



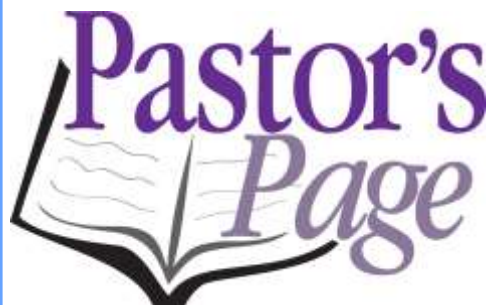
# The Messenger

August 2024

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Finding Peace in Uncertain Times



Dear Children of God gathered at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Grace and peace to you.

In these times of political transition and uncertainty, it is natural to feel anxious and unsettled. The changes we witness in our nation can bring about a range of emotions, from hope and anticipation to fear and stress. As your pastor, I want to acknowledge these feelings and offer words of comfort and encouragement.

First and foremost, let us remember that our faith is rooted in the unchanging love and sovereignty of God in Jesus Christ. In Hebrews 13:8, we are reminded that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* No matter what happens in the political landscape, our foundation remains firm in Christ. God's love and grace are constant, providing us with a source of stability and peace.

During these challenging times, I encourage you to lean into your faith and seek God's presence. Spend time in prayer, lifting up your concerns and fears to the One who hears and understands. Reflect on scripture, finding solace in the promises of God's faithfulness and provision.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a sanctuary where we can find refuge and strength. Let us come together, united in our faith, to share our burdens and joys, listen, and pray for one another. In John 14:27, Jesus says, *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'* Let us hold onto this peace that surpasses all understanding, trusting that God is at work even in the midst of uncertainty.

May we find comfort in knowing that we are not alone. May Immanuel, "God is with us," guide us through every moment. Let us trust in Immanuel, finding peace in His presence and strength in His promises.

"Grace be with you all" (1 Timothy 6:21).

Yours in Christ,

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



Dear St. Mark's Family,

The Property Ministry Team has been getting quotes to replace our parking lot. We have done at least three costly patch repairs to this lot and those kinds of fixes are no longer able to do much good—the parking lot surface is just getting too old. The duration between these fixes is getting shorter and shorter, and so we are not really being good stewards by continually patching each year or so. Some of you may have noticed we did a quick patch this spring to get us through this summer, but once a Wisconsin winter hits, the lot will again be full of potholes in the spring. Given this

situation, we are going to need at least \$120,000 to replace the parking lot, and we plan to have this done next spring/early summer. We will be sharpening our pencils and examining our finances in the coming months to understand how we will fund this project, but we will definitely be having a fund-raiser for this work so we do not totally deplete our Building Fund. Please keep your eyes open for future announcements from the Property Ministry Team and Church Council on our fund raising progress and how you may be able to help.—Jason Blank



Summer is really going fast. Hope you are making the most of it. Before we know it, school will be starting. That means that Sunday School will also be starting. We will start on September 8th at 9:00 am. This will be a Cluster event with the parents and grandparents, too. That Sunday is also "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, so plan on staying after church for a box lunch and to help with some projects that will be going on. More information will be coming out about that Sunday soon. If you know of a friend or someone that would like to join our Sunday School, be sure to invite them and bring them along. We are always glad to welcome new children. So mark you calendars Sunday, September 8th, is the start of Sunday School. Have a great rest of summer. See you in September!!!



**BIRTHDAYS**

Lyla Rose 8/19

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!!**

With God's Blessings,

Gwen Hoehne

Sunday School Superintendent



**New Adult Forum Studies Coming Up**

Date: August 4, 2024

Topic: *The Magi's Journey: Symbolism and Politics in the Visit to Jesus*

Date: August 11, 2024

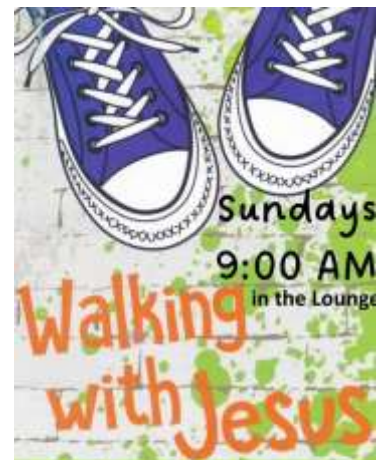
Topic: *A Message on Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment*

This message addresses homelessness in the U.S., emphasizes housing as a right, and, inspired by biblical teachings, urges Christians to support and seek just solutions for the homeless.

