

The Messenger May 2023

St. Mark's Lutheran Church A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

In May 2023, the Church experiences another transition according to the Church year calendar. We celebrate Jesus' Ascension on May 18th, which always falls on Thursday, and the Day of Pentecost on May 28th. The color of the parament is red, recalling the fiery tongues that descended upon the Apostles when they received the Holy Spirit. Besides the transition of liturgy, we will have two other

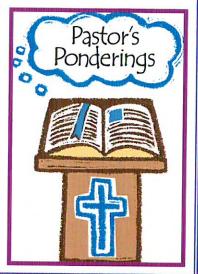
transitions in the life of our members--Ariana Hopkins and Hailie Anderson. We will have baptism and confirmation in one service. I am excited to

celebrate these two inspiring events.

I am writing this short article from Milwaukee. I am using the Marquette University Raynor Memorial Libraries to write an article on the Book of Acts chapters 10 & 11. I will share it with you during the adult forum as soon as I am done with it. Please, keep me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras





We thank you, God, for loved ones dear Who clung to faith beyond their fear, Who served and paid the highest price For freedom bought with sacrifice. May they remind us of your Son Whose death our final freedom won.

-Heidi L. Mann

Pentecost—Prepare to be Empowered

• Contrary to common perception, Jesus' disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas.



After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community," writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them."

A Message from the Worship and Music Ministry Team:

These are exciting times at St. Mark's! Our beautiful Allen Digital Computer Organ was built in November of 1975. It comes as no surprise that it needs some repairs. We are looking into repair options and costs as it was 18 years ago that it was last serviced. As you can imagine, repairing computer items that are nearly 48 years old has some challenges. Repair services go out of business; parts are no longer available...you know how it goes if you have a vintage computer or car. We will keep you posted via the Messenger or Sunday bulletins as we learn pertinent information.

Our digital keyboard (a Clavinova® by Yamaha) is also showing its age with clunking sounds not written in the music. There are many digital options available today that were not in existence when that keyboard was purchased. New keyboards can play with both piano acoustics and organ acoustics, for example.

Beginning in the second half of May, the Worship and Music Team will be exploring detailed repair and replacement options for the organ and the Yamaha® keyboard. We will be looking for input from the congregation and will be using due diligence to find price comparisons. Please feel free to share your ideas with the team but give us some time to get our "notes in a

row". Also, keep in mind, that neither a new organ nor a new keyboard was part of the budget proposal in February, so we will be looking at appropriate fund-raising later after we have presented our findings to the council.

Music News

Please keep us in your prayers as we pursue this exciting path for our future.



"You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands;
you need to be able to throw something back."—Maya Angelou



Well another year of Sunday School is coming to an end. Our last day will be May 14th. Even though we are not scheduled to have Sunday School that day, we are planning to meet. May is a busy month as we have the last day of Sunday School and Confirmation for two girls. Ariana Hopkins and Hailie Anderson will be confirmed on May 14th. It is a special time in their Christian lives as they become adult members of the congregation. Remember to wish your mother a Happy Mother's Day.

Vacation Bible School will be held on July 31 to August 3rd from 9:00 A.M. to noon for four days.

With God's Blessings,
Gwen Hoehne, Sunday School Superintendent



ST. MARK'S CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 20, 2023

Called to order at: 6:30 PM by Laurie Olson

Present: Laurie Olson, Pennie Linna, Dawn Jones, Mary Jane Hartley, Ryan Blank, Sherri Denney, Kim Wallmuller, Jenny Case, Jason Blank, and Pastor Niveen

Devotions: Jenny Case. We shared moments of joy. Sherri Denney volunteered for May's devotions.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes reviewed from March 16, 2023. MSC by Dawn Jones/Sherri Denney.

Thank Yous: Sharyn Gawlick for driving Delores to her Physical Therapy appointments-Mary Jane will send a card.

Financial report: Mary Jane reviewed finances and budget standings.

We are currently under budget by \$8,208.2 with total expenses of \$38,825.32. Given towards budget=\$45,899.91, which is a net of =\$7,074.59.

MSC to approve financial report by Pennie Linna/Sherri Denney.

