



THE WELCOME PLACE Mount Carmel Lutheran Church

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FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning September 11th



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.

SECURING OUR FOUNDATION BUILDING OUR FUTURE

When Annette was pregnant with our first child, Matt, we hustled down to the local attorney to draw up a Last Will and Testament for each us in the case of our passing. We wanted to make sure that the life we were bringing into the world would be cared for—whether it was by us (God willing), or by another person entrusted to that task who would have the proper resources to offer our child a strong foundation in our physical absence.

It is inherent in all the wisdom literature of our cultural and scriptural heritage that we are to make sure that proper care is taken for the next generation of folks who follow us. That is why I love Paul's declaration in 1 Corinthians 3, *"I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it."*

At Mount Carmel we have been blessed with ancestors of the faith who have given us a precious spiritual and material gift. The vision of our forefathers and mothers was strong and vibrant. Many times in our 70 year history members have asked the important stewardship question, **"What can I do to enhance the treasure of this facility for the next generation?"** And each time, that generation of members answered with a resounding "yes" to raise capital gifts for the purpose of building or renovating our facility.

It has been over 22 years, (a generation of believers) since we last asked that all important question to our members, "What can we do to secure and enhance our facility?"

For the past four years we have asked that question in many different ways through special task forces; finance meetings; council meetings; working with outside experts; listening sessions, surveys and congregational meetings, and we recently defined our answer to some very clear points:

- **Install new roofs throughout the building to protect all the internal assets**
- **Install a new boiler system and controls so that our building can be heated and cooled most efficiently**
- **Refurbish the Casavant pipe organ**
- **Create handicapped parking places near the church, and a safer, more accessible entrance into the church from the driveway**

Our goal is to raise as many dollars as possible to reach \$1,000,000.00 to complete all of this appointed work. Over the next six weeks you will have a chance to prayerfully consider how you might help to contribute to the *Securing Our Foundation - Building Our Future* Capital Fund Appeal. You will receive inspirational and informational materials and you will hear your friends and neighbors speak to the importance of this faith community in their lives. And ultimately, you will be given the opportunity to consider a financial gift toward this important work as we demonstrate our care for the next generation of our membership at Mount Carmel!

Sincerely,
Pastor Johnson

NEWS & NOTES FROM PASTOR JOHNSON

Staff Changes

I would like to share with you some staff transitions and changes that have taken place over the summer at Mount Carmel:

- Diane Roznowski will be spending her staff time continuing to promote and administrate the growing Grace Place ministry; working at Reformation Lutheran Church as one of the coordinators of their resale shop; and continuing to promote and develop the SHARE Mobile Market at Mount Carmel.
- Vicki Andrew, Christian Education Coordinator, will be coordinating Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and the Christmas program.
- The pastors will take full responsibility of the Confirmation, First Communion and Cross Walk ministry programs.
- Pastor Johnson will be responsible for overseeing the Green Team and Church Property Committee.
- Dani Ovanin, Youth Ministry Coordinator, will take over the coordination of the Quilts of Love for high school seniors.
- Kathy Czarniak, Life Transitions Ministry Coordinator, will help coordinate the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Kathy will keep her focus on seniors and bereavement ministries, while stepping back from the SON-shine Suppers food ministry program.
- Sue Skony will coordinate all the Congregational Life ministries including the SON-shine Suppers, Center Street Celebration, the Progressive Dinner, Christmas decorating, Lessons & Carols Brunch, and Lenten Soup Suppers.
- The Congregation Council has named Paul Kasten to the position of Director Music and Liturgy. Mount Carmel has not had a Director of Music since Rodney Rahn held the position in the 1980s. We have had choir directors, instrumentalists and organists, but not one person who has been responsible for organizing and supervising all the music at Mount Carmel.

Paul has been the logical choice for this position because of his academic background and experience (over 30 years in several Lutheran congregations in Nebraska and Wisconsin.) This experience includes both playing the organ/accompanying and directing choirs of all types.

The Director of Music and Liturgy at Mount Carmel will be responsible for planning worship in collaboration with the pastors, choir directors and staff, and organizing and supervising all aspects of the music program at Mount Carmel.

These changes are being made to allow our staff to do what they do best and help develop more coordination between the program and worship ministries of our congregation.

