

From the Pastor...

May 2024 Newsletter

A couple of weeks ago, members of the Session and Board of Deacons met at the Siena Center to spend time appreciating what we do well as a congregation, how we feel God has equipped us for ministry, and what we can do to make that ministry even more vital. This was a start of an ongoing conversation that will hopefully continue to push us towards more opportunities for everyone to be involved and find joy in Christ's work among us.

One of the main ideas that emerged from the time was to engage in more limited time mission projects. Before COVID shut so many things down, Living Hope participated with an organization called Larry Under the Bridge where we would pack bag lunches that were then distributed by Larry to folks without permanent housing. It was always a joy of the congregation where many hands made the assembly line light work. Unfortunately, we can't simply go back to working with Larry Under the Bridge since it is no longer in existence. Over the next months the Session and Mission Committee are going to be exploring ways to revive that tradition of having some mission project that folks can participate in that can happen in the building and provide tangible help to those in need.



One way that we are already providing opportunities to help those in need is by helping to raise vegetables for those in need. Two years ago, we joined with Food for the Journey (a collaboration of 8 congregation in the Presbytery of Milwaukee) to grow food for those in need. We have eight raised container gardens that we have outside the front doors of the church entrance where we grow tomatoes, peppers,

cucumbers, and herbs. We would love help with this project throughout the growing season. People are invited to sign up to join a team that is watering the planters once a week. Signup sheets will be available through the month of May at the church. We will also have the opportunity to join together on May 19th to plant the vegetables. (see below)

Our congregation has been blessed with many gifts and we are going to work to turn those gifts into blessings for others. May God help us to live our faith in small and large ways.

In Christ,

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Garden Planting and Care

Food for the Journey - The planters will be set up mid-May, and we are planting May 19!

We are creating **Care Teams** - one for each day of the week. You can talk within your group and work together to make sure everything is taken care of on your Care Day.

(Example - Joan, Tom and Chris are all on the Monday team - at least one of them will check water levels every Monday, talking with each other to share the work.)



Sign up chart will be available
starting May 5.

All produce is donated
to the food pantry
at Apostle Presbyterian in West Allis.

MISSION

FOUR
for
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OGHS Offering - Thank you



This year we are sending \$1,875 to the Presbytery for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Pentecost Offering - May 19, 2024

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

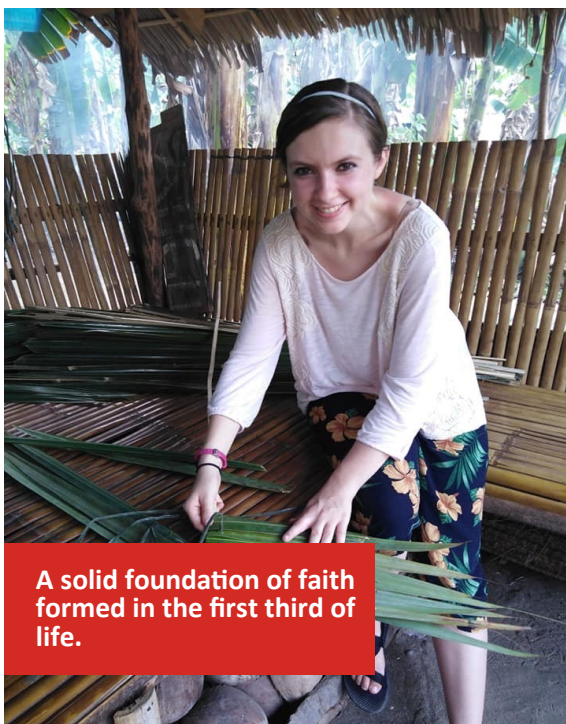
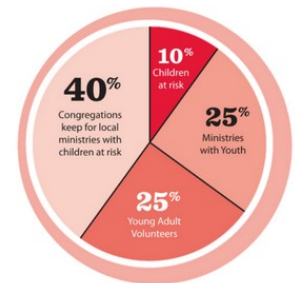


PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

you're supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.



A solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life.



"God, from my youth you have taught me."

Sundays In May

May 5 - Food Pantry Sunday
Communion



Food Pantry Sunday

First Sunday of each month

May 12 - Mother's Day



May 19 - Brass Quintet for Pentecost
Red Geraniums - Deacons
Pentecost Offering
Session and Deacon Meetings
Planting the garden



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

May 26 - Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

May Prayer Calendar



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 10 AM Worship - with communion  Food Pantry Sunday First Sunday of each month 	6 9:45 AM Bible Study	7 Home Communion Visits	8	9 11 am Finance Meeting	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10 AM Worship	13 9:45 AM Bible Study 11 AM - Worship Meeting	14	15	16	17 3 PM - Service for George Petry	18
19 Pentecost 9:15 AM Deacon Mtg 10 AM Worship - Sterling and Brass Quintet After Garden Planting Red Geraniums 11:15 AM Session 	20 9:45 AM Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 AM Worship	27 No Bible Study Office Closed 	28	29	30	31	1 June



Average April Attendance

We cannot track who watches on Ch 966.



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BIBLE STUDY

Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

May 6: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19 for May 12

May 13: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21 for May 19

May 22: John 3:1-17; Isaiah 6:1-8 for May 26

No Bible Study on May 27 in observance of Memorial Day



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