

September 2023



Let's give a  
Warm Wesley Welcome  
to our new  
Partners in God!



Learn all about them at their website: <https://www.spiritalivechurch.com/>

## *GRACE NOTE*

Exciting Times All Around!

As I write this article, I'm in the midst of assembling bookcases and going through my books—one, to organize them according to subject matter, two, to share with our siblings in the Philippine Central Conferences for their use. The activity is propelled by new things happening in the House of God at Wesley.

Wesley went through a discernment process of listening, lay leadership answering questions/inquiries about the Spirit Alive Lutheran congregation coming to rent space from us in God's house that the faith community at Wesley is steward of. Although we have had groups use our space, this is the first time we have another faith community come. On August 20, 92% of members approved of the policy and to welcome Spirit Alive!

I understand how change can be unsettling. There have been too many changes in our lives since 2020 that have rattled our routine and the way we know and navigate the world. The pandemic has clarified how precious life is. It has also shed light on the needs of the people and there are many needs (physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, financially, to name a few). Through so many trials and deaths of loved ones, we may feel COVID-19 has lost its grip on us. But the trauma of uncertainty, of loss, of changes in our daily life, continues to impact each one of us. So, I would think that one more change is too much.

But this change is for us to consider as stewardship of the assets and resources we have been given as a United Methodist Church. The building is not ours. In the UMC, the denomination is the steward of this property. Meaning that the bigger institution is tasked at caring for the building if Wesley ceases to exist. We are the stewards of God's house.

The change has brought good things already. Because of Spirit Alive's coming, we have gone through our stuff and cleaned out what needed to have been cleaned out years ago. There is new life in each area of the building with the purpose of being a safe refuge for the people of God and for the education and fellowship of us all.

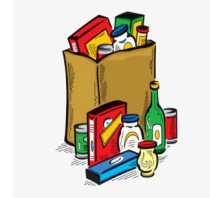
So, September 10 is Spirit Alive's first worship here at Wesley. There will be food trucks after their service that we are invited to be part of.



## Prayer Requests

Betty Raddatz  
Virginia Rodgers  
Tom Brehm  
Ellen Shuemate

*To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.*



## SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Arnold Parise dropped off **93 lbs.** of food this month to the food pantry!

Way to go Wesley!

**Thank you for your donations!**

We continue to collect nonperishable items for the pantry. You may drop them off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or on Sunday morning .

As always, thank you for your generosity!

## GRACE NOTE *Cont.*

There will be more opportunities for Wesley to worship. I am so inspired by my “conversion” during my pilgrimage to John Wesley’s movement in London and the spiritual practices in worship and studies, that I am starting a Communion Service this coming October at 8:15 two Sundays a month. Instead of having communion during worship, we will give it more focus and have it separate and more often.

There are good things in every change. We are asked to rely on God for faithfulness and trust that God is always with us as we move forward with our mission through ministries of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Pastor Grace

Thanks to Jean Thompson for creating a Word Search for your amusement or aggravation!

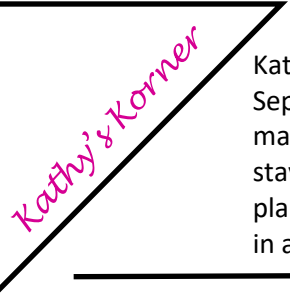
Enjoy finding all the words related to the family here at Wesley!

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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- BLESSINGS
- CONGREGATION
- FELLOWSHIP
- GOODNEWS
- LITURGY
- LOVE

- OUTREACH
- PASTOR
- PRAYER
- SERVICE
- SINGING
- WELCOME



Kathy will hold another plarn making class after church on Sunday September 3. All those who can attend and would like to learn how to make plarn with the plastic bags to help with Saturday Academy please stay after for approximately 15 minutes to learn how to make plarn. Plarn can be made at home and brought to the church and placed in a black bin labeled Plarn.

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## KNITTING FOR HEALTH

Please join us for fellowship while we help others in and around our community at large. Remember it has been scientifically proven that knitting has many health benefits

1. It Reduces stress and anxiety, who couldn't stand to have reduced stress and anxiety with the world as it is.
2. It Improves cognitive function. Again, wouldn't like this at any point in their life.
3. Boosts self confidence and helps with depression.
4. A different type of mindfulness practice. Knitting has been called the new "Yoga".
5. The feel-good effect. Where it can be frustrating while learning, once you see the progress of what you create and we at Wesley create to help others in need. The knowing that you are helping some one in need also makes you feel good.
6. Sense of Control. Most people feel that things are beyond our control and things are getting out of control. This lets you spend time doing something you have control over. It doesn't take much to get started and the Wesley Yarners have supplies to get beginners started with either knitting or crocheting.

So please come join us.



### *Wesley Yarners*

Wesley Yarners will meet on

Thursday September 7 at 10 am

And Thursday September 14 at 10 am

## A VIEW FROM THE PEW

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.  
If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

Psalm 130 puts me in mind of one of the greatest virtues of our faith. We are held to account, by a Just God, but more than that, by a Merciful One too.

Going back to the Gospels of Lent, the one that always stands out to me is that of Jesus being tested in the wilderness by Satan.

Satan, as he had with Job, seeks to turn Jesus from his path through doubt. Satan wins when we do not trust God's mercy and Grace, His assurance that we are forgiven, if we truly repent of our failures. Satan wants us to think of God as being Just, and from there, to become aware of our own personal failings, and unworthiness.

The insidious part is, Satan is right in what he says. He lies, but not in what he says, or what he does, but rather in the part that he leaves out. Consider the second part of the verse above:

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

It's true, isn't it? Nobody is free from sin, save God Himself. In your heart, you know it, Satan knows you know it, and tries to get you to obsess over it, because somebody who convinces themselves of their unworthiness will often be shamed into not even seeking the gifts God freely offers to us.