**“Securing our Foundation—Building Our Future”
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

 Please mark your calendar for our *Invitation to Prayer Weekend*—**Saturday night, September 17th** and **Sunday morning, September 18th** when our congregation members will be receiving their stewardship packets for the Capital Fund Appeal **and** the Fall Stewardship Drive.

Throughout the weekend there will be a celebration of life at Mount Carmel which will feature food and fellowship. Saturday evening after worship, we will have a wine and cheese reception, and on Sunday morning there will be a festive brunch between the 8:30 and 10:45 services. Please come and celebrate the kick-off to the Capital Fund Appeal!

Saturday, October 8th and **Sunday, October 9th** is our *Commitment Weekend* when we will again celebrate with food and fellowship at both the Saturday evening and the Sunday morning services as we receive the pledges of our members for the important work of Mount Carmel's ministry.

You will be receiving phone call reminders from members of our congregation about both upcoming events—please come and be a part of this important celebration in the life of our congregation!

Capitol Drive Church Exploration Team Meetings

We have appointed a Capitol Drive Lutheran Church (CDLC) Exploratory Committee that has been meeting with an exploratory committee at CDLC for the purpose of discussing the POSSIBILITY of cooperative ministries and partnerships between the two congregations. A series of four meetings have been set to thoroughly review the ministries of each congregation with the goal in mind to review both assets and liabilities of what a partnership might mean to both congregations. Currently serving on Mount Carmel's behalf are: Jim Greear, Al Hurlbus, Woody Jarvis, Phil LeClaire, Patricia Lindert, Joel Richmond, Darlene Siebert and Carlotta Willett. An extensive report on conversations will be shared with the congregation later this fall.

The Cindy Soerens Memorial Youth Room

Mount Carmel recently received a generous donation from the family of Cindy Soerens for the purpose of creating a high school youth room at church in her memory. Cindy, the beloved daughter of Marjorie and the late Harold Eske, (members of Mount Carmel), was an active youth group member here in the 1970s and her deep connection with young people sustained her throughout her life. This will be a wonderfully appropriate memorial to her positive, faithful life.

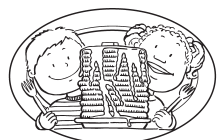
Construction of the room in the Friendship Hall has begun and will be completed by October 15th—please excuse our dust during construction. This room will be equipped with many great features that will help assist us to meet the needs of youth ministry in the 21st century.

We express our deepest gratitude to the Soerens family for this gracious, generous gift.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vicki Andrew, Coordinator

Welcome Back! Pancake Breakfast and Parade **Sunday, September 11th, 9:30-10:30a.m.** **Fellowship Hall**



Pancake Breakfast

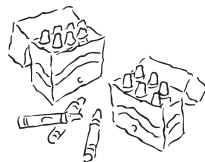
Join your fellow members at church where you will be treated by our high school youth to a yummy breakfast of pancakes, sausages and fruit. A good will donation will be collected; suggested donation is \$3 per plate. After breakfast, kids can make a banner and grab an instrument to parade outside the church.

Sunday School Registration for K-3 through 8th grade students

Sunday, September 11th

Parents, you will have the opportunity to register your child(ren) for Sunday school (K-3 through 8th grade) on the Stage Lounge during the pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 11th. Families will be mailed information about this year's program; included in the mailing is a registration form. Please complete it and mail it with the registration fee (\$20/student up to a maximum of \$40/family—if financial assistance is needed, please speak to one of the pastors) to the Church Office ahead of time, or bring it with you on the 11th. (If you forget, we'll have forms available for you to fill out.)

We also invite families to bring donations of glue sticks, bottles of glue, crayons (24ct.), washable markers, Fiskars scissors, or Kleenex to help us supply our Sunday school rooms throughout the year. Please put your donations in the bin on the Stage Lounge. THANKS!



Please keep in mind that your child(ren) will be enrolled in the same grade level in Sunday school as he/she is in regular school. This is done to ensure your child is in the proper grade level for those milestone moments, such as receiving their Bible in third grade, Holy Communion in fifth grade, Confirmation in eighth grade, and receiving a quilt at the time of their high school graduation.

