



St. Thomas Lutheran Church News

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The Spirit is Working Overtime!

This message comes to you from the day after Pentecost Sunday (May 20). What a glorious day it was!

We received into membership nine new folks. You'll see their names and contact information listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We welcome them in the name of Jesus Christ and pray that the Spirit will bless them as they sojourn among us.

The children were a delight. Streamers and ribbons beautifully adorned the reading of the Acts 2 story of Pentecost, moved with vigor and glee by a multitude of young folks. It is always a joy to witness their enthusiasm. "Enthusiasm," as I sometimes remind folks, means to be filled with the Spirit of God. They were. And we were too; we could hear the mighty rush of wind and see the tongues as of fire.

It is always inspiring to hear the words of John 3:16 read in many languages after the announcement of the coming of the Holy Spirit on that first day of Pentecost. It is a testament to the erudition of many members of the congregation as well as a public witness to the power of the Spirit to communicate with and touch all peoples.

The adult choir shared two anthems, and the children's choir offered a hymn of praise (Oh Sing to the Lord / Cantad al Señor). Too much fun!

And (perhaps my favorite evidence of the Spirit on that high holy day) we prayed for Amy Balcam, our Minister of Youth and Christian Nurture, as we announced that she has been officially granted entrance into the ELCA's candidacy process for rostered ministry by the Candidacy Committee of our Indiana-Kentucky Synod. We whole-heartedly congratulate Amy and commit to keeping her in prayer as she enters into the joys and challenges of seminary education, vocational discernment, and spirit-filled engagement with God's Word.

"I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your youth shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams." (Acts 2:17)

Grace and peace,
Pastor Lyle



Sister Parish Connections

Sunday School Connects with Chichipate

by Mary Thomason Smith, Sunday School Teacher

On Sunday, April 29, the 4th-6th grade Sunday School class enjoyed a Guatemalan-style breakfast, including scrambled eggs, black beans, chunks of queso, an oatmeal drink, ceremonial cacao, honey from Chichipate, and warm corn tortillas. Upon entering our classroom, students were greeted by our hostess, an enthusiastic, friendly, and non-English speaking woman from Chichipate (a.k.a. Ronna Papesh). This simulation experience provided an opportunity for our students to attempt to communicate with our hostess through gestures, motions, and symbols to create a delegation experience here at home. Bible verses in Spanish decorated the table, and our hostess prompted us to find the English version in our Bibles. Our hostess showed us how to eat without flatware, including scooping our beans with tortillas. Following the meal, our "hostess" departed, and Ronna joined us, just in time for us to have a conversation about our experiences. We talked about what it was like to communicate with language barriers and how the breakfast was different from our typical American breakfast. We read Scriptures that spoke to being one in Christ, and reflected on what it means to be a neighbor when we don't share language in common. Finally, we looked at photographs of the home and kitchen of Vilma and her family with whom Ronna stayed in Guatemala. Two weeks later, on Sister Parish Sunday, our students hosted a table in the narthex, sharing photographs, honey, and tortillas with congregation members, inviting others to share a little firsthand taste of their experience of the sweet relationship with our brothers and sisters in Chichipate.



Thank You to our Sunday School Teachers

A big thank you to the following adults who have invested their time and energy teaching our children this year: Debbie Nixon, Sharon Fawbush, Tish Llewellyn, Misty White, Erin Wyatt, Ronna Papesh, Mary Thomason-Smith, Peter Iversen, Amy Balcam, Pastor Lyle, Gretchen Moehlmann, Sacha Arterberry, Sarah Fogelman, and Stephanie Hulett. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Sunday School Offering: The Water Project

Our theme this year was Micah 6:8, which reads, "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." This year, our Sunday School offerings will go to The Water Project (www.thewaterproject.org), which is an organization that invests in local solutions to the water crisis in sub-Saharan Africa. They work closely with in-country teams to develop clean water programs. Our goal was to raise \$200; we raised \$230 to send to The Water Project!



2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas

We have three youth and two adults attending the 2018 Youth Gathering from June 27-July 1! The theme is "This Changes Everything", and is based on Ephesians 2:8. We are joining 30,000 other Lutheran youth for worship, learning, and service! Please keep in your prayers Mitchell Knipstein, Leah Knipstein, Natalie Schacht, Peter Iversen, and Amy Balcam.



New White Paraments

From Suzanne Halvorson

My recent fiber of choice is linen because of its inherent beauty, sustainability, and durability. It is also the traditional liturgical cloth. I have always enjoyed Japanese fabrics that are almost transparent, and that is what I chose to design for these altar hangings. The obvious image is a cross form, but my hope is that you will also look at these pieces as windows. We are all close to the veil. Having lost two dear friends in the last month I often look out my studio window and ponder the other side. I hope and pray that you appreciate the subtlety of the pieces, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Congregation in this way. These hangings are woven in loving memory of Margaret Torvie.



We welcome new members:

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20th we welcomed these new members. Please take time this summer to get to know these new folks.

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Congratulations to Dave and Rita Pavolka

Former members Rita and Dave Pavolka are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 2nd, 4:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 383 Old North Rd, South Kingstown, RI. Dave and Rita Pavolka were members of St. Thomas for 40 years before moving to Rhode Island to be closer to their grandchildren.