Pastor's Report

- 1. March 26, 2023, I installed our new church council members.
- 2. March 30, 2023, I joined my colleagues to discuss the Holy Week and Easter services and the gospel reading for each day.
- 3. April 3, 2023, I had my first Missional Leaders coaching. I will have this coaching every first Monday of the month through Zoom.
- 4. April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday & Seder meal. I am very grateful to each person who prepared for the service. I worked with the volunteers to prepare unleavened bread. Without the volunteers, I couldn't do the service.
- 5. April 7, 2023, I led two Good Friday services at 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM. We welcomed six visitors to the afternoon service.
- 6. April 9, 2023, Easter Sunday was a very meaningful service. I am grateful to the volunteers who decorated the sanctuary and helped lead the worship service with me.
- 7. April 11, 2023, I helped at the Community Table, and we served 85 meals.
- 8. April 15, 2023, I led the worship and preached at the Women of the ELCA Spring Event combining Appleton and Oshkosh Conferences.
- 9. April 17, 2023, I attended a Zoom meeting with the synod racial equity committee to prepare for our synod assembly and future events. I also met with the VBS team to plan for hosting this event this summer.
- 10. April 25- 28, 2023, I will use my continuing education resources and days off to use Marquette University Library in Milwaukee to write an academic paper. I will present my paper in Rochester, NY, on May 22-24.
- 11. St. Mark's racial equity group finished discussing *US: The Resurrection of American Terror* by Kenneth W Wheeler. The group will publish a book review in the Messenger newsletter from the books selected in the racial equity cart.



Spent: \$17,150.65

- 12. I continue with my class on Financial Empowerment for Missional Leaders once a month on Wednesday.
- 13. Adult Forum: Dawn and I finished leading a six-session curriculum on Church and Civic Engagement. Participants provided feedback on each session, and I will share it with the ELCA Task Force on Studies for Civic Life and Faith at the Church-wide office in Chicago this weekend.
- 14. Sunday, May 14, 2023, will be a big day. We will celebrate Mother's Day, Ariana Hopkins' baptism, and confirmation service for Ariana Hopkins and Hailie Anderson.
- 15. Sunday, May 20, 2023, Pat Westphal, Sharyn Gawlick, and I will attend a one-day Synod Assembly at First English Lutheran Church in Appleton.
- 16. Saturday, May 27, 2023, it is possible to have a fellowship with the Islamic Center in Neenah. They meet once a month, and I am waiting for them to confirm the date. When I have more information, I will share it with you.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras, Ph.D.

MSC to approve Kim Wallmuller/Pennie Linna.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship and Music Ministry Team – March 13, 2023 ~ Submitted by Judy Hellman

The worship and music ministry team met on Monday, April 17th.

Members present were Jenny and Joy Case, Betty Lina, Mary Ellen Tracey, Ardys Seelow, Pat Westphal, Laurie Olson, Pastor Niveen, Judy Hellman, and Lois Hill.

Devotions were given by Jenny Case. Mary Ellen Tracey volunteered for devotions in May.

Repair of the organ and/or possible purchase of a clavinova was discussed. For information, a clavinova is a digital piano that has many beautiful organ sounds, plus sounds of many other musical instruments.

Clavinovas have cutting-edge technology that allows us to pre-record music for a service if an organist is not available and are equipped with a terminal for direct connection to PCs and IOS or Android devices.





Pat Wenzel Tracy Feldman **Brett Gawlick** Richie Sczerzen Jan Travis Ellen LaMarche Sarah Doug Bedor Erin Biese Todd Bagley Pastor Chuck Flugel Jan Bagley Marguerite Brechlin Mary & Ron Zalewski Sara Forrest The Family of Dorothy Burghardt

The Bell Chime Choir and the Treble Singers will be taking a summer break beginning June 1st and will resume in September. If enough children are available, Judy Hellman would like to start a children's choir in September.

Several suggestions were given for special music during the summer. We will be having "hymn sings" on June 25th, July 23rd, and August 27th.

We plan to have the gospel group "Voices of Peace" sing for a service sometime in October. They have performed for us in the past.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8th at 10:30 A.M. Confirmation and Mother's Day will be discussed.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Property Ministry Team - April 3, 2023 ~ Submitted by Bruce Grundman

The Property Ministry team met on April 3rd at 6:30 pm. Members present were Bruce Grundman, Ginny Schieck and Jason Blank. The following items were discussed.