Confirmation Orientation for Students & Parents **Sunday, September 11th, 6:30-8 p.m.** **Fellowship Hall**



Parents of 7th & 8th graders, Confirmation instruction is about to begin for your student! On Sunday, September 11th there will be a required orientation meeting for all confirmation students and their parents. Learn about updates to the curriculum, the confirmation retreat and other important dates, opportunities for parent involvement, and meet your teachers and mentors! Confirmation classes will start the following Sunday, September 18th at 6:30.

Welcome to Sunday School Party for 3 year old kids & parents

Sunday, September 25th **9:40-10:30 a.m., K-3 Classroom**

If your child will be 3 years old (and potty trained) by September 1st, he or she is invited to participate in their first Sunday school class with two very devoted, caring and experienced teachers: Mrs. Betty Gregory and Mrs. Sandy Mann. These faithful teachers will share God's love with your child through Bible stories, crafts, songs, snacks and prayer every Sunday from 9:40-10:35 a.m. A welcoming party/open house will be held on Sunday, September 25th from 9:40-10:30 a.m. in the K-3 Sunday school classroom just inside the north doors on 85th Street.



2011-2012 Sunday School Benevolences

The children of our congregation have always answered the call to serve in the community and internationally by sharing their blessings with others in need. Last year, our children generously donated over \$450 in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern WI and over \$325 to support ELCA World Hunger. In addition, food and clothes were donated throughout the year and delivered to Reformation Church.

The Christian Education Committee has chosen **TOSA Cares** and **Lutheran World Relief** for the children's benevolences for the 2011-2012 school year.

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:

September

- 4 No forum
- 11 No forum - Welcome Back! Pancake Breakfast
- 18 No forum - "Invitation to Prayer" (food & fellowship)
- 25 Summer Trip and Music Camp Reviews presented by Senior Leaguers and Christian Siebert & Wenie Lado

October

- 2 To be announced
- 9 No forum - "Hospitality Sunday" (coffee fellowship)
- 16 "Pulling Out All the Stops" presented by Paul Kasten
- 23 To be announced
- 30 To be announced

COMMUNITY LIFE

Prayer Group Update

NOTE NEW DAY & TIME beginning September 6th: Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:00, Stage Lounge

The Prayer Group is resuming, but will now meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:00. 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 following prayer time from 10:00-11:00 in Fellowship Hall.

A Living Lutheran Creed

Saturday September 10th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

What do you believe about God? About faith? There are many different voices in the American religious landscape, and many different takes on faith. But how have *you* experienced God in your life? What does a life of faith mean for *you*? Come join your fellow Mount Carmel friends, as well as Lutherans across the country, as we publicly witness to our faith. "A Living Lutheran Creed" is an opportunity for us as Lutheran Christians to share with our neighborhood messages of faith, hope and love.

Taken from the Facebook planning page:

"What if a bunch of Lutherans – I mean a bunch – all make signs stating something we believe in and all stand on corners in our neighborhoods on the same day at the same time? What if we got people together with markers and pieces of used cardboard to talk about what we stand for and what our faith means? And what if we all got outside our walls at the same time forming a really, really big creed? And what if people bump into it? People will drive by, see us and have all kinds of reactions. They might notice that we were holding messages of abundance in spots that usually scream scarcity or that instead of asking for money, we're just saying something that's true. They might be annoyed. Or they might be curious. We might be awkward. Or we might be awakened."

Read more about this on Facebook, search *Living Lutheran Creed*



All ages are invited as we join together to creatively share the faith that is in us! Come and make your sign beforehand with your faith community. Sign making will begin at 9:00 on the Stage Lounge; materials and markers provided. Coffee/treats provided as well. If

you choose to make your sign on your own at home, please show up at church by 9:45 a.m. The event runs from 10 a.m. until noon. Messages should be simple and concise, easy to read for a car or pedestrian passing by. Pray about this, and talk with your family, friends, and neighbors. *If you would like to participate in this, signup in the Narthex or let Pastor Maren know by Sunday, September 4th.*

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

(414) 771-1270, ext. 26; kczarniak@mountcarmelchurch.org

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

Who: All members and friends of Mount Carmel.

