer opportunity as masks are required and we social distance. The volunteers do not interact with the guests as they pick up their to-go meals at the door, given out by The Gathering Coordinator.



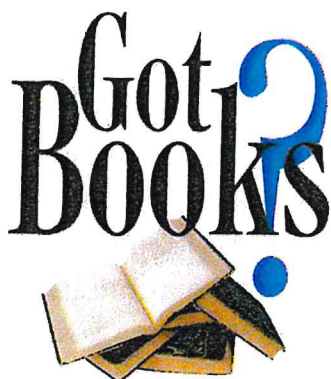
The Ascension Lutheran Church meal site at 1236 S. Layton Blvd. has available shifts on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-6:00 p.m., and Saturday lunch shifts from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We can go as a group or anyone can sign up at their [website](#) to volunteer individually.

If you are interested in serving, [email](#) me. We can car pool from church. The date to serve will be decided as a group.

Margo Hoelzer

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## Books and Magazines for Milwaukee County Jail



Now that the church is open for services each Sunday, books and magazines for the Milwaukee County Jail can be brought in any Sunday. The container for the donated books and magazines is in the narthex by the wall under the television. Remember, only paperback books are acceptable. Also, if you can remove any address labels and staples from the magazines that will be greatly appreciated.

## News from the Business Office

### New Berlin City Tour Update

One of our two 30-second videos that were shot back in July are in the final proofing stage. Check the weekly What's Happening emails for an update on the "premier date". Our Lord's will have two video's on both the New Berlin City website and the New Berlin Chamber of Commerce website. One video will showcase what Our Lord's campus and building has to offer the community, and the other will showcase what Our Lord's church has to offer.

### Giving @ Our Lord's

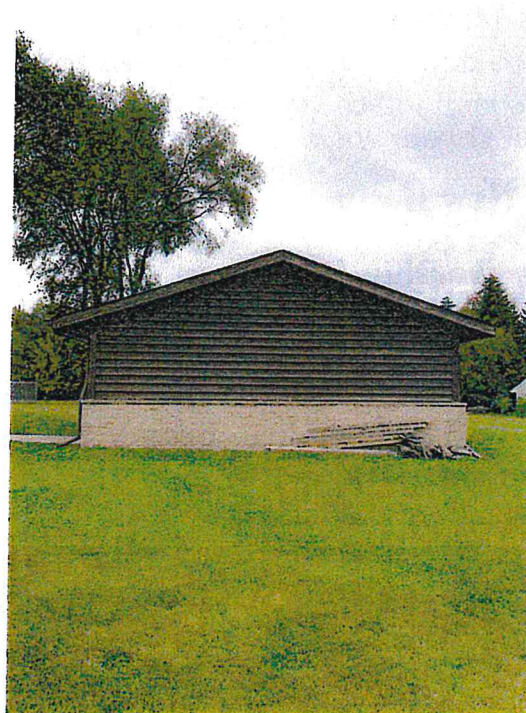
Members and friends of Our Lord's UMC have been active in their charitable giving throughout this summer. Personal hygiene items were collected and letters of love were written for the Fresh Start Learning Organization. Slightly used adult men's and women's shoes were collected and donated to the veterans at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home in Waupaca, in response to the Waukesha fire departments Soles for Souls collection. In June, 20 personal dignity kits were collected and dropped off as part of the WI United Methodist Conference IN-GATHERING collection. \$1785.00 was donated to UMCOR Disaster Relief and \$157.00 was collected for Peace with Justice Sunday on May 30th.



The finance office is looking for volunteers to help count the weekly offerings. This can be done on Sundays after church or on Mondays. Contact Wendi at [finance@ourlordsumc.org](mailto:finance@ourlordsumc.org) to receive additional information and/or schedule a training/shadowing session.

## Help Needed with Outside Maintenance

Our Lord's has several outside maintenance items on the "to do" list. These include trimming of trees/bushes, clean up/weeding of flower beds, and scraping/painting of trim and door on both the parsonage and storage garage. These can be done safely outside and at your convenience, just contact the church office to get all details and needed supplies.



*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 required.)**

**\*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](#).**



**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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