



# THE WELCOME PLACE Mount Carmel Lutheran Church

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## Tidings Monthly Newsletter - October 2011

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening at 5:00**  
*(through October)*

Holy Communion offered every week

**Sunday Morning at 8:30 & 10:45**

Holy Communion offered  
at both services each week

**Education Hour 9:40-10:30**

- Sunday School
- Adult Forum
- Adult Choir

- *Nursery care available Sunday during both services and the education hour*
- *Coffee fellowship following the Sunday morning service*



### MISSION STATEMENT

Mount Carmel  
is a Welcome Place  
that proclaims the Good News  
of God in Christ,  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people.



### VISION STATEMENT

God's Work—Our Hands  
Believing Christ calls us to  
**SERVE,**  
we act with **LOVE,**  
inspire **HOPE,**  
**VALUE** others  
and **CARE** for the world.

### MONTHLY MUSINGS

#### FROM PASTOR JOHNSON

I love reading the Apostle Paul's letters. They are so earthy and reactive to the "things on the ground" in the congregations that he has started. He is blunt, confrontational, soothing, and gracious in the many conversations he has with congregations that he has developed.

I am reminded of one of my favorite passages from Paul as I consider the early returns of the "SECURING OUR FOUNDATION – BUILDING OUR FUTURE" Capital Fund Appeal.

Paul writes in Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God for you every time I think of you and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now!"

I am so excited to report to you before Commitment Weekend on October 8th and 9th, that with 19 families offering gifts for the Phase 1 work of our building thus far, we have received \$398,000 in gifts and pledges toward our goal for this capital fund campaign.

Your faithfulness is overwhelming! I have been so very touched by the personal sharing by our Core Appeal Team members who have expressed openly and honestly just how Mount Carmel has touched their lives.

We look forward to seeing you on Commitment Sunday when we'll have a liturgy of Thanksgiving, hear a children's message given by Jean Ann von Rohr, and process forward at the offering time with our tithes and gifts to Mount Carmel.

Again, thank you for the blessings that you bestow upon me every day by your wonderful faithfulness and love for Christ and this community!

Very sincerely,  
Pastor Johnson



## COMMUNITY LIFE

Adult Forum Schedule**Sunday Mornings 9:40-10:30, Fellowship Hall**

Adult Forum provides an opportunity for learning and discussion, to relate to faith to contemporary issues, and to grow in understanding of the church and world. Grab a cup of coffee and a treat, then join others for the following forums:

**October**

- 2nd** Lutheran World Relief  
*Presented by Mount Carmel Church Quilters*
- 9th** No Forum (SHARE)
- 16th** Welcome New Members
- 23rd** "Pulling Out All the Stops"  
*Presented by Paul Kasten, Director of Liturgy & Music*
- 30th** To be announced

Hot Ham & Rolls Sale**First Sunday of the month: October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th**

Purchase one pound of Bunzel's hot, sliced ham and six buttercrust rolls for only \$6. If you would like to pre-order, use one of the pink envelopes located on the signup table in the Narthex. Or stop by and pick one up in the church kitchen between services. (Extra ham & rolls will be available to purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.) Thank you for supporting Youth Ministry!

✠ Prayer Group Update**Tuesday Mornings, 9:15-10:00, Stage Lounge****Note new day and time!**

The Prayer Group is now meeting on **Tuesday mornings from 9:15-10:00 on the Stage Lounge**. Anyone is welcome to attend, whether you are a member of Mount Carmel or not. Those present begin by praying for people on the Mount Carmel prayer list. The group then continues to pray either out loud or silently the prayers within their hearts. The gathering closes with the Lord's Prayer. Come when you can, and consider staying for the weekly bible study with Pastor Johnson that takes place immediately afterward from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study**10:00-11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

Join other adults on Tuesday mornings as they are led by our very insightful Pastor Johnson on a journey of faith. Come once and you'll desire to come back every week! Bring a friend, neighbor, or a family member.