Dates: August 18 and 25 and September 8 and 15, 2024

Topic: *"Called to Hear"* - Criminal Justice

Join us for an in-depth study using the ELCA's social statement, *"The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries."* Adopted by the ELCA's Churchwide Assembly in 2013, this statement provides a comprehensive perspective on the U.S. criminal justice system and its impact on various communities. This Scripture-based, expert-led study guide aims to inspire reflection and action on these crucial issues.



**Yes, it was a FUN Run!**



We had a great day for this year's Filthy Fun Kid's Run, and a great group of volunteers who helped with registration, parking, encouraging, hosing off, and rewarding the 400 participants of this year's run at O'Hausser Park. Many thanks to all who helped!



# Mykayla Tharp is Off to University!

Thanks to all who contributed to our college send-off for Mykayla Tharp. We will have a special presentation and send-off party for Mykayla on Sunday, August 11, after the worship service. Come and celebrate this next chapter in Mykayla's life and enjoy some food and fellowship with the Mykayla and her family.



**St. Mark's  
Food Pantry**

**W**ednesday morning is a very busy time at the food pantry. On the first Wednesday of the month, we have customers waiting when the staff arrives. We have to get set up in a hurry because we know it will be a busy day. That's the day we distribute laundry supplies and paper products. Most of our regular customers know it's a good idea to come for supplies early in the morning. We try to be prepared, but sometimes we run out before the late-comers arrive. I guess it's true---the early bird gets the worm. In June, we served 47 families, feeding 119 people. It looks like the numbers will be up in July. We are very happy we can help so many people. We are always in need of jam, Spam, sweetened cereal and laundry soap.

Thanks for all your help. I'm happy to tell others that St. Mark's church operates a successful food pantry, and that it is primarily self-supporting, thanks to your generous donations.—*Karen Jordan*



Wednesday, August 14—**Fox Valley Women's Connection**, 12:00—2:00 pm, Lunch at Bridgewood Resort Hotel in Neenah: Speaker—Lori Boruff—**How to "Lose our Worry" and Overcome Anxiety. Cost: \$16**

Friday & Saturday, August 16-17—Gospel Music Fest, Hilbert Park in Hilbert, WI—All Day—Free Admission

Saturday, September 14—WELCA Fall Retreat, Imago Dei Camp, 8:00 am—3:00 pm—Worship, Crafts, Fellowship, Silent Auction, Speaker—**Gay Lindfors Cost: \$45 (There will be a car pool from St. Mark's)**

There is more information about all these events on the table in the narthex.

## Our Sunday Servants

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Counters	Acolyte
August 4	Sherri Denny	Tara Dieck	Doug & Renie Sebstead	Bruce Grundman Jean Memken	Jeff Tharp Kim Wallmuller Fern Fuhrmann	Usher
August 11	Bruce Grundman	Jane Frantz	Pat Thompson Phyllis Ziemke	Doug Hesser Tom Wenzel	Jane Arps Ellen LaMarche Emil Leppiaho Pat Westphal	Usher
August 18	Judy Hellman	Tom Frantz	Wanda Webster Pat Westphal	LaVerne Arndt Rosie Cermak	Gwen Hoehne Doug Sebstead Renie Sebstead	Usher
August 25	Jean Memken	Emily Christofolis	Linda Anderson LaVerne Arndt	Sherri Denney Jeff Tharp	Bruce Grundman Lois Kemp Linda Anderson	Usher

### Communion Assistants:

August 4 —Judy Hellman, Pennie Linna, and Jean Memken

August 18 —Laurie Olson, Ginny Schieck, and Phyllis Ziemke

Altar Guild: Jean Memken

**ST. MARK'S  
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 18, 2024**

**Members Present:** Pennie Linna, Jason Blank, Ryan Blank, Jenny Case, Laurie Olson, Emily Gauthier, and Pastor Niveen

**Members Absent:** Dawn Jones and Kim Wallmuller,

**Call to Order:** Pennie called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Devotions:** Jason Blank—"Keep Rejoicing." August Devotions: Jenny Case