What: Presentation by Beth Meyer-Arnold, Director of Luther Manor's Adult Day Services who is a nationally-recognized expert in person-centered care of persons with dementia. She will tell us about the exciting things going on at Lakefield Adult Day Center in Mequon. Beth is a great speaker who loves to share her wealth of knowledge on age related issues.

When: Thursday, September 8th

10:00-10:30 a.m. Gather & Greet

10:30-11:30 a.m. Presentation

11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch (suggested donation \$5)

Where: Mount Carmel's Fellowship Hall

RSVP On or before Tuesday, September 6th by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex, or by calling the Church Office or Kathy Czarniak

Milwaukee Brewers Concession Booth

Various members of Mount Carmel are again manning a concession booth during this outstanding baseball season. This is a fun group-building experience with the capacity to earn about \$1000 per game for Mount Carmel. Look for our concession booth if you happen to be at any of the games listed and stop by to say *Howdy!* and buy some refreshments: **September 8th, 10th, 24th, 26th.** Many thanks to the numerous volunteers who are making this fund raiser possible by donating their time and sweat equity! **Go Brew Crew!!!**

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.

Note: All are invited to come an hour early for a time of prayer and meditation with the Prayer Group on the Stage Lounge from 9:00-10:00.

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Men's Ministry**Saturdays mornings: September 10th & 24th****7:45-9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

All guys are invited to join PJ and others as they continue a 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." We gather at 7:45 a.m. and are always out the door by 9:00 a.m. Note: You do not have to be a church member to participate.

Prayer Shawl Ministry**Wednesday, September 14th, 6:30 p.m., Stage Lounge**

All are welcome as participants reassemble after their summer break to 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 someone who could benefit from receiving a shawl, you can access one 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 for more information regarding how to become a member or to see what programs/activities you might be interested in.

SON-Shine Suppers Food Ministry**Cooking Sessions, Tuesday, September 20th****1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Church Kitchen****Sue Skony, Coordinator**

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 September cooking sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, an afternoon session beginning at 1:30 and an evening session beginning at 6:00. If you are a "wannabe chef," love to cook, or just want to share a favorite freezer-friendly recipe, please contact Sue Skony at 414-536-4545 or sskony3@gmail.com.

The "SON-shine Supper" food ministry is in its second year here at Mount Carmel. We distribute meals to church members who have recently had babies, those who have returned home after hospitalization or rehabilitation, and others facing life's unexpected disruptions. We continue to receive great feedback about how helpful and delicious the meals are. **Please know that if you would like to receive a meal, we encourage you to let the Church Office or one of the pastors know.**

Journeying Through Grief**Sunday, September 25th****9:30 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.

New Member Class**Thursday, September 29th, 6:30-8 p.m., Chapel (enter the building through the main doors on 84th Street)**

This is a **one** class session designed for those who might be interested in church membership at Mount Carmel. The evening will be spent becoming acquainted with each other, and sharing information about the Lutheran Church and the congregation of Mount Carmel. There will be light refreshments and a nursery attendant for your convenience. We'll begin promptly at 6:30 and end promptly at 8:00 p.m. It is our hope and prayer that you might consider joining us on this evening.

If you are interested, please contact the Church Office to let us know how many will be coming and if you require child care so we are prepared for your presence with us. If you have any further questions please contact us at 414-771-1270 or e-mail Pastor Johnson at pastor.pj.johnson@gmail.com

New members will be formally received during worship on Sunday, October 16th.

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.

Hot Ham & Rolls Sale is Back!**First Sunday of every month, beginning October 2nd**

Purchase one pound of Bunzel's hot, sliced ham and six buttercrust rolls for only \$5. 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. Thank you for supporting youth ministry!



COMMUNITY LIFE

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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. We hope to see you at any of the following:

Bible Study

Monday September 19th, 6:30-8 p.m., Grace Place
To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark

Come join us as we embark on a journey through the Gospel of Mark. This is a nine month Bible study, but it is not necessarily "cumulative"... so come to one, or better yet, come to *all!*

This 2011-2012 Bible study is an invitation to discipleship in the 21st century. The study emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. We are called to a living faith, a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to follow the one we first meet in Mark's Gospel at his baptism at the River Jordan. These Bible studies will be taken from *Gather* magazine (www.gathermagazine.org). This magazine offers fun, informative articles along with the Bible studies. To order your own copy, go to gathermagazine.org or call 800.328.4648. (Yearly subscription is \$12.) For at least the first month, copies of the study will be made available. Come try it out!