Men's Ministry**Saturday, October 8th, 7:45-9 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Saturday, October 22nd, 9-11 a.m., "Get Organized!"  
Event (meet inside Center Street doors)**

All guys—*non-members, too!*—are invited to join PJ and others as they continue an informal, lively study on a contemporary look at the formation of the New Testament writings based upon a PBS DVD entitled, "From Jesus to the Christ." The men gather at 7:45 and are always out the door by 9:00. Goodies & coffee will be available.

☞ Please note that on the 22nd of this month we will forgo the bible study and instead provide manpower for "Get Organized!"—a new service opportunity we are offering to others. See page 4 of this newsletter for all the details.

Pumpkin Farm Outing**Saturday October 8th, 10 a.m.****Lindner's Pumpkin Farm**

**19075 W Cleveland Ave, New Berlin**

Meet at Lindner's Pumpkin Farm at 10:00 for a morning of fun for the whole family!

Lindner's is a locally owned and operated family farm, a place with fun and friendly service, activities for all ages, and no worries about spending too much!



Come pick your pumpkins from the pumpkin patch (or if you choose, from the already-picked pumpkins) and enjoy a host of other fun activities including: llamas, goats, chickens, bunnies, and many other animals to feed and pet; games for the kids (with prizes); a corn maze and many other attractions. Decorative gourds, Indian corn, straw-bales, cornstalks, are also available for purchase. Bring your camera along to capture all the fall fun! Sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

SHARE Food Buying Co-Op**Sundays: October 9, November 13, December 11  
10:00-11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Purchase fresh produce, frozen meats, as well as canned and dry goods for about half of supermarket prices! This is not a fund raiser and ANYONE can buy food at the Market, so be sure to tell your neighbors and friends. Or, consider purchasing non-perishable food to donate to Reformation Church's food pantry. (There will be baskets at the checkout area.)



If you buy groceries and like to save money, then SHARE is for YOU! Cash, credit cards or QUEST cards (*sorry, no checks*) will be accepted for payment. If you can help out and volunteer that morning, or distribute flyers in the neighborhood the week before, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Diane Roznowski, 414-258-8893 or [diane.roznowski@gmail.com](mailto:diane.roznowski@gmail.com)

Flu & Pneumonia Shots Clinic**Tuesday, October 11th, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.****Mount Carmel - Fellowship Hall**

• Representatives from Walgreens will be at Mount Carmel to administer flu and pneumonia shots.

• Cost: Flu shots / \$31.99; Pneumonia shots / \$71.99. There is no charge if you bring your Medicare Part B Card.

• **The clinic is open to the community, but sign up is required!**

• Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the Church Office, [office@mountcarmelchurch.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelchurch.org) or 414-771-1270.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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Bring a Friend Sunday!**October 16th**

Sunday School children (and adults) are encouraged to invite a friend to attend worship, fellowship and the education hour here at Mount Carmel on Sunday, October 16th. It will be a fun morning meeting the pastors, making new friends, and hearing the Good News about Jesus! Invitations will be sent home with Sunday School kids in early October so that they may extend the invitation to friends & neighbors.

Journeying Through Grief**Sunday, October 16th****9:30-10:30 a.m., Chapel****Kathy Czarniak, Facilitator**

Entering the red doors on 84th Street (below the *Welcome Place* sign) you will find the Chapel through the first set of doors on your left. Adult members and non-members who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend. This is an ongoing group where you are safe to share your story or to sit quietly and listen. It is a welcoming environment where you will be supported no matter where you are in your journey toward healing.

Sisters in the Spirit

The activities and events listed below are geared toward women of ALL ages...non-members are always welcome. You are invited to participate whenever the Spirit moves you! Watch for additional opportunities to develop your faith, serve others in the community, cultivate friendships and enjoy Christian fellowship in the months ahead. Please contact Pastor Maren or the Church Office if you would like more info or have questions: 414-771-1270 or [pastormaren@gmail.com](mailto:pastormaren@gmail.com). We hope to see you at any of the following:

Prayer Shawl Ministry**Wednesday, October 12th, 6:30 p.m., Stage Lounge**

Old and new members are welcome as participants continue their knitting. Blessed prayer shawls continue to be a great source of strength and gift of support when given to members and non-members in need. If you know of anyone that could benefit from receiving a shawl, you can access prayer shawls anytime the church is open from the Prayer Shawl cabinet in Fellowship Hall. There are also prayer shawls available on the shelves in the narthex (near the Chapel).