- 1. We need to address some leaking gutters (seams).
- 2. The altar lights have been re-adjusted.
- 3. We are keeping an eye on the ceiling tile discoloration in the Fellowship Hall
- 4. A couple toilet handles have been replaced.
- 5. Ogden plumbing came and the annual cross connect water system check has be completed.
- 6. We are evaluating our contract with Cinta's for the cleaning supplies.
- 7. Spring spruce clean-up will be April 29 with a backup date of May 20. Put a note for volunteers in the Messenger and bulletin.

Connections Ministry Team - March 27, 2023 ~ submitted by Mary Jane Hartley

Attending: Judy Hellman, Joy Case, Jenny Case, Jane Arps, Ellen LaMarche, Linda Anderson, Sharyn Gawlick, Betty Linna, Sandy Mathenia, and Mary Jane Hartley.

We talked about the Greeter Program. The greeter duties have been printed up and were updated on March 23rd.

The Connection Ministry Team will supply a gift bag with information about St. Mark's church services, ministry team information, and a small gift to welcome visitors to St. Mark's. Someone from the team will try to greet them and invite them to fellowship on Sunday.

Information was given out about the ELCA Women's Spring Event on the 15th of April in Oshkosh. About 10 women from St. Mark's attended.

For the Lenten Services in March, we had a soup supper with bread and desserts. A lot of hard work by many and the goodwill offering helped to add \$386.75 to the Lenten mission gift for the scholarship at the Palestinian Lutheran University.

Joy and Jenny Case agreed to do the "Mission of the Month" poster monthly. The Mission of the Month in April is St. Marak's Youth Ministry. The May Mission of the Month will be Bunk Beds for Guatemala. Thanks to Jenny and Joy for taking on this responsibility.

Thank you to all for all your help this month with Fellowship and Lenten meals.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team - April 18, 2023 ~ submitted by Jean Memken

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Those attending included: Fern Fuhrmann, Pennie Linna, Mary Jane Hartley, Laurie Olson, Evie Peterson, Jean Memken, and Pastor Niveen.

Pastor Niveen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mary Jane gave the Treasurer's report. Currently we have \$121,929.58 in our checking account, along with \$15,830.70 in the Building/Improvements account, \$6,569.40 in the Memorial Account and \$38,957.89 in all the other designated accounts. She also reported on our investment accounts. Giving in March totaled \$18,389.28, and Expenditures were \$17,150.65 with gives us a balance of \$1,238.63 for the month.

Mary Jane reported that our Lenten offerings this year totaled \$4,058.75 which will be given to support the Dr. Niveen Imbrahim Sarras Scholarship and the Palestinian Lutheran University. Almost \$400 of that total was donated during our Wednesday Lenten meals. The total also included the offering given at the joint Ash Wednesday service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Laurie reported that we are looking into purchasing a new copy machine. Currently, we lease our machine and it has become more and more unreliable and expensive to operate. A new machine that we would purchase would cost \$6,697.00 with an addition \$1,150.00 if we got one with a saddle stitch option that would fold and staple the bulletin each week. We would also pay \$100/month for maintenance and supplies (toner, ink, toner box, etc.). If we purchase the machine, the remaining portion of our copying budget could be used to pay for it, but we would need to take approximately \$5,200 from the general operating budget to fund the new copier. Laurie proposed we recommend taking \$5,200 from the general operating budget to purchase a new copy machine, recognizing we would be going over our 2023 copying budget. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Laurie reported on the problems with the office computer system. Currently, Jean's and Fern's computers are not connected as they had been, and the whole system runs very slowly. Jim from PC Mechanics came out on Monday to link the computers, but they are still not connected. Jim mentioned the age and capacity of the current hard drives were causing some of the problems. While he was at St. Mark's, Laurie asked him to prepare a quote to replace the desktop systems and transfer the files from the old systems to the new.

Pat Westphal has agreed to take over the Finance Secretary duties from Fern. Laurie thanked Fern for her service as Financial Secretary. Fern reported she had been in that position since 1999.

An audit committee will soon be looking to audit the last two years of our books. Fern will assist with that effort.

