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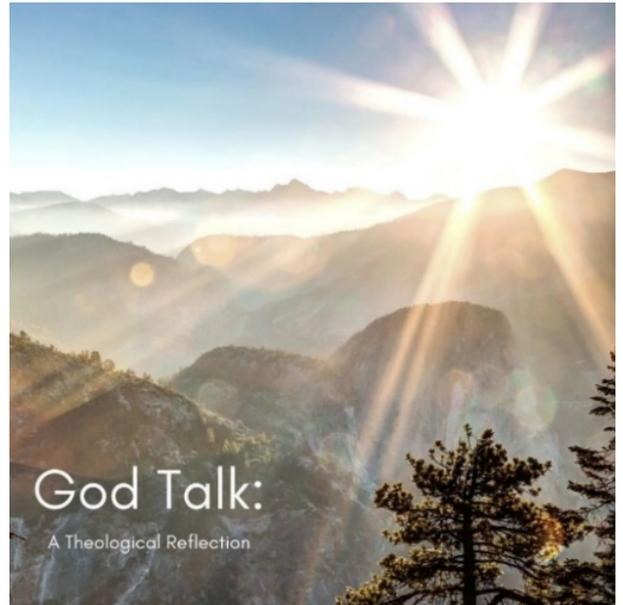
Joint Worship Service
St. Paul's with Adoration Lutheran

3840 W Edgerton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221

Sunday, July 17, 2022

10:00am

God Talk



The fireworks are ready to light, the anthem is ready to sing, the parade is ready to roll, and the flags have been unfurled. This time of year is filled with excitement and fun, as Americans

from many backgrounds and all sort of families prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, Independence Day. I remember when I was a kid, my family would drive down to Metropolis, IL, to be with my aunts and uncles and cousins, where we would celebrate with a cookout, fireworks in the backyard, and the community fireworks display along the Ohio River at the end of the night. It was a lot of fun to spend the day running around in our Old Navy Fourth of July t shirts, with watermelon in one hand and a sparkler in the other.

As I have grown up, I still enjoy a good cookout and we love to attend the Wauwatosa fireworks. But I often find myself thinking about what “freedom” means this time of year, too, and how American conceptions of “freedom” are different from what Martin Luther called “the freedom of a Christian.” American freedom, and the fourth of July itself, are built on the understandings of freedom through military victory and individual rights as a society. But Martin Luther described Christians freedom by saying that a Christian person is

“utterly free, subject to none, AND utterly dutiful, servant of all, subject to all.” To Martin Luther, freedom comes from the grace of God, which liberates us from the power of sin, but we are not simply freed *from* Sin, but rather freed *for* a life of faith in service to one another. So, this year, as we settle in with a brat and look toward the dark summer night sky to watch a beautiful display, may we be reminded that we have been freed in Christ, and that freedom binds us to one another in community and acts of love and care.

-Pastor Delaney

Summer Reading

It's not too late to join in the conversation. Pick up the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans and join us on Wednesdays at

6pm at the following locations:

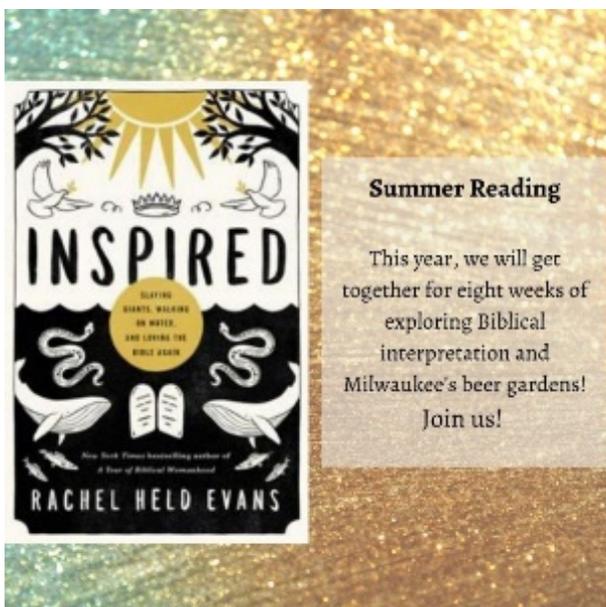
July 6: Off for the holiday

July 13 and July 20: Hoyt Park Landing Beer Garden

(1800 N Swan Blvd, Wauwatosa)

July 27 and August 3: South Shore Terrace Beer Garden

(2900 S Shore Dr. Milwaukee)



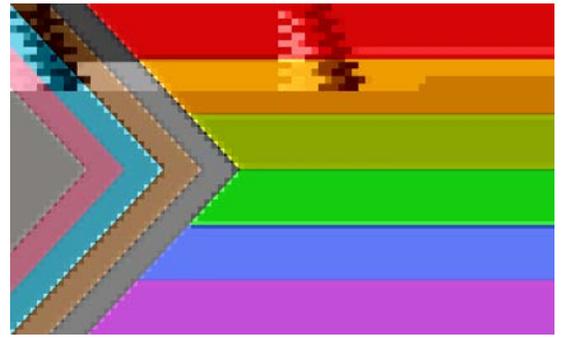
RIC Corner

Love is love is love!

Throughout the month of June, we used the “Sparkle Creed” to confess our faith together in Sunday worship.