We are grateful to Thrivent's West Central Milwaukee County Chapter which awarded us \$300 through their Care Abounds in Communities® grant program. This money will allow us to purchase the yarn necessary to complete prayer shawls. Thrivent financial for Lutherans® provides the financial assistance to purchase necessary materials used in activities in which chapter members are involved. Go to [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com) for more information regarding how to become a member or to see what programs/activities you might be interested in.

Book Group**Monday, October 17th, 7 p.m., Julie Seidlitz's home**

If you've thought about attending a book group in the past but never got around to it, now is your chance! The group is open to any and all church women and friends, and you are not required to attend on a regular basis. Come when you are can, even if you haven't finished the book selection (or read it at all—we're not picky!). There is always a lively discussion and warm fellowship to enjoy. The group meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at church or a member's home; watch the bulletin, newsletter & website for updates. Here's what we'll be reading in the months ahead:

**October 17** *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**November 21** *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**December 19** *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*  
by Muriel BarberyBible Study**Monday October 24th, 6:30-8 p.m., Stage Lounge**  
**"To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark"**

Do you ever struggle with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the 21st century? How can we be "living vessels" of Christ's love and hope? Please come for a wonderful time of fellowship, spiritual exploration, and Bible study, as we address these questions and more.

This Bible study will be taken from *Gather* magazine. The magazine offers fun and informative articles along with the Bible studies. If you are interested in ordering your own copy, go to [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org). or call 800-328-4648. (Yearly subscription is \$12) Bring your favorite Bible, bring your favorite friend, and a favorite snack/treat to share if you'd like! Any questions, contact Pastor Maren.

Lutheran World Relief Quilters**Mondays: October 3rd, 17th, 31st****9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Many hands are always needed and appreciated, so please consider coming to any or all workdays and stay as long as you'd like. If you can't attend a workday, please remember the ladies with contributions of cloth, sheets, drapes, tablecloths, etc. It is your generous contributions that allow them to continue this ministry to others around the world.



*I am happy to announce that we were able to complete 160 school kits for Lutheran World Relief this year.*

*A great big THANK YOU to all who donated fabric or school supplies, those who sewed the bags, and those who helped fill the bags and put them in boxes. Without these combined efforts, it couldn't be done!!*

*-Mary Eide, Coordinator*

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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**"Get Organized!"**

**A new Men's Ministry opportunity for ALL Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00-11:00 a.m. North 84th & Center Street area at church**

All of us need an incentive or a date on the calendar that helps us get motivated to get organized, and the Mount Carmel Men's Ministry group wants to give you that incentive! The guys are going to be offering a new service on a quarterly basis for our congregation and neighborhood called *Get Organized*. We will have a truck for you to drop off lightly used furniture, clothing & other miscellaneous items to be donated to Reformation's Neighborhood Store. All you have to do is bring your items to the 84th Street side of Mount Carmel between 9:00-11:00 where the guys will be loading the truck.

In addition to the truck for your donations, Dick DesChane will be providing shredding services that day from 9-11 a.m. Bring those old files and records to church and they'll be shredded on the spot so your identity will be protected and not fall into the wrong hands by throwing documents in recycling or the garbage.

These two services are brought to you at no cost by the men of Mount Carmel. Get organized and help out the Neighborhood Store at Reformation Lutheran Church all at the same time!

**SON-Shine Suppers Food Ministry**

**Cooking Sessions: Tuesday, October 8th, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Church kitchen**

**Sue Skony, Congregational Life Hospitality & Food Coord.** The SON-shine Suppers food ministry is in its second year here at Mount Carmel. We distribute meals to congregational members who have recently had babies, those who have returned home after hospitalization or rehabilitation, and others facing life's unexpected disruptions. We are encouraged by the continued positive comments being made about this ministry. It's wonderful to know that you find the meals not only helpful, but delicious, too. **If you would like to receive a meal, please let the Church Office or one of the pastors know.**

The SON-shine Suppers food ministry always welcomes new cooks to help us prepare meals. The recipes are selected, groceries are purchased, and it usually takes no longer than two hours – all you have to do is help with the cooking! The next cooking sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th – an afternoon session beginning at 2:00 p.m., and an evening session beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are a wannabe chef, love to cook, or just want to share a favorite freezer-friendly recipe, please contact Sue Skony: sskony3@gmail.com or 414-536-4545.