This month's topic: Jesus of Nazareth

Bring your favorite Bible, bring your favorite friend, and a snack/treat to share if you'd like! Any questions, contact Pastor Maren.

Women's Book Group

Monday, September 19th, 7 p.m., Stage Lounge

Well, it's time to hit the books again! 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:



September 19 *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
by Harriet Beecher Stowe

October 17 *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

November 21 *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

December 19 *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*
by Muriel Barbery

Lutheran World Relief Quilters

Mondays: September 12th and 26th
9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The ladies continue their important work of quilt making, and invite you to join them when you are able. Many hands are always needed and appreciated, so please consider coming to their workdays and stay as long as you'd like. If you can't work with the women, please remember them 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.

Save the date: 14th Annual Women's Retreat
Friday, February 3rd-Sunday, February 5th, 2012
Aurora University, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

More details to be announced soon!

Check out Aurora University at: www.gwconferences.com

**SHARE Food Buying Co-Op**

Sundays: October 9th, November 13th, December 11th
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.) 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

**IN APPRECIATION ☆**

We are extremely grateful to the many kind, benevolent souls who assist with various projects (inside and out) around the church building and Grace Place, help with office tasks, and oversee some of our special ministries on a continual basis with their gracious gifts of time, talents, and resources. A special note of thanks goes out to:

...**Bill Brandt**, who treated the church staff to a pizza lunch.
...**Joe & Jon DesChane and their friend, Andy Mann and Dan Kerley**, for hauling a ton o' stuff out of Friendship Hall to make way for the new Youth Room.

...**John & Pat Brandstaetter, Gary Berg, Diane Roznowski & Sam Johnson**, for keeping the church and Grace Place grounds looking well-cared for.

...Those who assist with various office projects and coordinate some of our special ministries: **Caryl & Bob Braatz, Barb Brown, Gayle Casey, Jeff Czarniak, Mary Eide, Tom & Laura Frank, Dorothy Gillet, Betty Henrich, Rosemary Link, Amy Joannes, Annette Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Caryl Klug, Paul Kromm, Gary Rosech, Pam Swade and Greta Watson.**

...the many others whose names are not mentioned, but graciously and generously provide their time, talents and resources in many ways to continue and strengthen the ministries of Mount Carmel—*thanks so very much!*

SERVICE TO OTHERS

Reformation Lutheran Church**The Giving Tree**

Thanks to all who donated money toward Reformation's Summer Youth Program. A total of \$500 was collected, enabling children and families of Reformation to get ready for school this fall. On behalf of Reformation, a big thanks for supporting this ministry!

**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.

Community Food Day

Saturday, September 17th, 9:30 a.m. - noon

This is a great opportunity for *all* ages to serve. Join us in helping pack food bags for Reformation's food pantry. We will gather the food we have collected in early September, and then carpool from Mount Carmel to Reformation to join with others in assembling food bags. This is an "intergenerational" event, so COME ONE, COME ALL! Families can come with kids, too! This is a perfect opportunity for parents to role model to their kids about service work.

Nurture and Nourishment Food Pantry

Let's keep the pantry shelves at Reformation well-stocked! Items most in need 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.

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.

Outreach for Hope**Biking and Picnic Event**

Saturday, Sept. 10th, Glacial Drumlin Trail, Dousman

There is something for everyone at the Biking Event. Choose a short, paved trail ride or a longer mapped ride. Go to outreachforhope.org and click on the *Family Bike Ride* page for all the details.

Outreach for Hope raises funds for congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod which serve central city neighborhoods and have made a commitment to remain a strong source of spiritual and community support. There are 22 ministries being supported by OFH, with \$335,000 needed this year from individuals and special gifts. Please learn more about how you can be a donor to this vital work of the church. Go to the OFH Web Site, or contact the Director, Rev. Jim Bickel, at 414-671-1212.