Pastor Niveen and Laurie met with a church member who would like to donate some money to St. Mark's. They talked about a variety of projects that need funding and settled on purchasing a new electronic outdoor sign for the church and replacing the paraments and altar cloths that are worn and soiled. Total contribution would be around \$25,000-\$35,000.

Laurie mentioned that LaVerne Arndt has contributed a \$1,000 memorial in memory of her husband Otto, and would like it to be used to help purchase a new Clavinova for the sanctuary.

Laurie updated the committee on the problems with the organ and what the Worship and Music ministry team has been discussing about the organ and clavinova. They are considering various ways, including fundraising, to fund the repair or replacement of these musical instruments.

Pastor Niveen has a Stewardship Webinar she would like the committee to watch. It was decided we would meet on May 2 at 4:45 pm to watch the webinar and discuss what it included and how it might apply to St. Mark's.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 pm.

MSC by Jason Blank/Pennie Linna to approve the ministry team reports.

Unfinished Business: **Organ Update**-Laurie attended the Worship & Music Ministry Team meeting. A letter will be in the bulletin to update everyone on the process. It has been difficult to find a repair person. Pastor Niveen has a new contact. We will get an estimate organ repairs. Prices and information will be gathered on a new Clavinova (\$7,000-13,000 estimate). It is important to keep everyone informed and prevent rumors. Worship & Music is gathering information. A Clavinova is a digital piano.

New Business items: Office Copier-we have been using the copier off contract for approximately 2 years, causing more expensive use. Research has been done on a new copier with the options needed for an efficient copier that meets our needs. We also need to have quick repairs. More research on cost per year of lease vs buying a machine outright was presented. Discussion included companies, lease, maintenance, features. It was asked that a second quote from another vendor be obtained. Additionally, it was suggested we obtain information on what the service/maintenance monthly fee would be after the contract expires.

Financial Secretary Position-Pat Westfall has agreed to become the Financial Secretary. Fern will work with Pat on training. Mary Jane is also looking for someone to take over her position as Treasurer.

Office Computers: Jean and Mary Jane's computers (office & treasurer) are running very slowly. It is difficult at this time to keep up with current software. It is time for an update. The verbal estimate for new hard drives and labor is \$1,000.00. MSC by Pinnie Linna/Kim Wallmuller to approve estimate of \$1,000.00 for the hardware and labor update of the 2 office computers.

Workdays at Linwood: There are many opportunities to serve Linwood place, as part of the annual Synod Assembly service projects. Pastor Niveen reviewed the options. A discussion on our current partnership was presented and discussed. MSC by Jason Blank/Sherri Denney to support the effort to gather in-kind gifts and support them in labor during *God' Work our Hands*. Supplies to be brought to church by May 15th. We will post the Linwood Place workdays in the bulletin, newsletter, and Facebook.

New Member Sunday: coming soon.

Small group sessions for meeting Pastor: coming soon.

Adjourn: MSC to adjourn at 8:05 Pennie Linna/Sherri Denney

Notes: Next meeting: May 18th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Jones, Secretary





On May 21 we will be honoring our 2023 graduates during the worship service and with cake for the fellowship hour. Please stay to give them your congratulations and best wishes. If someone in your family is graduating but has not heard from the church, please inform the office. We are very proud of their hard work and we don't want to miss anyone.



The Food Pantry numbers still fluctuate weekly. We are there every week, but we never know how busy we'll be. In March, we had 49 families shopping to feed 134 family members. We need laundry and dish soap and paper products. Thanks for all your help. — *Karen Jordan*





Bunk Beds for Guatemala

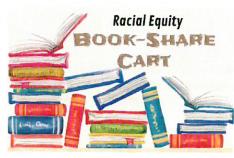
The Bunk Bed Project® is an effort by El Amor de Patricia, an organization with the mission of *empowering Guatemalan children, families, and communities to reach their full potential*. The project provides beds for families in need. Volunteers bring the beds, which are made in Guatemala, to the homes of identified families in need and remove what they were using as beds, such as twigs, cinder blocks, wood pallets, or

nothing, and replace them with new bunk beds. One bunk bed costs \$220, which





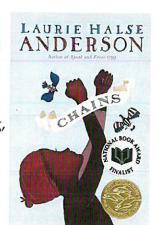
includes bed/mattresses, two comforters, two pillows, and delivery with a translator and/or guide. The project uses small metal beds that will not get moldy in the rainy season and are small enough to fit in small houses. They also use thin mattresses that can be hung to dry if necessary. If you are interested in contributing to this much needed mission, please mark "Mission of the Month" on your giving envelope.