**Entertainment Books**

The popular Entertainment Book contains discounts on 2-for-1 offers from some of the biggest names in dining and retail. They are on sale through November for \$35 at the *Make a Difference Marketplace* on Sundays, or in the Church Office during the week. Proceeds benefit our Junior League youth.

**4th Annual All Saints Progressive Dinner**

**Saturday, November 5th**

This gathering provides an opportunity to share fellowship and a multi-course meal together. It is always a wonderful evening for participants! Watch the weekly bulletin for more details & instructions on how to sign up for this dinner. All food is catered and delivered for the meal, but we are once again seeking host families for appetizers, the main meal, and scrumptious desserts. Anyone interested in opening their home for any of the courses should call Suzanne Skony, Congregational Life Hospitality Coordinator, at 414-536-4545 or the Church Office at 414-771-1270.

**Boy Scouts**

**Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Friendship Hall**

Did you know Mount Carmel sponsors a Boy Scout Troop here at church? Boy Scout Troop 142 meets each Wednesday night from 7-8 in Friendship Hall (lower level). The troop has 15 active boys and four great adult leaders, and they welcome any boy who has completed 5th grade to attend the meetings and consider joining this wonderful organization. For more information please contact Mr. Paul Traeger, Assistant Boy Scout Leader, at 414-453-5877.

**GRACE PLACE UPDATE**

**Diane Roznowski, Coordinator**

*I am sad to report that Grace Place use as an urban retreat center must come to an end. City of Milwaukee Department of Neighborhood Services has become aware of our use of Grace Place and notified us that we are in violation of city zoning ordinances. This is something that church leadership was unaware of until now; by no means did we intend to operate Grace Place in violation of codes or ordinances. We have been informed that according to city zoning and building codes, Grace Place is not suitable for use as an urban retreat center and cannot be occupied by more than three unrelated people without significant architectural changes and a special use permit. Upcoming groups have been notified that Grace Place is no longer available and should make other arrangements for a place for their groups to stay. The Church Council has been made aware of the situation and will begin to discuss the future of Grace Place at its next meeting in October.*

*I am grateful for the opportunity Grace Place afforded to over 40 groups over the past two years to come to Milwaukee, learn about urban issues, and do volunteer work in the city. If you would like further details about Grace Place, please contact me at 414-258-8893 or diane.roznowski@gmail.com.*

## COMMUNITY LIFE

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“Consider the Conversation”

**Monday Evening, October 24th**  
**St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**  
**1615 Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa**

*Co-Hosted by St. Matthew's Church and Luther Manor*

**6:45 p.m. Arrival** (Park in the main lot and enter doors right off of parking lot. Greeters and signs will guide you to the meeting room)

**7:00 p.m. Movie begins**

**8:15 p.m. Q & A and refreshments**

Motivated by their personal experiences with loss, Mike Bernhagen, Director of Community Engagement and Care Partner Relations at Rainbow Hospice Care of Jefferson, WI, and Terry Kaldhusdal, an Oconomowoc teacher and filmmaker, decided to join forces in early 2009 to begin a creative journey that has resulted in this hour-long film.

*Consider the Conversation* sheds light on the 21<sup>st</sup> century American struggle with communication and preparation at the end-of-life. The film examines multiple experiences and perspectives on end-of-life care. The producers have three goals for this film: 1) *to change the current American attitude so that end-of-life can be seen as a normal process rich in opportunity for human development*; 2) *to inspire dialogue between patient and doctor, husband and wife, parent and child, minister and parishioner on end-of-life issues*; and 3) *to encourage medical professionals and faith leaders to take the lead in counseling others*. Check out [www.considertheconversation.org](http://www.considertheconversation.org) for additional info.

Please join us to watch this thought provoking movie, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and gather for light refreshments. Resource materials will be available at this free presentation. To RSVP please contact the Church Office at [stmattswi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stmattswi@sbcglobal.net) or 414-774-0441.