However, Mercy, which saves us from ourselves, is not something that is just given. It is ours for the asking. We all sin, true, and God knows that we do, and that we will. He, after all, is the one who created us with a hole in our souls. A God-Shaped hole, that only he can truly fill. However, He who knew us in the womb knows that we will seek to do things in our own way, and fall short, again and again. All that He asks of us is that we repent of our sins, and seek forgiveness. Beware the Universalist though. The one who says that you don't have to do anything to be saved. You do need to Repent and Ask Jesus in order to receive Grace. Redemption is offered to all, but only given to those who accept the offer and take the steps to redeem it.

In short, we are instructed to be as the Psalmist here. To Call out for Mercy. To acknowledge that we are not worthy, but to keep trying anyway to do better, to carry out God's will, to live in imitation of Christ.

Thank the Lord that He is Just but Rejoice that He is Merciful! Still, take both of those, and be taught, to get up when you fall, seek forgiveness, and try again to do better!

This message does not just belong to those who walked with the Psalmist, or with Jesus in those days, but also to those with whom Jesus is walking in our own day. We also need to discern the times as we await His return. Let us not blindly assert that all are saved; but rather acknowledge that our very actions may make the difference in the salvation of those about us. We are missionaries, like it or not, commissioned by Jesus to make disciples of all nations. Let them know we are Christians then, by our love and our actions. So, go then, and do God's work! Amen

By: Alan Mulroy



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| 2  | Lana Frank-Krause |
| 3  | Heather Briscoe   |
| 3  | Tom Shaughnessy   |
| 5  | Leila Valentine   |
| 7  | Ashley Daniel     |
| 10 | Debbie Church     |
| 12 | Sandy Clausen     |
| 12 | Crystal Tuchalski |
| 19 | Luanne Lindow     |
| 27 | Janice Mowry      |
| 29 | Cyndi Wolf        |



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| 8  | Kinsley Christensen-Bara |
| 15 | Chris Ivy                |
| 22 | Jean Thompson            |
| 26 | Sandy Petersen           |
| 29 | Jeremiah Gaines          |
| 29 | Marge Pias               |

## Food Truck Event!

Please join us!

To celebrate the new partnership between Spirit Alive and Wesley, join in a good old food truck event on ***Sunday the 10th of September*** in the Wesley parking lot from **11 to 1**. Our provider is Kenosha's own de la Rosa's Mexican Food Truck.

God is good and opportunities abound. Let us come together and grow in the love of Christ and community.

Please bring a lawn chair so you have a place to sit.

Happy Anniversary on the 9th to  
Lennie & Alice Hill!!

61 Years!



Happy Anniversary on the 19th to  
Alan & Kathy Mulroy!!  
30 Years!



## Melodies of Compassion

The melodies of Compassion for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is for Curtis Strange Christmas mission project. The funds will be used to help with the purchase of gifts and food for families we adopt from Curtis Strange at Christmas time. Last year Wesley adopted 12 families with a total of 60 people in those 12 families. We purchased at least 2 gifts per person in the family including the adults, we also provided the Christmas meal and food for 2 weeks while the children were off from school to help the families out. Most of the children eat both breakfast and lunch at the school and because of the poverty level at the school (80%) all of the families are offered free breakfast and lunch at the school, by providing the food while the children are off it helps take the burden off the families especially when they have a hard time making ends meet. We receive names from the school's counselor who know many of the students or has been given a name from a teacher who knows a family is struggling. The counselor then will check with the family to see if they are in need and would like to receive a generous gift from Wesley. If so, they provide us with some gift ideas for the members of their household. We will put gifts tags on a tree for people to donate specific items for the Individuals, we also put food items on the tree for donation. The Melodies of Compassion or loose change offerings will help supplement this fantastic mission to help make families of Curtis Strange have a wonderful Christmas.





## COMMITTEE FAIR IN OCTOBER

Is there a committee at Wesley for you? What is the responsibility of each committee? What talents do you have that would enhance a committee? What are you passionate about? Well, come to the committee fair following service on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Each committee chair will share information about what their committee is responsible for. You can learn information, sign up, or inquire for additional details/information. We hope to see you there!

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## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN IN NOVEMBER

\*\*\*\*\*Please save the date\*\*\*\*\* We are hoping to spend another day at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville, IL on **Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>**. The time slot we are shooting for is 4:30-6:10. At this point we are unsure whether we will take a bus or caravan down there. Hoping to have as many people attend this event as possible. Everyone enjoyed it last time and felt it was very rewarding! We also discussed the possibility of having pizza again after the event. More details as it gets closer and we gauge the # of people attending.

September

Prayer Shawls

If you or anyone you know is in need of a prayer shawl, please let me know so we can get them a prayer shawl so they can feel the comfort of God and those of the congregation and feel the love and prayers surround them in their time of need. Please contact Kathy Mulroy at 262-942-1744 or [amulroy@wi.rr.com](mailto:amulroy@wi.rr.com) to get a prayer shawl.



Counters Schedule

- 3 Arnold Parise and Patti Sloca
- 10 Tom Shaughnessy and Jen Rose
- 17 Jean Thompson and Lana Frank-Krause
- 22 Kris Trumbo and Bob Dorsey
- 29 Jen Rose and Tom Shaughnessy

UWF, Elizabeth Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 9:30 am. We invite you to join us, as we continue our journey "Exercising Faith: Spiritual Practice in Action".  
Lorrie Petersen will presenting our program



" Living the Kin-Dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer.  
United Women in Faith

Deborah UWF Circle will be meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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Serve Everyone**  
***The People of the United Methodist Church***  
**SEPTEMBER 2023**

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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