

# The MESSSENGER

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## Celebrate Pride Month

Join us for worship every Sunday in June  
at 10:00am

## God Talk

*John said, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:16*



Baptism is one of two sacraments that we recognize in the Lutheran Church (the other is communion). A *sacrament* is marked by a physical element – in this case, water – and a command from God. Jesus himself is baptized by John, and Jesus later commands his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28) In baptism, we acknowledge the promises that God has



already made to us, and we profess our faith together as a community. You may not remember your own baptism (I was only a month old when I was baptized!), but we baptize children in the presence of the

community so that we may all remember our baptismal promises together. Martin Luther even says that you should remember your baptism every time you wash your face or take a shower!

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the baptisms of Etta Moylan and Walter Moylan Wilder, both grandchildren of Mike and Suzie Moylan! I hope you will join us in welcoming these children into the family of faith. I invite you to consider what you know or remember about your own baptism, and how God might be present in your own life through ordinary elements like water.

~Pastor Juniper

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## **Mark Your Calendar...**

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service Project will be in August. Stay tuned for what's planned from our Outreach Team!





## RIC CORNER

*June is pride month!* Pride is a celebration of community, resilience, and LGBTQ+ history and culture. It is a time for action, joy, liberation,

and change. Pride can be a party, a protest, or a private moment of reflection. It's an invitation to feel proud of yourself and who you are; of your community and the people you love; of your history and culture.

*Why is pride important?* Unfortunately, LGBTQ rights are continually at risk from a legal standpoint. There are plenty of people who do not accept or tolerate homosexuality, and even more who do not understand gender diversity and spread hateful or fearful lies about what it means to be transgender.

However, being part of an affirming community can make a huge difference. When we demonstrate our love and support for our queer and trans siblings, we provide a safe space for everyone to be their authentic self. When queer youth see themselves represented in stories, in media, and in leadership, they feel empowered to be honest about they are and not

compelled to fit themselves into an identity that does not represent them. We are proud to be a Reconciling In Christ congregation, one that celebrates the beautiful diversity of God's kingdom and welcomes people of all gender identities and sexualities.

Happy Pride!

## Pride Worship

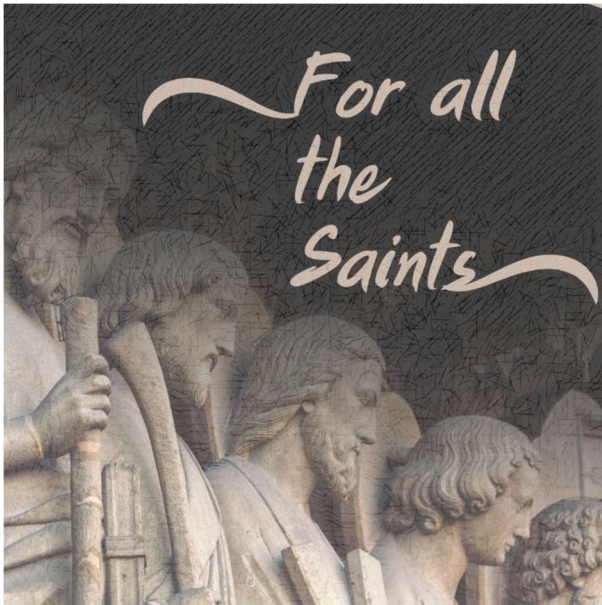
The Greater Milwaukee Synod hosts a Pride Worship service every year to celebrate our diversity in the Body of Christ. Join us this year on **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for Pride worship at **Ascension Lutheran Church**, 1236 S. Layton Blvd, Milwaukee. Our own Pastor Juniper will be preaching!

Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the lounge!

2026 PRIDE WORSHIP *Reframing our Resistance*



LAMENT, FOUNDATION, JOY, AND COURAGE



## For all the Saints

Chief Seattle, or Si'ahl, was born in the 1780s in what is today the city of Kent, Washington. His father was chief of the Suquamish Tribe, and his mother was part of the Duwa-mish Tribe. Seattle inherited the position of chief of

the Duwamish from his maternal uncle and built an alliance between the two tribes. He quickly gained respect as a peaceful leader and advocate for both peoples.

Si'ahl embraced Christianity when Jesuit missionaries arrived in the area in the 1830s, and he was baptized with the name Noah Seattle in 1848. He continued to advocate for peaceful relationships with European immigrants as they settled in the land, and negotiated with the US Government in an attempt to protect Native rights as settlers took over the land. Seattle remained firm in his belief that tribes and settlers could coexist peacefully and respect the land that provided them life.

*“This we know; The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know, all things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected.”*

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Chief Si'ahl died on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1866 on the Port Madison Reservation. His funeral included both Catholic and Suquamish traditions. The Church celebrates his legacy on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

You can learn more and read Chief Seattle's 1854 speech at <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/chief-siahl> You can read more about the treaty for the Duwamish at <https://www.duwamishtribe.org/treaty-of-point-elliott>

**Do You Have an Extra Bible Laying Around Your House?** One of the most frequently requested items from our neighbors at Kim's Table is a Bible. If you have an extra Bible at your house, please consider bringing it in for us to distribute at Kim's Table and in the Little Free Library. Or, you may choose to purchase a Bible at Half Price Books or your favorite bookstore.