**Sharyn Gawlick-request for ESTHER support (moved up from New Business):** Sharyn Gawlick was present to address the council. Sharyn asked that St. Mark's again consider placing an ad in ESTHER's annual banquet yearbook. The banquet is November 16 at Waverly Beach. Laurie noted this has been done in previous years, to support the banquet/ESTHER. **MSC by Jason/Emily to spend \$60 from the In & Out account for a one-eighth-page ad.** Laurie will work with Sharyn on what text will be in the ad. She also asked about support from members to attend the banquet in order to sponsor an eight-person table. It was suggested that Sharyn apply for an Endowment Grant to pay for the table and then ask members to attend. Cost of a table in 2023 was \$500 (2024 fee has not yet been set). She felt that there was interest in members paying their own way and Endowment Grant was not necessary. She was still encouraged to apply. Sharyn also asked about the new yard sign policy. She would like the Prison Reform yard sign to stay up permanently. Jason said the sign can be up for 60 days maximum and must then be taken down. Another sign can go back up after 30 days from the day taken down, per our yard sign policy. Sharyn asked about having a presentation from the Executive Director of ESTHER. She feels our members do not understand what ESTHER is and since Pastor Joel started it, it is important to keep our members informed and engaged. Council members felt that the presentation would be beneficial and suggested it be either on a Sunday morning after Fellowship Hour (11:30/11:45 AM) or at another time during the week. She will check with the ESTHER staff for their availability. Jason also suggested that Sharyn write an article for the newsletter.

**Approval Of Minutes: MSC by Jason Blank/Jenny Case to approve the minutes of June 20, 2024.**

**Thank You:** Thankyou to Mary Jane Hartley and the Connections Ministry Team for their monthly BINGO.

**Financial Reports:** Reviewed current account balances through end of June 2024. June's giving to current monthly giving was \$13,788.00 and expenses were \$14,682.78. The difference was -\$894.78. Year to date (through end of June) giving was \$86,021.65 and expenses were \$84,662.82 with a difference (giving minus spending) of \$1,358.83.

Total Associated Bank checking has a balance of \$180,695.36 which includes \$68,207.58 allocated to designated accounts and \$112,487.78 for current operating. Additionally, \$164,510.76 in the Thrivent money market and \$1,039.96 in Thrivent TIPS account and \$55,975.38 in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. **MSC by Jason Blank/Emily Christofilis to accept the Financial Report.**

**Pastor's Report ~ Pastor Niveen Sarras**

Dear Church Council Members,

I am pleased to update you on my recent ministry activities as I reflect on God's work this season.

- 1. Giving Training at Pine Lack Crossways:** I had the privilege of conducting a training session on how to teach the camp curriculum to the campers.
- 2. Bible Study on the Book of Amos:** Every Sunday, we gather for a deep dive into the book of Amos, exploring its prophetic messages and applying its lessons to our lives today. It has been a meaningful time of learning and growth.
- 3. Summer Bible Studies:** I will lead our Bible studies throughout the summer, ensuring we continue our spiritual growth and fellowship during these months.
- 4. Chaplaincy for the Candidacy Committee:** On June 22, 2024, I served as chaplain for the candidacy committee, offering spiritual support and guidance to candidates as they discern their call to ministry. It was a privilege to walk alongside them during this important journey.



- 5. Synod Hearing on Draft Social Statement - Civic Life and Faith:** On July 9, 2024, our church hosted a pivotal Synod Hearing on the Draft Social Statement focusing on Civic Life and Faith. It was an honor to lead this session, engaging in thoughtful dialogue and discernment with our broader church community. The next hearing session will be on August 15, 2024.
- 6. Upcoming Retreat:** I will attend a retreat at the Holy Resurrection Monastery of the Orthodox Church in St. Nazianz, WI, from August 1 to 3, 2024. During this period, I will be out of touch, but I am coordinating with my colleagues to ensure that spiritual care is available in case of emergencies.
- 7. Writing Projects and Research:** I am working on several articles due in mid-August. From July 15-18, 2024, I will take four days off for continuing education to focus on research. During this period, I will also be on call for the ELCA churches whose pastors are attending the Youth Gathering and covering for our own church.