Friends of Luther Manor Update

In anticipation of our November membership appeal, please note the following:

Recently, the Luther Manor Auxiliary, a long-established tradition dating back to 1958, made a couple of historic changes. First, and most notable, is the unanimously accepted decision to change the name of the organization to *Friends of Luther Manor*. The name change is intended to reflect a broader definition of those invited to participate in the organization, expand membership, and more widely define the group's purpose.

In addition, for the first time since the inception of the Auxiliary, annual membership due will increase from \$2 to \$5 – still quite a value considering \$2 in 1958 is the equivalent of \$14.80 today. Annual Sustaining and Lifetime memberships will remain the same at \$50 and \$300, respectively.

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While the name and membership fees have changed, the primary purpose of the organization remains consistent with the commitment made more than 50 years ago. The *Friends of Luther Manor* will continue to support the mission of Luther Manor by contributing, through membership dues and other fundraising projects, to program areas throughout the community.

Keeping the above in mind, we hope you will “befriend” our folks at the Luther Manor community.

## N O T E S

*From Paul Kasten*  
*Director of Liturgy & Music*

*“So why are we singing that hymn?”*

♪ Five hundred years ago, the European Protestant Reformation gave us a great gift: Music ceased being the exclusive property of choirs and instrumentalists and was appropriated with great enthusiasm by the people in the pew. Congregations discovered that they loved singing, and over half a millennium an immense repertory of hymns, liturgy and other music has come into being. One tradition that the new denominations (Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, etc.) continued from their Roman Catholic and Jewish roots was the use of a cycle of readings through the church year; this cycle currently repeats itself every three years. *Almost all the music (hymns, anthems, solos, organ music, etc.) used throughout the year is related to this three year cycle of readings.*

♪ Hymns, anthems and liturgical music for any given Sunday are chosen because they reinforce and enhance the appointed readings for that Sunday. A few weeks ago, the Gospel reading from Matthew was all about forgiveness: you might have noticed that the hymns we sang that morning all contained stanzas about forgiveness; compassion or interpersonal relations. Occasionally, the music needs to reflect an important theme in the life of our own parish: during our Capital Fund Drive we have sung many hymns about our goals and mission as a congregation.

♪ Of course, other factors influence the choice of music for worship: the season of the year, familiarity, range, style, difficulty, size of the congregation present, etc. But those things are always far less important than the *words*.

## LIFE TRANSITIONS MINISTRY

*To create spiritual, educational and social opportunities for senior congregational members and to inspire hope, and caring as they adapt to life-cycle transitions.*

**Kathy Czarniak, Coordinator**

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*Copies of our Fall & Early Winter Events flyer were mailed, but if you need a copy or want to pick one up for a friend, you can get one in the Church Office or on the counter near the Stage Lounge or in the Narthex*

Horicon Marsh Boat Tour & Lunch

Here's the schedule for the day for those who are signed up for the tour on Monday, October 10th:

- 9:30 Bus departs from Mount Carmel
- 10:30 Bus arrives at the Blue Heron Landing, downtown Horicon
- 11:00 Board pontoon boat for narrated hour-long tour of the inner Horicon Marsh
- 12:30 Lunch at the Audubon Inn in Mayville

Note: *Please remember to dress appropriately as we will be outside for one-hour on pontoon boats! Don't forget your binoculars and cameras to capture the wildlife and the fall scenery!*

Christmas Cards for Veterans Hospital

**Who:** Members & friends of Mount Carmel age 65 & better!  
**What:** Connie Daugherty, Mount Carmel member and card-maker extraordinaire, will return to help participants make Christmas cards that use 100% recycled materials. "Connie's Green Cards" was one our most well-attended events last year! This year we will make cards for the men and women at the Veterans Hospital along with making some for our own for holiday giving. You don't need to be an artist to create these beautiful cards. Connie will have all the supplies ready and many examples to help you, so NO experience is required!

**When:** Thursday, November 10th

- 10:00 a.m. Gather & Greet
- 10:30 a.m. Card-making begins
- 11:30 a.m. Catered lunch & fellowship

**RSVP:** Before Monday, November 7th by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex or calling Kathy Czarniak

Holiday Celebration!