Rita and Dave have taught many students as former band and choir directors. Rita taught at Batchelor, Dyer, Unionville and Tri-North Middle Schools and Dave was band director at Batchelor Middle School for 30 years. Dave also had a fifty year career as a professional trombonist, performing with the Al Cobine Orchestra and many others over the years.

Dave & Rita have two children. Matt Pavolka is a musician in New York City and Melissa Bagga is a landscape architect in Rhode Island. They also have two grandchildren. Please send well wishes and congratulations to: rhodeislandbagga@gmail.com.



Congratulations to Bob Cutter

Bob Cutter, a docent at the Eskenazi Museum of art at IU, has received a nice award. He was voted recently by his docent-peers to be "Docent of the Year". His name was announced at our annual spring docent recognition luncheon. He will be formally recognized next fall by the museum director at a public event TBA.

The Flow of Worship

Do you ever wonder what it takes for our worship services to come together and work so nicely and flow so well? If you are like I was a number of years ago, you never give it a thought. But after my husband became a council coordinator and my children acolytes, I got a clearer picture of what it takes to make worship flow. If we were running late my husband would get very antsy because he knew the council coordinator would be wondering who would do that task if the scheduled person did not show soon. After working in the church office, I have a clearer picture still of the planning and coordinating it takes for a worship service to flow smoothly. I learned that it is not magic!

One of the many tasks that the council coordinator is responsible for on Sunday morning is making sure all the worship leader roles are filled. If a scheduled volunteer does not show up, it can be an anxious scramble to find a substitute.

We kindly ask all our worship volunteers to be timely—arrive a solid 15 minutes prior to worship. Check-in with the coordinator. This will really help to keep things flowing smoothly.



Prayer request from Central Europe Teachers Naomi and Nick Sveholm

The last few months we've been unsure about what comes next for us, aside from adding a new family member. The school in Tisovec cannot house a family for just one teacher, so we've known since January that we won't stay here. However, we do like being in Central Europe and have been open to staying in the region to teach.

In late May, Nick was offered a position teaching literature in Bratislava and it feels right to accept. Both schools have been willing to work with us, but one sticking point has been health insurance. While it costs much less to have a baby in Slovakia than the US, we still do not wish to pay out of pocket. My health insurance is primarily contingent upon my work and mandatory maternity leave starts 6 weeks before a baby's due date (and continues up to 3 years!), which obviously would not cover the birth.

There are a lot of possibilities, including piggybacking on Nick's work visa (which can probably continue into August without changing anything) or private insurance. Please pray that our community will find the right connections and that things will fall into place for us to be in a new place in Slovakia (and hopefully quickly, so we can officially accept). We'd also appreciate prayers for a smooth birth and transition as our new baby joins us.

God's blessings,
Naomi and Nick Sveholm

IU Office of International Development

A Division of the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs

The IU Office of International Development (OID) would like to invite you to take part in a unique opportunity to engage with young emerging leaders from around the world participating in **On-Demand Youth Leadership Programs (YLPs)** sponsored by the US Department of State. YLP participants spend four weeks in the United States learning about community service, civic leadership and American culture. **OID is seeking households who would like to host them for their two-week stay in Bloomington.** This is an excellent cross-cultural experience, providing lasting friendships for everyone involved. There are two YLP groups being hosted by Indiana University this summer:

- **The Baltics (Latvia, Lithuania & Estonia): July 20 – August 4**
- **Southern Europe (Spain, Italy & Slovenia): August 14 – 25.**

Participants primarily range in age from 15-18 years old with 3 adult chaperones accompanying each group. They will arrive with intermediate to advanced English speaking and comprehension skills and will be able to reasonably communicate with their host family household. During weekdays, participants spend the day – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm – engaged in program activities. Host families are responsible for providing transportation to campus before 9:00 am and picking guests up after 5:00 pm. Lunch is provided by the OID on weekdays and host families are asked to provide all other meals. It's understood that households often have other commitments and that complications in schedules arise. OID will arrange accommodations to support our host families, such as alternate transportation and/or supplemental housing, as needed.

Anyone who is interested in this rich cross-cultural experience is encouraged to apply. After applications are submitted, a background check and a home visit (to be scheduled at a convenient time for the applicant) are required. A brief orientation session will take place 1-2 weeks in advance of each group's arrival. **Please join us in showing our guests a diverse and genuine slice of American life!**

For more information, please contact **Heather Duemling** at hduemlin@iu.edu or 812-855-9552.



Save The Date:

Country Western Hog Roast and Beer Garden-fest!

Benefit for our Bloomington St. Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, June 22, 2018, 4:30-8:00 PM

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Great Food, Beer and Wine, Live Band, Line Dancing,

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes!

Selling tickets at St. Charles' office, or online bloomingtonsvdp.org

(to pick up at Will Call/Ticket Tent on the day of the event.)

Pre-sale: \$10/adult (\$12 at event); \$6/child ages 6-12; ages 5 and under FREE.

