

September 2024

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone



National Back to Church Sunday is Sept. 15. Wesley is participating in this national event. Please invite all your family and friends. Let's all come together on September 15 and fill our church with as many people as we can.

Only 5% of American have received an personal invitation to church

80% of Americans would be open to attending church if invited by a friend

So be a great friend and invite your family and friends.

Plan to stay after the service for

food and fel-

The Hope of a Tree

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. (1Cor 3:6-7)

Four years ago, the trustee members in Lancaster UMC came and planted a tree in front of the parsonage. It was a plum tree that looked so small and pretty. To plant it, Steve and Helen came to my parsonage, cleared away grass, dug 2 feet of ground, extracted stone and cut down the roots of a tree. There was lots of work for planting a small tree.

Why did trustees plant a tree in front of a parsonage? There would be some reasons. However, the more clear and bigger reason would be that they have planted a tree to make the parsonage look good. I believe that they planted it with a heart of love for God and a pastor. Also, I believe that they planted that kind of hope.

In truth, we Christians also need to plant such a tree. What kind of tree should we plant between God and us? Fundamentally, we must plant a tree of faith, rooted in the belief that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus, and through His love on the cross, we are saved. And we should pray that this tree continually grows.

So, what kind of tree should we plant at this time? Although many things have returned to their original state after COVID, the church has undergone many changes. I believe that during this time of change, in this period of recovery where we are returning to the pre-COVID days, we should plant a tree of hope. We are Christians who live our faith, believing that we are children of God with eternal life. We live our faith with the hope that all members of our families will continually experience God's grace.

Furthermore, we hope that our church will return to the beautiful days of its golden era. I believe that you and I are planting this very tree of hope. You have shown your desire to be like this through various acts of love, and you are showing it now, and I believe you will continue to show evidence of it in the future.

For a tree to grow, it needs to be watered after it is planted. What kind of water can we provide? Above all, how about watering it with gratitude? It may seem like there's nothing to be thankful for, but how beautiful it is to discover the hidden secrets within God's providence. Just as gratitude increases the more we express it, I believe that if we continue to water with gratitude, much more hope and thankfulness will overflow in our lives, in our families, businesses, church, and community.

It would also be good to water it with kind words and encouragement. I feel really good when you say kind things about me. I also try to say many good things to you. If we do this, I believe our church will become a church that people want to come to, a better church.

With this hope in mind, we have designated September 15th as National Back to Church Sunday. I also consider this day as our church's Homecoming Sunday and am making efforts to ensure that many people can come. Let's make an effort to gather our children, descendants, relatives, and friends in our church so that we can worship together. On that day, we see the hope of fellowship in Christ. I believe this will be the starting point and the driving force for the hope of our church.

I pray that God's grace and hope overflow in your life and in your families.

Blessings,

Pastor David

Wesley Game night

Wesley had a very successful game night Aug 11. We had 23 people come to play games and have fun and fellowship with others. We have been asked if we are going to do this again. The answer is "Yes" but no date is set yet. We are also working on some other fun fellowship ideas for the future so if you have any suggestions, please let Kathy Mulroy or Deon Frieri know and maybe you will see an announcement for it soon. Our outings and activities are not just for Wesley members but for anyone and everyone, so if you know of a friend who would like to join us don't hesitate to ask them to join us.

Kathy's Korner

Wesley Yarners

Reminder: Everyone is welcome and if you do not know how to knit or crochet, we have members who are ready and able to teach you. You do not need to have any supplies to start. We have starter supplies so come join us for some wonderful fellowship. If you work and can't make this time, please let Kathy know. We are willing to start an evening time and date if that works better for you. Come join us as we help others in and around our community with our yarnning skills.



Wesley Yarners are meeting on

Thursday, September 5 at 10:00 am

and

Thursday, September 12 at 10:00 am

CURTIS STRANGE NEWS



Why so much for Curtis Strange?

Curtis Strange is our local neighborhood school; it is less than 10 blocks away. By helping the children there, we are helping our neighborhood children succeed. 80% of the children in the school live in poverty, and with the boundary changes, the 80% may be higher this year and be closer to 90%. These children are the future of Kenosha and of the world; by showing love and compassion for them as Jesus taught us, we are helping our future. Let's invest in the future of everyone by helping the children at Curtis Strange.