**Who:** Members and friends of Mount Carmel age 65 & better!  
**What:** Twenty tickets distributed on a first-come, first-served basis! Carpool to the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center (Brookfield) for a special performance of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's *Holiday Pops Spectacular* concert. Join Wisconsin's largest arts organization and only full-time orchestra as they perform holiday favorites, beloved carols, and a holiday sing-a-long to festive Yuletide tunes in a Sunday matinee setting at the Wilson Center's Kuttemperoor Auditorium. Dinner at The Venice Club in their private dining room to follow.

**When:** Sunday, December 11th

- 1:15 p.m. Meet at Mount Carmel to carpool/or meet at concert venue
- 1:40 p.m. Arrive at Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for ticket distribution 19805 W. Capitol Drive - Brookfield
- 2:00 p.m. Concert begins in Kuttemperoor Auditorium (SLW Center)

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4:30 p.m. Dinner in Stefano Room of Venice Club (Brookfield)

*Option #1 - Chicken Marsala - chicken tenders sautéed w/ mushrooms, onions & wine over angel hair*

*Option #2 - Pork chop - Sicilian style served w/applesauce*

*Option #3 - Grilled salmon topped with lemon butter*

(All meals include salad or soup, coffee, tea and ice cream)

6:00 p.m. Approximate departure home

**RSVP:** And payment of \$55 (checks made out to Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, MSO on memo line) due Sunday, November 6th. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or by calling Kathy Czarniak.

Trip to Door County, Wisconsin

**SAVE THE DATE: June 11- June 12, 2012**

How do you fight the winter \* blues?? You plan for summer! I am in the process of planning the first annual overnight road trip to be offered by the Life Transitions Ministry! Intrigued? Show your interest by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex and sending in your down payment by Sunday, October 23rd. Details will be available near sign up sheet.

FREE Senior Resource Forum

**Thursday, October 16th, 12:45 p.m., Hart Park Senior Center, 7300 Chestnut Street, Wauwatosa**

The topic of this free presentation is: "How to Speak with Your Doctor and Stay Out of the Hospital." The speaker, John Bennett, is a patient advocate who helps people that have chronic illnesses to navigate the complicated medical system. He will offer guidance about how to speak with physicians and avoid unnecessary hospitalization. Questions? Call John Bennett at 414-550-4851. This program is administered for the city of Wauwatosa by the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee.

Are you on Medicare? Did you know?

If you are treated in an emergency department, and checked into the hospital for an overnight stay, it is possible you may never be officially admitted to the hospital. Hospitals often use "observation status," rather than "inpatient admission," to avoid the potential for denial of payment for inpatient care that could be deemed unnecessary by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Observation status can extend over many days, and because Medicare pays for nursing home or rehabilitation center care only after at least three days of inpatient care, patients admitted under observation status do not meet Medicare requirements for extended care coverage after a hospital stay.

When hospitalization is necessary, it is important to inquire about your admission status. Designate a family member or other loved one to serve as your patient advocate and encourage them to be assertive in verifying your status. Preferably, verification of inpatient status should be provided in writing by your physician as well as a representative of the hospital billing department.

With written confirmation, should you need a little extra time to rest and recuperate in a long-term care or rehab center before you return home, you will have one less thing to worry about. For more detailed information on Medicare benefits, available resources or to have questions answered or get support, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

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## SERVICE TO OTHERS

Greater Milwaukee CROP Walk**Sunday, October 9th, 1:30 p.m., McKinley marina**

Mount Carmel youth and adults will be participating in the annual CROP Walk for hunger and extend an invitation to the congregation to get involved by walking, sponsoring a walker, and/or donating non-perishable food items to the Hunger Task Force. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please bring them to church and deposit them into one of the Hunger Task Force boxes in the *Giving Place*. To sponsor a walker or to walk with us, see Dani Ovanin for a pledge form or place your donation in a white pew envelope marked CROP.