Wedding Anniversaries

6/1	Chris & Maren Foley	22 yrs
6/4	Walt Wood & Susan Krieg	35 yrs
6/8	Jim & Sandy Pankow	49 yrs
6/10	Bob & Janet Ellis	62 yrs
6/15	Ron & Jean Brown	61 yrs
6/17	Lyle McKee & Marie Fleming	18 yrs
6/18	Drew & Amy Balcam	7 yrs
6/19	Mike & Debbie Witt	42 yrs
6/28	David & Karen Rohlfing	49 yrs

MCUM Food Pantry Needs for June

The pantry welcomes donations of all non-perishable foods, but we currently have a special need for the following:

- Pudding/jello
- Canned tuna
- Chili
- Spam
- Treet
- Canned chicken
- Canned and dried fruit

Non-food items -

Toilet paper
Women's underwear (size 2-11)
Baby wipes
Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)

June Birthdays

6/1	Mark Carpenter
6/2	Gene Laughman, Peter Iversen
6/5	Lisa Shettertley
6/6	Gayl Laughman, Quinton Smith,
6/7	Joel Arnold, Rich Weichert
6/8	Martha Selk
6/9	Sydney Arnold
6/10	Sarah Goldsworthy
6/11	Sacha Arterberry, Tiffany Shupe
6/14	Lindsey Smith
6/20	Allison White
6/21	Rick Goldsworthy, Madelyn Shupe
6/23	Leah Knipstein
6/26	Braelyn Dimick, Helen Ingersoll, Molly Wyatt
6/28	Brian Bourkland
6/29	Kathy McDonald

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**July Newsletter deadline:
Monday June 18**

JUNE - JULY VOLUNTEERS

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15
	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM
ASST MINISTER	Lyman Hitchcock	Gail Seegert	Kris Stewart	Debbie Witt	Sonja Dorr Binder	Lindsey Smith	Kathleen Boggess
LECTOR	ML Nierzwicki	Mike Laros	Barb Unger	Kent Unger	David Rohlfing	Kris Stewart	Nancy Mathews
ACOLYTE	Natalie Schacht	Matthew Schacht	Max Arterberry	Lilly Rademacher	Matthew Schacht	Max Arterberry	Lilly Rademacher
SERVER	Judy Bush	Martha Selk	ML Nierzwicki	Del Newkirk	Kent Unger	David Ellies	Mary Sasse
USHERS	Gallien/	D/D Nixon	F/ML Nierzwicki	J/M Doering	G/G Laughman	L/U Coyne	Gallien/
GREETERS	Judy Torvie	S Dorr Binder	C/S Arterberry	Kathleen Boggess	Mary Sasse	Gail Seegert	L/U Coyne
CRUCIFER							
FLOWERS	J/S Pankow	D/S Arnold	D/S Arnold D/A Balcam	P/L Iversen Erin Wyatt	Margaret Harter Elizabeth Ellison	G Moehlmann	F/ML Nierzwicki
BREAD/WINE	F/ML Nierzwicki	Jean Brown	D/L Newkirk	Vicki Polansky	D/S Arnold	Mary Sasse	G Moehlmann
COUNCIL CO		Tom Sinn	Cindy Gallien	Tom Sinn		Tom Sinn	Dawn Bakken
ALTAR GUILD	Kim Filiatrault	Kim Filiatrault	Dawn Bakken	Ashley Ahlbrand	Dennis Baurle	G Moehlmann	Kim Filiatrault
	Gail Seegert	Judy Torvie	Cindy Gallien	Barb Unger	Mary Sasse	Gail Seegert	Evelyn Niemeyer
	Carole Kirsch	Betty Smith	Carole Kirsch	Susan Lehr	Mary Sasse	Margaret Harter	Jan Sinn
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	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM
ASST MINISTER	Amy Balcam	Tim Smith	Natalie Schacht	Lyman Hitchcock	Mike Witt	Ashley Ahlbrand	Amy Balcam
LECTOR	Doug Bauder	Vicki Polansky	Debbie Selk	Jennifer Garl	G Moehlmann	Cindy Ohslund	Kari Esarey
ACOLYTE	Sam Polansky	Irene Fogleman	Koral Dimick	Audrey Knipstein	Noah Smith	Leah Knipstein	Kenna Dimick
SERVER	Carol Seaman	Drew Balcam	Sandy Arnold	Deb Moore	Gary Ingersoll	Chris Ogan	Ruth Rives
USHERS	Dean Arnold	Kaye Hill	Ohslund/McDonald	Baurle/Filiatrault	P/L May	Dean Arnold	Kaye Hill
GREETER	D/K Rohlfing	C/K McDonald	G Moehlmann	R/N Nye	D/A Balcam	T/J Garl	D/K Rohlfing
CRUCIFER							

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Our Mission

We are a Christ- centered community that lives, shares
and celebrates God's grace with all people!

Vision

To nurture a mission centered community that
values the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people
calls and prepares us to live our faith in daily word and action
equips and sends disciples for outreach
works together as a body to extend and strengthen
the church of Christ Jesus
practices responsible stewardship of all creation

Core Values

Community centered on Christ Jesus
God's Grace God's Word and Sacraments
Communication Compassion Diversity

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