We have had a partnership with them for over 10 years and have regular monthly meetings during the school year.

If you would like to be part of the committee to help address the needs at the school. Please talk with Kathy as she can provide more information.

Next outreach meeting Thursday September 26 at 6:00 pm

Undie Sunday

Undie Sunday will be Sunday September 22. Undie Sunday is one day where we collect Underwear, socks and stretchy pants, like sweats and leggings for the students at Curtis Strange, This donation is used by the school for those children who have accidents or spill something on them during the day at school. Not all parents provide a change of clothes for their children, nor do they all have the means to do so. This donation to the school allows the staff members to provide a quick change of clothes to a student so they can get back to the classroom studies without the embarrassment of anyone focusing on what happened to the student or the child sitting in wet clothes until a parent/guardian is able to bring extra clothes to the school. Sometimes parents/guardians are unable to leave their job to do this. Please bring your **new** underwear, socks, and pants to church on September 22.

Winter Gear collection

Our Winter gear collection for Curtis Strange will begin in October this year and end the beginning of November. The rule with KUSD students is if they do not have snow pants and boots, they cannot play in the snow hills at school at recess time. What child doesn't want to play in the snow? Also with the cold weather, hats, mittens, and scarves are needed. Who hasn't lost the mate to their mitten? Recess during the cold Wisconsin winters is hard on exposed hands and ears. Please put this great cause on your radar as an upcoming need.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

We had 7 volunteers help build the bed on August 10. The volunteers assembled 2 bunk beds and 1 single bed for 5 children to have beds, over 30 beds were being built that day in Racine and in Kenosha. It is a very easy process, and we were given directions before leaving to build the beds and were given the tools to assemble them as well. We made 5 children very happy with the beds they received some waited for months to get a bed and until then they had to sleep on the floor or couch. All bedding is brought with us so after assembling the beds we make them up as well, so they get new sheets and comforter to go with their new beds.

Thank you to our volunteers

Michelle Christensen
Kinsley Christensen-Bara
Abby (Kinsley's friend)
Penny (Kinsley's friend)

Gary Dryer
Alan Mulroy
Kathy Mulroy

SEPTEMBER

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

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

OCTOBER

- 8 Kinsley Christensen-Bara
- 15 Chris Ivy
- 22 Jean Thompson
- 26 Sandy Petersen



September

Counter Schedule

- 1 Jean Thompson, Lana Frank-Krause
- 8 Kris Trumbo, Bob Dorsey
- 15 Kris Trumbo, Bob Dorsey
- 22 Arnold Parise, Patti Sloca
- 29 Lana Frank-Krause, Jean Thompson



Spirit Alive! is hosting a picnic for their congregation on September 8th from noon—3:00 pm
Wesley members are invited to participate also.



United Women

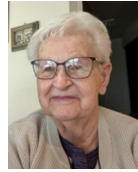
United Women In Faith, Elizabeth Circle will meet Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Hope to see you then!



*Happy 62nd Anniversary on
Sept. 9th to
Lennie & Alice Hill*



*Happy 32nd Anniversary on
Sept. 19th to
Alan & Kathy Mulroy*



Betty Raddatz

Thank you to my Wesley family for the cards & greetings celebrating my 95th birthday. I had a great day!

Betty Raddatz

thank you!



We are planning on making a cookbook for Wesley as a fundraiser and we need YOUR help. We need, soups, appetizers, main courses, side dishes, salads, desserts— any and all recipes.

There are 3 ways to get your recipe in the new Wesley Cookbook:

1. email Kathy Mulroy
 2. Hand a typed copy to Kathy
- or
3. Thanks to technology, you can do it yourself!

Go to:

Typensave.com

Login in with the username: kenoshawesley

Password: nectarine044

Any of the ways you choose have to be typed, so why not give the website a try?

Please submit as many recipes as you'd like.

Select the recipes that bring back happy memories of a special treat that your mom or grandma made, or that special dish that no holiday could be without. Maybe an appetizer that you are always asked to bring to parties.

Submit them all!

Help new people create new memories with recipes passed down from your family.

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*The People of the United Methodist
Church*

SEPTEMBER 2024

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Sunday Worship: 9:00

Livestream 9:00 also available anytime

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