Habitat for Humanity Workday**Workdays: Saturdays, October 22nd & November 12th  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Locations: TBA**

Want to put "God's Work, Our Hands" into action? Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity is a great way to do that! Volunteers are the lifeblood of Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity. Habitat homes are constructed almost entirely by volunteers. **No prior construction skills are required**, just a positive attitude and willingness to learn! On-site crew and house leaders will train you the day of. Possible tasks for the day include: drywall, insulating, painting, landscaping. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex or let Pastor Maren know by October 18th. For details on what to bring, what to wear, schedule, etc., see [milwaukeehabitat.org/pdfs/Volunteer-FAQ.pdf](http://milwaukeehabitat.org/pdfs/Volunteer-FAQ.pdf)

Sojourner Family Peace Center**October Mission of the Month**

The designation for October's Mission of the Month benevolence is **Sojourner Family Peace Center** (formerly known as Sojourner Truth House) in Milwaukee, which provides shelter, safety, support, education and advocacy to break the cycle of violence, because domestic respect is the right of every woman, man and child. Thanks in advance for supporting Sojourner Family Peace Center's mission of helping others achieve a life free of violence.

**♥ Heart & Soul of Christmas Faire****Sunday, November 20th****9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Giving is at the heart of the Christmas season.

We give gifts to share with others the love given to each of us in the Christ child. Each year, however, many of us as Christians struggle in a culture that encourages us to spend more than we should on gifts that do not nourish the soul. We struggle to find ways to keep Christ at the heart of the Christmas season. To help us find another way, the Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring the annual *Heart and Soul of Christmas Faire* on Sunday, November 20th. This will be an opportunity for the congregation and friends to purchase gifts from vendors whose profits are used to support people in need. These gifts will not only give joy to the person who receives them, but will share with others the hope the Christ Child came to bring the world. Stay tuned for more details.

Make a Difference Marketplace**Lower narthex****Open Sunday mornings between services**

This is your one-stop shopping place for products and services that will help you *make a difference* with your purchases. You will find Mount Meru coffee, LWR chocolate and tea, Mount Carmel green bags, stainless steel water bottles and mugs, earth-friendly cleaning products, homemade cards, and other products that will help Mount Carmel *make a difference*.

Notes of Appreciation

*Our sincere thanks to the parishioners of Mount Carmel for their continued support via the Mission of the Month. We are so-o appreciative of your recent contribution of \$498. It's been a difficult year for everyone in this economy. It seems particularly difficult for people in the inner city where Nehemiah Project is located. Our mission of helping our teenage boys in the Greater Milwaukee area continues regardless of how the economy is doing.*

*-Alice Hanson-Drew, Dir. Fund Development & Marketing  
Nehemiah Project, Inc.*



*Our thanks to the Mount Carmel Vacation Bible School students & staff for choosing to make a difference in the life of a child through your gift of \$302.35 to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin. A wish come true makes kids feel stronger and more energetic, and through your support, Wisconsin children with life-threatening medical conditions will experience hope, strength and joy for years to come ... Together, we will continue this important work. More than 400 Wisconsin children will be diagnosed this year with a life-threatening medical condition, and there are currently more than 250 wishes in progress throughout the state. Thanks to you, kids like these will discover the power of a wish come true . . . According to a national study, children and their parents alike experience more happiness and less fear in their lives because of a wish. Through your support you have become part of that happiness . . . we thank YOU for your heartfelt commitment to the Make-A-Wish mission.*

*-Patti Gorsky, President & CEO  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin*



*Thank you for the donation of 328 dozen cookies donated by Mount Carmel Church members recently! These special treats are distributed each morning by our volunteers to the residents who reside in the Health Care Center. Our residents look forward to the coffee, cookies and conversation served daily. The cookies are a reminder of your care and concern for the older adults we serve at Luther Manor. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! Again, sincere thanks on behalf of the Luther Manor Health Care Center residents!*

*-Lori Schultz, Luther Manor Volunteer Services*



## SERVICE TO OTHERS

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### Reformation Lutheran Church

#### Blessing Sunday

**Sunday, October 2nd, Worship at 10 a.m.** (meet at carport at Mount Carmel at 9:30 if you'd like to carpool) Come join us for this festive celebration of our partnership with Reformation Church. The people of Reformation invite partner congregations to attend so they can thank them for all that they do *with* and *for* Reformation. If possible, they would love to have at least 20 people from each partner congregation attend. There will also be a potluck after the service, providing a time for fellowship and conversation. Members of Mount Carmel are asked to bring desserts to share. Hope to see you there!