*Not sure what translations are "good"? Pastor Juniper recommends the NIV, NRSV, and Common English translations as the best for everyday use and personal study. Coming up in the July Messenger, they will take a closer look at the differences between some popular translations.*

-- Peace, Pastor Juniper



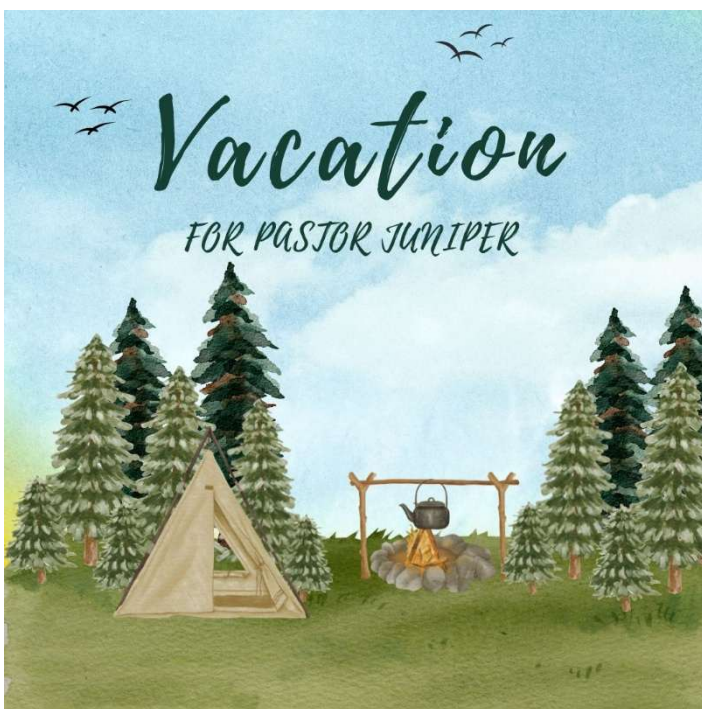
## **Come and worship in the park!**

On Sunday, June 14th, we will have our regular worship service at ProHealth Care Park, 2950 S. Sunny Slope Road in New Berlin! Stick around afterward for brats and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.



If you need assistance with transportation, please reach out to Pastor Juniper or the church office.

## **Pastor Juniper on Vacation**



Pastor Juniper will be on vacation June 15-21. If you have any pastoral concerns during that time, please contact the office. Sarah Micheel will be available for any emergent pastoral needs during that time.

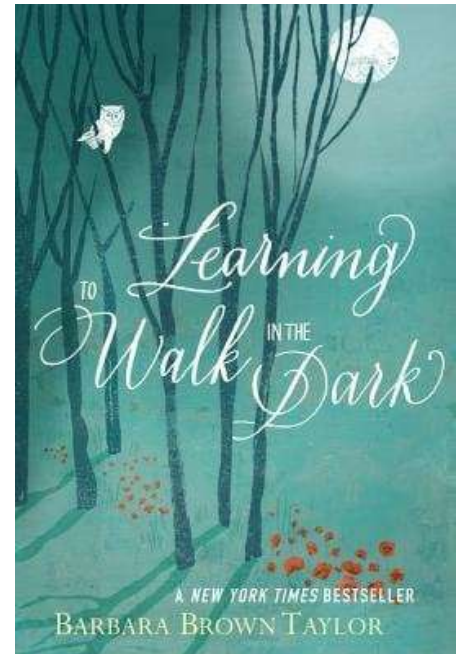
# June

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 	3	4	5 	6
7 10am Worship 11am Task Force Meeting	8	9 7pm Council	10 	11 	12	13 10am to Noon Tie Blanket Session
14 <b>Flag Day</b> 10am Worship In the Park, New Berlin	15 Office Closed Pastor	16 Office Closed Juniper	17 Noon Kim's Table on vacation	18  until	19 Juneteenth the 22nd	20 10am July Messenger Deadline
21 <b>Father's Day</b> 10am Worship →	22 	23	24 Summer Book Club 6:30pm Hoyt Park	25	26 	27
28 10am Worship	29	30 	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 

## Summer Book Club!

Join us on Wednesdays this summer as we read and discuss together Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. What can we learn about the ways of God when we cannot see the way ahead, when we are lost, alone, frightened, not in control? Is darkness always bad, or are there things the darkness might be able to teach us?



You can purchase a copy of the book on Bookshop.org, thriftbooks.com, or anywhere books are sold. If you need assistance purchasing a copy, please reach out to Pastor Juniper. We would like everyone who is interested to be able to participate!

We will meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm** starting June 24<sup>th</sup> at Hoyt Park Beer Garden in Tosa.

## Mt. Meru Coffee Project

The Project has enabled Tanzanian farm families to support local farm villages, markets, and merchants.