These activities are not just events on a calendar but reflections of my commitment to living out my faith in meaningful ways. May God continue to guide us as we navigate the path ahead, seeking to faithfully serve our Lord Jesus and our community.

“Grace be with you all” (1 Timothy 6:21).

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Sarras

**MSC by Laurie Olson/Jenny Case to accept Pastor’s report.**

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**Worship & Music Ministry Team—July 15, 2024 ~ Submitted by Judy Hellman**

The worship and music ministry team met on Monday, July 15th. Members present were: Pat Westphal, Mary Ellen Tracey, Betty Linna, Ardys Seelow, Joy and Jenny Case, Mary Jane Hartley, and Judy Hellman.

Devotions were given by Judy Hellman. Jenny Case volunteered for devotions in August.

A choir chime part was ordered to replace a broken one. The cost for the part was \$30.00, which comes out of the choir supply budget.

We placed an order for 30 Daily Devotion books. Pat Westphal donated \$20.00 to cover the cost of these booklets.

Jenny Case presented information about a blue grass group from the Prince Of Peace Church in Appleton. We may have them present a service in October when Pastor Niveen is in Palestine. The cost would be approximately \$300.00.

The next meeting will be on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Racial Equity Ministry Team—June 25, 2024 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson**

Members Present: Pat Westphal, Dawn Jones, Mary Jane Hartley, Pastor Niveen, and Laurie Olson

Members Absent: Barb Girod and Emily Christofilis

Pat opened the meeting with a prayer. Pastor Niveen will provide a devotion for the next meeting.

Laurie reviewed the minutes from the May 6, 2024, meeting.

Looked into upcoming local native nation events. Oneida’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pow Wow is this weekend and will be posted on St. Mark’s Facebook page. Other upcoming Native American events include: Neenah Pow Wow Saturday, September 14 from 2-5 pm and Fall Family Festival (traditions of the Oneida Nation), at Green Bay Botanical Gardens on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. We will prepare information for these events to be included in upcoming newsletters.



Pat Wenzel  
Ellen LaMarche  
Sarah L.  
Richie Sczerzen  
Walt Ziemke  
Paul Girod  
Doug Bedor  
Odeh Sarras  
Mary & Ron Zalewski

Ministry Team has chosen “*Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*” by Debby Irving for a fall book study. The study will be four sessions held on September 16 and 30, and October 14 and 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Deadline to sign up will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dawn will apply for Thrivent Action Team grant to cover book costs and future book study materials. Those interested are to email or call the church office. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex. Team members were asked to ask/invite members to consider participation in the book study.

Pastor Niveen will also be including a racism discussion into her confirmation class curriculum.

A cultural immersion event will be planned. We will be hosting an Asian Americans session on the art of making Egg Rolls. This enriching experience will take place on a Saturday in the Fall. 2-6 pm. There is a cost per person. Dawn Jones’ friend will lead this session and she will get back to the team on possible dates.

A Harvest meal in October during Fellowship Hour was discussed. This would be a potluck type meal asking for dishes to be made with traditional fall foods. Future discussion on also adding an educational piece to this event.

Talked about looking at Hmong Festival in May 2025 – keep this on our radar to promote.

Next meeting will be July 30 at 6:30 pm. Items for discussion will include follow up with fall programming and Racial Equity statement to hang above book cart.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

### **Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team—July 16, 2024 ~ Submitted by Laurie Olson**

Members Present: Treasurer Laurie Olson, Financial Secretary Pat Westphal, Pennie Linna, Fern Furhmann, and Mary Jane Hartley

Members Absent: Evie Peterson and Pastor Niveen

We opened with a prayer.

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The Team agreed to use credit reward points to purchase items from AMAZON for the church picnic on July 28.

Additionally, it was agreed to open an AMAZON business account. This will allow us to get taxes taken off any future purchases.

The Moving Forward Kits for College Students was a success. All the items were sponsored by our members. A designated account was established to show giving and expenses.