#### Neighborhood Store

Every Monday from 10:00 a.m. until noon, a small group of people meets at Mount Carmel and carools to Reformation at N. 35th and W. Garfield. We work sorting donations, taking down empty hangers and straightening the Store, as well as replenishing the racks with new clothing and merchandise. The new sorting room has made the job easier and more efficient. More hands would allow us to make a bigger impact. We are also looking at starting a new group on Thursdays. Could you help? If you are interested in helping with this meaningful ministry, please contact Diane Roznowski ([diane.roznowski@gmail.com](mailto:diane.roznowski@gmail.com)) or Carol Nemes ([nemesclan5@hotmail.com](mailto:nemesclan5@hotmail.com)) or sign up in the Narthex.

#### Neighborhood Store & Coffee Shop "Most Wanted List"

1. Large & small kitchen appliances, in working order.
2. Bedroom furniture, including beds, cribs, dressers.
3. TVs, radios, CD players, DVD players, HDTV converters.
4. Washers and dryers in working order.
5. Kitchen/dining room sets, living room sets, lamps.
6. Towels and bed linens, inc. comforters and pillows.
7. Pots and pans, cookware, utensils.
8. Jewelry & watches, scarves and purses.
9. Tableware in sets of four, silverware sets.
10. Cookies, coffee, sugar and creamer for Coffee Shop.
11. 30 gallon garbage bags.

Smaller items can be brought to church anytime and placed in the *Giving Place* cabinet. Larger items can be taken directly to Reformation; please call ahead for hours, 414-444-0440.

#### Tutors Needed

Do you have a love of children? Want to make a difference that will last a lifetime? Reformation is again looking for tutors for the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, 10:30 to noon until May. The children involved are students in K-5 to middle school, many of whom need practice reading. They currently have about 10 tutors and could use eight more. Each person is assigned to one child. If you are interested or just want more info please contact Pastor Maren. Thank you so very much!

#### Calling all cooks: Help needed for The Banquet Saturday, October 22nd

The Banquet is a fairly new program at Reformation where a meal is prepared and served to the neighboring community on the 4th Saturday of the month at noon in their newly prepared banquet space. Their philosophy is "we serve the poor, but we do not serve them poorly." They have new tables and chairs, tablecloths, good dishes, etc., so the dining experience is luxurious, helping their guests to feel valued. Thus far, meals have been a huge success. Reformation folks serve the food, but they are looking for help from partner churches to provide the food. On Saturday October 22nd, we will be partnering with Mount Zion Lutheran Church to provide food for approximately 100. Reformation will provide the recipes. These will typically be "Soul Food" such as cheesy mac & cheese, collards/mustard greens, sweet potato pie, chicken, cornbread. If you are interested in cooking as a "labor of love," please mark this date down on your calendar now! A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, and look for more information mid-October.



#### Bee nice—Buy honey!

Bottles of honey are now available to purchase at the *Make a Difference Marketplace* for \$5 each. Proceeds benefit youth activities at Reformation.

#### Nurture and Nourishment Food Pantry

Let's keep the pantry shelves at Reformation well-stocked! Items most needed are: *canned corn, canned fruit, canned green beans, cereal, Hamburger Helper-type boxed meals, mac & cheese boxed, instant mashed potatoes, oatmeal (inc. instant single-serve), pancake mix (complete), pasta in a can (ravioli, spaghetti, beefaroni), rice, soups (especially chunky-style), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, bar soap (family size).*

These items can be brought to church anytime and placed in the *Giving Place* cabinet. Sunday school kids are invited to bring donations forward to the altar during the offering on the second Sunday of each month.



Reformation  
Sunday  
October 30th

I cannot and will not recant anything  
For to go against conscience  
is neither right nor safe.  
Here I stand, I can do no other,  
so help me God.  
Amen.

Martin Luther, 1483-1546