The coffee is roasted every week in Milwaukee, then ground, packaged, & shipped from our facility at Martin Luther Lutheran Church - 9235 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee.



**MOUNT MERU COFFEE**  
PREMIUM TANZANIAN COFFEE

*Purchase Mt. Meru Premium  
Coffee at [info1@mtmerucoffee.org](mailto:info1@mtmerucoffee.org)*



## **NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION**

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

### ***Courage + of Milwaukee***

Courage + gives LGBTQ+ youth a sense of community centered around care, safety, and acceptance – while bringing about real systemic change.

We started in 2015 as Courage MKE and in 2025 we changed our name to Courage + to match our expanded reach and programs we offer. Our mission remains the same:

*Provide safe and inclusive housing, trauma-informed care catered to the LGBTQ+ community, education, and reliable data-supported thought leadership.*

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> during our worship service, we will welcome Cristin Bock, who is the Board Secretary for Courage + as a guest speaker. Please visit their website at <https://courageplus.org>.

### **June Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Lucy Micheel

4<sup>th</sup> Lauren Dale

7<sup>th</sup> Kurt Ruehrmund

19<sup>th</sup> Marcia Mikich





## **Board of Properties – Volunteers Wanted!**

St. Paul's needs your help. I have come up with a few items that need to be addressed around the building.

They include:

Painting, housekeeping, cement work, outside doors, outdoor lights, fixing equipment, as well as basement water leaks.

If you can help, please contact Bob at 414.552.4663.



## OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to the extra volunteers that came out to help on May 20<sup>th</sup>! We had 50+ people attend the table that day.

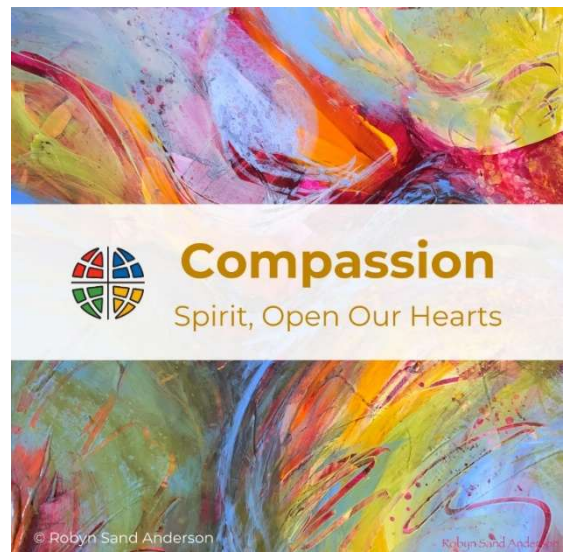
At our June event (June 17<sup>th</sup>) we're planning to give out

cleaning supplies, items that everyone needs. Please consider donating Dawn or similar dishwashing soap in 28oz to 30oz size, Clorox or other brand multi-surface disinfecting wipes in a canister (around 75 count) and paper towels by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

Our next tie-blanket session at St. Paul's will be Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, so add that to your calendars! If that date doesn't work for you, we will also have two more sessions on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am to Noon. Sign up at the Welcome Table. Thank YOU!!

## Synod Assembly

The Greater Milwaukee Synod held its annual assembly on May 29-30 at the Brookfield Conference Center. Thank you to Pastor Juniper, Mike Polinske, Tim Kitzman, and Gray Stanson for representing our church and our synod!





# GOSPEL AND PSALM READINGS

## June 7-28, 2026

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June 7</u></p> <p>Hosea 5:15—6:6          Psalm 50:7-15          Romans 4:13-25          Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June 14</u></p> <p>Exodus 19:2-8a          Psalm 100          Romans 5:1-8          Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June 21</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 20:7-13          Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18          Romans 6:1b-11          Matthew 10:24-39</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June 28</u></p> <p>Jeremiah 28:5-9          Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18          Romans 6:12-23          Matthew 10:40-42</p>

### June Wedding Anniversaries

- 13<sup>th</sup> Dave and Gretchen Pearson
- 19<sup>th</sup> David and Sarah Micheel
- 22<sup>nd</sup> John and Jodi Eastberg
- 24<sup>th</sup> Matt and Delaney Schake-Kruse
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bob and Karen Bromberek
- 25<sup>th</sup> Bill and LaVerne Mueller
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mike and Dianne Polinske



## WORSHIP AND HOSPITALITY TEAM: June 2026

	June 7 Pentecost 2	June 14 Pentecost 3	June 21 Pentecost 4	June 28 Pentecost 5
Assisting Minister	Tim Kitzman	Jeri Jende	Nancy Day	Bob Bromberek
Usher Team	2	3	4	5
Altar Guild	2	3	4	5
Greeter(s)	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek	Karen Bromberek
Communion Assistant	2	3	4	5
Open	2	3	4	5
Close	2	3	4	5
Live Stream Team	Brett Gluth	Mike Polinske	Mark Van Engen	Brett Gluth

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