The Finance & Stewardship Ministry Team will be attending the August 5 6:30 pm Property Ministry Team meeting to begin discussion on the parking lot fundraising. Laurie will send Jason and Bruce an email informing them.

The ministry team continued their discussion on contacting our inactive members: those who have not given or received Holy Communion in the past two years. The team reviewed the draft letters written by Pastor Niveen, which includes a QR code for convenient electronic response or a self-addressed response postcard. Pat and Laurie are working with Jean for an accurate mailing list. The plan is to mail the letters the first week in August.

Our stewardship drive time is approaching. The team members were asked to research and email out their ideas, prior to August’s meeting.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:25 pm.

Next regular meeting is August 13 at 6:30 Pm. (We also, as noted above, will be meeting with the Property Ministry Team on August 5)

Note: The Social Ministry Team, the Property Ministry Team, and the Christian Education Ministry Team did not meet this past month.

Reviewed reports included in council packet. **MSC by Emily Christofilis/Jenny Case to accept the reports.**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**National Youth Gathering Update:** The group is in New Orleans until Sunday. Checkout Facebook for daily photos on what the group is doing.

**Communication Audit update:** Currently getting samples and an estimate for updated internal signage.

**Church Directory Update:** Opportunities to sign up for membership to have their photo taken are in the narthex or they can call the office. Membership directory is getting updated.

**Moving Forward Kits (Supplies)** for College Bound Students-new program. A Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Council on August 11 to present McKayla with her gifts, purchased by members and to send her off. Pennie will purchase a cake.

## NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

**Parking Lot Fund-Raising:** Finance & Stewardship will be meeting with the Property Team on August 5<sup>th</sup> to begin a fund-raising plan/program.

Adjourn: **MSC by Emily Christofilis/Jason Blank to adjourn and share the Lord's Prayer at 7:36 pm.**

Next meeting: August 15, 2024, at 630 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Olson, Treasurer

## **Bishop Eaton Expresses Disappointment in Grants Pass Supreme Court Decision—6/28/2024**

I am disappointed by the Supreme Court's decision in Grants Pass v. Johnson, which clears the way for onerous civil and criminal penalties for unsheltered neighbors forced to sleep in parks or on other public property. This could jeopardize the work of Lutheran ministries and organizations dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness. As a church, we are called by God's grace to love and serve the most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors in our communities.

Worshiping communities in the ELCA include people experiencing homelessness, which is not a moral failing; often it results from societal factors such as lack of affordable housing, stagnant wages and lack of affordable access to mental health services. Fining or imprisoning people without addressing these root causes drains public resources better directed at supportive housing services.

Criminalizing homelessness is misguided both ethically and pragmatically. As Christians, we are called to embrace marginalized neighbors with compassion, not punishment. Penalizing people for lacking adequate housing runs counter to our core tenets of justice and dignity. Christ himself had "nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58) and the prophet Isaiah urges the people of God to "bring the homeless poor into your house" (Isaiah 58:7). Criminalizing their circumstances compounds their suffering and diminishes their opportunities to find stability.

The ELCA upholds the dignity of all people, affirming in its 1990 social message "Homelessness: A Renewal of Commitment" that "God's love in Jesus Christ ... [moves] us to care for homeless people as God cares for all." I call on our elected leaders and public servants to implement solutions rooted in basic human rights. Rather than punish those without shelter, we need to support policies and investments in affordable housing, boost homelessness prevention resources, collaborate with ministries and expand supportive services.

As a church, we can:

1. **Learn and Engage:** Let us educate ourselves about housing insecurity and about justice for the homeless. Visit the ELCA Homeless and Justice Network for more information.
2. **Pray:** Let us use the ELCA's Homeless and Justice Ministries dedicated devotional guide to pray for those affected by this decision and for our ministries that work to secure shelter for those in need.
3. **Speak Out:** Let us review the ELCA World Hunger resource on housing and engage in activities to support effective policies, such as writing a letter to a local news outlet or speaking out at a town hall.

Criminalizing homelessness is an injustice we must reject. We remain committed to advocating for our unhoused neighbors.