ur new Book-Share Cart has some interesting choices. I'd like to start by making a recommendation. *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson is an award-winning-book written for middle-school aged children. Being a historical fiction novel, it features fictional characters set in real events of history. The period is 1776-1777. Isabel (age 13) and Ruth (age 5) are slave children who are to be set free upon the death of their mistress. Instead, they are sold by their mistress' nephew to a loyalist (loyal to Britain's King George) in Manhattan. Set against the backdrop of real

events of the early Revolutionary War (like the attempted assassination of George Washington, the hanging of a traitor, the unfathomable conditions in winter prison cells in NYC, and a fire that destroyed

nearly half of Manhattan), each chapter begins with a real quotation from the period. Some are from newspapers; others from letters; others from Thomas Paine's <u>Common Sense</u>. To see history through the pages of a textbook is one thing; to see it through the experiences of a 13-year-old slave girl is unforgettable. The book is a real page-turner and I won't spoil it for you but it would be a great FAMILY read. It is also the first book in a trilogy. (I will let you know what I think of the other two when I have read them. They arrive soon.) This one is fast-moving, provocative, and informative. *Kirkus Reviews* says you "will care about Isabel" and I whole-heartedly agree. Give <u>Chains</u> a try by signing it out from the Book-Share Cart in the narthex (next to the kitchen door). — by Pat Westphal



Do You Remember?

Back in the 1990s, St. Mark's sponsored a family of immigrants from Kosovo, Fehmi and Iqballe and their children. St. Mark's member Sandy Pederson has kept in touch with them, and here is a recent picture of the family.

Sandy reported that this picture was taken at Labinot's 40th Birthday party. Labinot owns three semi trucks and Leonard owns two semi trucks. Fehmi & Iqballe, Leonard, and Labinot all own their own homes.

Lorika and her husband will be building a home this summer. Sandy remarked that this was truly a success story of immigrants who made their way to the U.S. with nothing, and are now living the American dream, in part thanks to the good people at St. Mark's. How many of you remember when you first met this family? Check out the listing to the right to jog your memory.

Many thanks, Sandy, for sharing this information with us!



Front row: Brela (Leonard), Indra (Labinot), Fehmi, Lior (Leonard), Labinot, Kiana (Labinot), Iqballe, Elaita (Labinot), Leonard.

Back row: Eqnoze (Leonard's wife), Lorika, Resa (Labinot's wife), Lorik (not married).

Lorika's husband took the picture.

Our Sunday Servants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte
May 7	Jeff Tharp	Judy Hellman	Chuck Baumgartner Jean Memken	Tom Wenzel Doug Hesser	Jeff Tharp Kim Wallmuller Pat Westphal	Leland Tharp
May 14 Mother's Day	Bruce Grundman	Jenny Case	Emil Leppiaho Bruce Grundman	Betty Linna Pennie Linna	Jane Arps Ellen LaMarche Emil Leppiaho	Braydin Messing
May 21 Confirma- tion	Tom Wenzel	Sherri Denney	Rose Cermak Nancy Maslow	Doug Sebstead Nancy Bricco	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead	Sophia Kersten
May 28	Jean Memken	Pat Westphal	Evie Peterson Pat Westphal	Jeff Tharp Bruce Grundman	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Judy Olson	Volunteer

Communion Assistants:

May 7—Sherri Denney, Bruce Grundman, Gwen Hoehne, Pennie Linna, Pat Westphal May 21—Laurie Olson, Ginny Schieck, Judy Hellman, Phyllis Ziemke, Chuck Baumgartner

Altar Guild: Mary Jane Hartley and Jane Hartley

Holy Week at St. Mark's











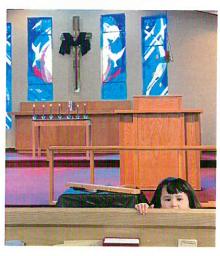


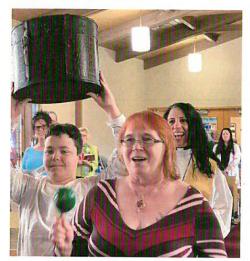
Top right: Pastor Barb explains the prayer path.