Greater Tosa Interfaith

Mum Sale, Sunday, September 11th

In honor of National Grandparents Day, Greater Tosa Interfaith will be selling potted chrysanthemums during the pancake breakfast and after both services. The flowers are in 8-inch pots and sell for \$6, or two plants for \$10. These are beautiful plants that are great for fall gardens or giving to an older adult as a gift. Proceeds support the Greater Tosa Interfaith Neighborhood Outreach Program which is a ministry connecting older neighbors with a caring community. If you have any questions, call the Greater Tosa Interfaith office at (414) 453-5750.



What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance.

They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And most importantly, cookies.

—Rudolph Giuliani, 1944—

Mayor of New York City, 1994-2001

Habitat for Humanity

Workday, Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Location: 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 September 18th. For details on what to bring, what to wear, schedule, etc., see milwaukeehabitat.org/pdfs/Volunteer-FAQ.pdf

Other workdays are scheduled for: Saturday, October 22nd, and Saturday, November 12th.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

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The Gathering Hot Meal Program**Saturday, September 24th****11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

Mount Carmel youth and adults will be partnering with the Gathering and the

Hunger Task Force on a pilot project at Mount Carmel to serve a hot meal on the fourth Saturday of every month. The meal is free and open to the public, but is particularly targeted to low income residents in our community. The food is supplied through the Gathering and Hunger Task Force and is prepared in our kitchen by volunteers and served between 11:30 and 12:30. The Gathering asks that we supply desert and milk. If you would like to help, please drop off a desert and or a gallon of milk in the church kitchen anytime before Saturday morning the 24th. For further information, please contact Dani Ovanin, 414-771-1270, ext. 17.

The Gathering Ministry

We are not here just to get the job of feeding done, but to enjoy the presence and worth of other human beings. We are here in a direct response to love.

What are we about?

- * *We attempt to be a voice of peace in a world where it seems that force is necessary to accomplish anything.*
- * *We hope to be a voice of care in a world where the powerless lose out.*
- * *We strive to be a place where people (volunteers and guests alike) are safe to be human beings.*
- * *We see it as our job to treat all people in such a way as to help them care for and heal themselves; to help them have an opportunity to bring themselves into wholeness and holiness. We attempt to carry this out by offering nurturing in the way of food and by treating people with dignity.*

Mission of the Month Benevolence

The designation for the September Mission of the Month benevolence is **Habitat for Humanity**, a non-denominational Christian charity dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. Since the founding in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has become a global leader in addressing substandard housing by helping more than 1,000,000 people of all races, faiths and backgrounds to have a simple, decent place to live. HFH has built or renovated more than 200,000 homes throughout the world. *Thanks in advance for your generous support to this worthwhile cause.*

Lutheran World ReliefSchool Kits

Your response has been FANTASTIC! 104 school bags are filled, packed, and ready to go to LWR, but we still have 50 to go. The *Back-to-School* sales have been offering the needed items at greatly discounted prices. Your continued help in obtaining the items is appreciated. We are especially in need of the following:

- * 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper) (3 needed per kit)
- * 30-centimeter rulers (or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other) (1 per kit)
- * pencil sharpeners (1 per kit)
- * blunt scissors (safety scissors w/embedded steel blades) (1 per kit)

Thanks in advance for your help. Donated items can be placed in the *LWR School Supplies* box in the *Giving Place* or left at the Church Office. If you have any questions please call Mary Eide at (414) 258-3767.

Personal Care Kits

No one likes to be dirty. Soap keeps hands clean, germs at bay, and helps people present themselves with dignity. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success. LWR accepts new bars of any brand soap, in their original wrapping. All bar sizes are accepted; however, bath-size bars (4 to 4 oz.) are highly preferred. Donated items can be placed in the *LWR Soap* box in the *Giving Place* or left at the Church Office.

Greater Milwaukee CROP Walk**Sunday, October 9th****12 p.m. Lunch at Mount Carmel in the Fellowship Hall****1:30 p.m. Walk begins at the McKinley Marina**

The Mount Carmel youth will once again participate in this annual walk to raise funds for global disaster relief and development and invite the congregation to get involved by donating non-perishable food items for the Hunger Task force. You can drop off your items in the containers for the Hunger Task Force in the *Giving Place* anytime before or on October 9th. If you would like to participate in the CROP Walk, you may pick up a pledge form at the *Make a Difference Marketplace* and join us for lunch at noon in Fellowship Hall on the day of the walk.