One of the final lines in the creed is “I believe in the calling to each of us, that love is love is love, so beloved let us love.” This petition recalls a popular phrase used in LGBT+ rights advocacy, “love is love!” That is, all people have the right to love whoever they choose, whether it fits into “traditional” ideas of love or not. One person’s idea of love should not dictate the loving relationships of anyone else.

Love is an essential aspect of the human experience, and a crucial part of our faith in a loving God. Whether it is romantic, platonic, or familial, our love for others defines who we are in the world. Each of us is deeply beloved by God, exactly as we are. Our faith fills us with that love, so that we may be empowered to share God’s love with those in our lives and all those in the world around us. So, dearly beloved, let us love one another!



July Birthdays

- 10th Mary Ellen Voelz
- 13th Inthaly Vannavong

Editor's Note:

Due to an error on my part, June Anniversaries were omitted from the June Messenger, repeating May anniversaries. I regret the error and wish the couples a very happy, yet belated anniversary! -Dianne Polinske



June Anniversaries

- 2nd Richard and Rev. Sue Lindberg
5th Rev. Dave and Lucille Redman
13th Dave and Gretchen Pearson
22nd John and Jodi Eastberg
24th Rev. Matt and Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse
25th Bob and Karen Bromberek – 45th Anniversary
25th Bill and LaVerne Mueller
27th Mike and Dianne Polinske – 30th Anniversary



July Anniversaries

- 7th Matt and Jane Prahlow
17th Dennis and Barb Benjamin



Making It Easier to Help!

As of July 16, 2022, anyone in the United States can call, or text 988 or even use an online chat tool to access the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The name of the service will be changing to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. [This has] been

planned for nearly two years. Partnerships have been established to ensure Wisconsin is ready for the 988 roll out.

Please continue to call 800-273-8255 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline until the launch of 988 on July 16, 2022!

About 988

~ 988 will accept calls, texts, and online chats from anyone who needs support for the suicidal, mental health, and/or substance crisis. People can also contact 988 if they are concerned about a loved one in crisis.

~ *After July 16, 2022*, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline will be accessible through 800-273-8255 and 988.

~ Wisconsinites who use 988 will connect with Wisconsin Lifeline.

Information is from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services



**Worship and Picnic
with
Adoration Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, June 17 10am
3840 W Edgerton Ave
Greenfield, WI**

Please join us for worship and picnic lunch at Adoration. Adoration will provide meats, soda & water. Please bring your lawn chair and a dish to pass: a side or dessert. See *sign-up sheet in narthex*. Grilling is available for your vegetarian option.

For Adoration, this is their annual picnic and fund raiser. They will have bingo in the fellowship hall, a silent auction and a regular raffle. Participation in this is optional.

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

Bring your loose change for special offering collection at the Worship Service every first Sunday of the month.

Lutheran Social Services

Since 1974, LSS Refugee has been helping people lawfully and permanently admitted to the US after having fled unspeakable violence and war.

Some have fled to refugee camps and meager surroundings in Thailand and Kakuma Camp in Kenya; others fled to urban areas in Malaysia, Jordan, Rwanda and more.

All had no future or hope until the opportunity for resettlement was offered to a precious few. We continue that welcome and now prepare for yet another wave of people fleeing yet another war. LSS' work is a mandate for humanitarian action. Your support now helps us be ready for when people come to us.

More ways to help support refugees: In-Kind Donations Please [download LSS Refugee Supply Kits](#) or our [LSS Refugee Welcome Home Complete Supply List 2022](#) for new and like new items that we are able to accept. Gift cards are especially useful as well. [To schedule a donation drop-off, contact us at \[refugee@lsswis.org\]\(mailto:refugee@lsswis.org\) or 414-246-2517.](#)

Cash donations are used to cover the cost of rent for apartments and entire homes for up to 6 months

For more information, please visit: <https://www.lsswis.org>



SUNDAY GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

July 3 - 31

July 3

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 24

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

July 31

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 10am Worship Noisy Offering	4 th of July 	5  Vicar Charlotte	6 No Book @ Beer Garden	7 on vacation	8 thru 7/9	9
10 10am Worship	11	12	13 6pm Book @Hoyt Park Landing Beer Garden	14	15	16
17 Worship 10:00am @ Adoration	18	19	20 August articles deadline Noon Kim's Tble 6pm Book @ Hoyt Pk Landing Beer Garden	21	22 	23
24 10am Worship	25	26 	27 6pm Book at South Shore Terrace Beer Garden	28	29	30
31 10am Worship	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4 Polinske Fam vaca thru 8/14	Aug 5	Aug 6







WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: July 2022

	July 3 Pentecost 4	July 10 Pentecost 5	July 17 Pentecost 6	July 24 Pentecost 7	July 31 Pentecost 8
Assisting Minister	Jeri Jende	Bob Bromberek	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek
Usher Team	3	4	1	2	3
Altar Guild	Nancy Day Mark Van Engen	Judy and Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson Marcia Mikich	Jane Prahlow	Ron Karbel
Communion Assistant	Mark Van Engen OR Mary Klug	Bob Bromberek	Kurt Ruehrmund	Judy Gilbertson	Tim Kitzman
Open	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Close	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel	Mark Van Engen	Bob Bromberek	Ron Karbel
Counting Team	1	2	3	4	1
Live Stream	Mark Van Engen	Elaine Disbro	Mike Polinske	Mike Polinske	Elaine Disbro