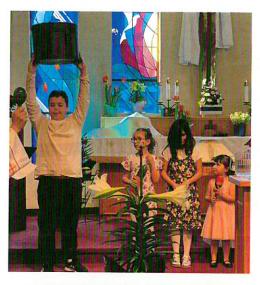
Above from left to right: Making matzo (unleavened bread) for the seder. Lois Hill rolls the dough and Pastor Niveen, Pat Westphal, and Joy Case fry it up.

Above: We enjoy the seder meal.

Left: Our seder plate with ceremonial foods and Mary Jane Hartley and Renie Sebstead participate in ceremonial handwashing.





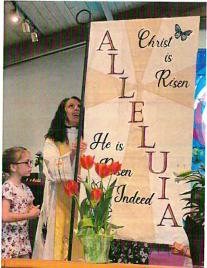


Above: Miriam Clifford awaits the Good Friday service. The candles are lit (to be extinguished one by one), and the cross draped in black.

Near right: Our joyful Easter service! Sherri Denney, Leland Tharp, and Pastor Niveen join the procession into church (above) while Judy Hellman and Trista Nelson provide special music (below).

Far right: The children bring the box holding the alleluias forward (above) and then open it up to find a lovely banner not only proclaiming "Alleluia", but also "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! (below).





East Central Synod of Wisconsin Names Linwood Community as this year's Synod Assembly Project

Linwood Community, a ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, is a non-profit ministry that is dedicated to providing independent living for those who are 62 or older. They are a loving Christian community with a caring staff whose mission is to nurture the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of tenants and their families. They work with each tenant to help them remain living in their own apartment as long as they are safe. They also provide a ministry of hope and help, aiming to end the isolation and invisibility that prevents.

ministry of hope and help, aiming to end the isolation and invisibility that prevents moderate income elderly in the Fox Cities from accessing the support they need to live with independent dignity in the community.

How you can help:

<u>Ways to give:</u> Here is a list of items you can donate between now and May 15. Just bring them to St. Mark's and put them in one of the white laundry baskets in the narthex.

Postage stamps Potting Soil
Reams of Paper Paper Towls
500 Piece Puzzles Toilet Paper

Regular and decaf coffee pods (Keurig type)

Paper Products

Gift Cards to Menards, Steins, Home Depot or gas stations

single use utensils, napkins, cups, plates, any size

Ways to sponsor: Here's a list of things you can sponsor at Linwood Community

Shrubs – \$50 each
Tree – \$200
Flat of Perennials – \$25
Sponsor a Luncheon: \$250

Yard of Mulch - \$30 per yard

Ways to volunteer: Hare are some volunteer opportunities at Linwood House

Teach an art class

Professional photography at events
Serve a Luncheon

Perform in small music ensembles

Work Days – June 6 – 15 volunteers needed to

repair a garage

-June 10 - Paint garage and apartment

balconies, build planters and benches

Check out the flyer on the table in the narthex and then think how you would like to help out Linwood Community this year.



The Women of the ELCA are planning a trip to Milwaukee on Sunday, June 11, to the America's Black Holocaust Museum and worship services at Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. They will also stop for lunch at Daddy's Soul Food and Grille. The bus will pick up in Oshkosh. Cost of the trip is \$40 (plus \$7 for admission to the museum and cost of lunch), but if you sign-up and turn in your registration form to the church by May 15, cost will only be \$15 (plus admission and food costs). So sign up today! Questions? Contact Shirley Paulson at:

spaulson1949@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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COMING SOON!!!



St. Mark's is hosting Vacation Bible School this year for the children from the four ELCA churches in Neenah and their friends. A planning committee has met and chosen "Operation Restoration—Mending God's World" as the theme for this year. Committee members include Laurie Olson, Gwen Hoehne, Jean Memken and Pastor Niveen. Now we need volunteers to help plan the activities that will take place each day. If you are interested in helping, please come to our next meeting on May 8th at 6:30 pm in Sunday School room.

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