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

It's 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, honey, 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*.

 FROM THE MAILBOX

On behalf of the Office for College Ministries and the Luther College community, thank you for your participation in the EPIC (Educational Partners in Covenant) program. We are particularly grateful for your congregation's support of \$750 to Hannah Fuhrman, Kayla Oppermann and Emily Wilson. Through EPIC, Luther's matching grant program, the college has matched up to \$750 for each student. Your continued support is appreciated in a time when congregations are addressing many needs in the midst of historic economic challenges. This underscores the value of the support you provide for your students. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership in ministry.

-Mike Blair, Luther College Campus Pastor

On behalf of the Board of Greater Tosa Interfaith, I would like to thank you for your congregation's continuing support of our programs. Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$575. As we strive to meet the needs of our frail older neighbors, we appreciate your willingness to partner with us. God bless you all!

-Diane Euting, Director, Greater Tosa Interfaith

Thank you for your partnership gift of \$100. We are also grateful for your kind hospitality to our children for Vacation Bible School (Mount Carmel rocks!). We appreciate all of the things you do with and for us. You are a wonderful 'partner.'

-Mary Jo Kuenning, Reformation Lutheran Church

I want to thank you for your courage & compassion that moved you to share a generous gift with the ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, working in neighborhoods of poverty. Your generous gift of \$491 is used in 22 congregations and ministries to bring God's Word to worship and Sunday school, to feed the hungry, to provide after-school tutoring, to bring the elderly out of isolation and fear, to provide health care for the many in communities of poverty who have no health coverage, to provide a place to sleep for the homeless. May you all be blessed knowing that Christ's compassion and courage has changed your lives.

-Rev. Jim Bickel, Executive Director
Outreach for Hope

Thank you for designating Reformation's Nurture and Nourishment Food Pantry as the recipient of the offering collected at the prayer service held during the Lutheran Social Services Executives of the United Sates Conference in May. The gift of \$634 will feed a lot of families in need. Bless you all!

-Patricia A. Evans, Reformation Peer



UNITED WE STAND
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Religious leaders from the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee will offer an invocation, read reflections and recite a Prayer for the Future as participants in a free Bel Canto Chorus and Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra concert that commemorates the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and honors first responders.

This "United We Stand" outdoor event features a performance of Mozart's moving *Requiem* and begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 11th, in Cathedral Square Park on the city's east side. A live broadcast by Milwaukee Public Television will be carried statewide. Prelude entertainment starts at 2:15 p.m., so bring a lawn chair or blanket and come early. (If significant rain is forecast, the event will move into the nearby Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson Street.)

Prayer Flags

Starting at 2 p.m., Interfaith's Peace & International Issues Committee will provide 1,000 prayer flags for people to write expressions of peace, hope, healing and understanding for the victims and their families, the first responders, members of our armed forces and their families, our nation, and the countries of the world. Flags will be displayed on lines in the park and be visible on the television broadcast.

A letter of remembrance and hope by the Interfaith Conference Cabinet will be printed in the program. We expect to have leaders and representatives from many faiths and denominations join in the entrance procession, stand on risers below the front of the stage as a sign of unity and jointly recite the Prayer for the Future.

Interfaith Speakers

Representatives of several faiths and denominations will be among the speakers on stage: Rabbi David B. Cohen of Congregation Sinai will give the invocation. Reciting brief reflections from their faith traditions will be: the Rev. Jamie Washam of Underwood Memorial Baptist Church, vice-chair of the Interfaith Conference; Ahmed Quereshi, president of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee; Hoko Karnegis of the Milwaukee Zen Center; Swarnjit S. Arora of the Sikh Religious Society of Wisconsin; the Rev. Suzelle Lynch of Unitarian Universalist Church West and Southeast Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist Congregations; Frank Berentsen of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Milwaukee Meeting; Emily Joy Sielen of the Milwaukee Baha'i Community; and Urmila Bharadwaj of the Hindu Temple of Wisconsin.

Prayer for the Future

The Very Rev. Jeff Haines, rector and pastor of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, will lead religious leaders in a recitation of a Prayer for the Future immediately before the start of *Requiem*.