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## Youth Gathering Pictures

J.T. Rose, Braydin Messing, and Nancy Rose represented St. Mark's at this year's ELCA Youth Gathering. They reported it was a great experience and they had a wonderful time. We will be hearing more from them about their experiences during an upcoming worship service, but until then, here are a few pictures from their trip.

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis in 2027. If you have a pre-teen in your family, start thinking about having them attend this exciting, life changing event.



*Here's the Neenah Youth Gathering attendees right before they left for New Orleans from the Milwaukee airport.*




*Left: The group spent an evening listening to some great New Orleans jazz at Preservation Hall.*


*Right: The Gathering included lots of electrifying worship experiences, with great music and message!*



St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Racial Equity Ministry Team Presents:



# BOOK STUDY



AND FINDING MYSELF IN THE STORY OF RACE  
by Debby Irving

Four sessions held on Monday,  
September 16, 30, Oct. 14 & 28  
6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Book will be provided to each  
participant.

Sign-up deadline- Sept. 3rd

Sign-up at church or by emailing  
or calling office.

CALL: 920-725-2828  
EMAIL: [office@stmarksneenah.org](mailto:office@stmarksneenah.org)

*Celebrating the Joy of Faith through Love & Service*

## Report on the Linwood Concert Series

Thank you, St. Mark's, for being a sponsor for the Summer Concerts at Linwood Community. Ten members of St. Mark's enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in Linwood Park listening to the wonderful "Talk of the Town," New Orleans Jazz group, playing ten various instruments. There were a total of 105 people in attendance. The next two concerts are Elvis John on August 11 and Voices of Peace on September 15—Joy and Jenny Case







## Fox Valley Community Table

The Mission of the Month for August is the Fox Valley Community Table. Fox Valley Community Table (FVCT) is a free meal site located in the lower level of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Neenah. They serve lunch every Tuesday and Saturday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. There is no income or residency requirements. Once a month, members of



St. Mark's provide a meal for those at the Fox Valley Community Table. If you would like to donate to buy food for these meals, please check the "Mission" column on your giving envelopes and put them in the clear box when you attend worship anytime in June. Or designate Mission of the Month on your electronic giving account. Let's support our volunteers at the Community Table!



*Sponsored by the Racial Equity Ministry Team*

Watch for details, on how to participate, in future newsletters and on our Facebook page.

\*Neenah Pow Wow: Saturday, September 14 from 2-5 pm.

\*Fall Family Festival (traditions of the Oneida Nation), at Green Bay Botanical Gardens on Saturday, September 28 from 9 am-5 pm.

\*A cultural immersion event. Asian American session on the art of making Egg Rolls. This enriching experience will take place on a Saturday in the Fall.

## What is KAIROS Prison Ministry?

One of our regular building users is the KAIROS Prison Ministry Area Leadership. The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

KAIROS members are Christians who believe in the Holy Trinity and honor and live the teachings of the Bible and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They conduct the ministry while inviting all to attend as Guests or Participants in Weekends and program-specific follow-on activities to build Christian Community.

Kairos Outside is a support weekend for women who have been impacted by **incarceration**. It brings Christ's hope into the darkness of a hopeless woman's life affected by the incarceration of a relative or friend, or for those who did time and were unable to attend a Kairos Weekend. In a 2½-day retreat setting, women can share openly and confidentially. Talks and meditations are designed to address the pain of enduring separation from their loved one, and the judgment of others from their community. Through the respect, love and warmth they feel from the Christian volunteers/servants, the walls they have built for their protection can begin to come down. The Continuing Ministry of Reunions and SWAP (Share, Witness, Action, Prayer) groups allows the women to grow in their Christian faith and become active members of the Kairos Outside community. The weekend is put on by a group of 28 women, six cooks and two clergywomen. They come from various Christian denominations.

If you would like more information on KAIROS, contact Barb at:  
[barbwilliams1025@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwilliams1025@yahoo.com)



## Gorgeous!

If you haven't been in our courtyard lately, you should go out there and take a look. Our custodian, Ginny Schieck (pictured), along with Mary Jane Hartley, have created a lovely space with flowers, palms, and vegetables growing in containers. It's beautiful! Thank you both for sharing your gardening talents!



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