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## Six Month Reflections

I realized this past week that I have reached the six month mark here at WMLC! The time feels like it has flown by! I wondered why time seemed to go so quickly and thought perhaps it is because everything I have been doing has felt new! As we have moved along together, everything has felt new!

However, I also feel like I have been here forever. Perhaps it is because I feel so welcomed, so cared for, and so supported. It feels like we have that comfortable feeling that only longevity can bring. Nonetheless, the reality is I have been here for six months! And what a lovely six months it has been!

I thank you all for the warm welcome! You have made me feel part of WMLC and welcomed me with open arms. I thank you for your grace as I have learned how things are done! I have made mistakes, I have forgotten to do things, and I have stumbled, but you have let me know my mistakes with humor and care. You have bolstered me up when I have stumbled. You have been patient as I learn how things are done here!

I thank you for your flexibility. I have made a few changes since starting here, and you have gone with the flow. You have also let me know what changes you have appreciated more than others. It is nice to experience your openness and willingness to share how you feel.

I thank you for inviting me into your homes and for sharing your stories with me. I treasure the times I have gotten to know you better. I look forward to these invites and times of conversation and fellowship!

I thank you for the support and care. Many of you have made an effort to check on me and see how I am doing and feeling, offer help in case I needed any, and speak encouraging words. And yes, I especially thank you for your humor! It has been a joy to laugh with you as we get to know each other!

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I look forward to the next six months as we continue to learn how to be members of the body of Christ together at WMLC! Check out the many new opportunities coming our way in May to gather together and to study God's word. Please feel free to stop in and see me at church or during public office hours on Thursday mornings each week!

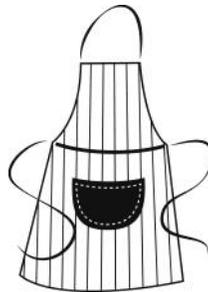
Easter blessings and peace,  
*Pastor Connie*

**Surprise someone on this list with a card or phone call. You'll both smile!**

- 5/1 Ethan Burg  
 Allis Eisenhauer  
 Brad Gilge  
 Emily Harms  
 Eleanor Sutcliffe
- 5/2 Sutton Hayes  
 Erik Koch
- 5/4 John Koberle  
 Betty Pope
- 5/5 Barb Morkri
- 5/8 Charles Bollenbach  
 Brian Madson
- 5/12 Jeff Bremer  
 Eric Chen  
 Kate Jaeger
- 5/13 Jane Griswold
- 5/14 Mary Johnson  
 Syd Smith
- 5/15 Jimmy Chen  
 Deb Madson
- 5/17 Ruth Stormer
- 5/19 Thomas Rane  
 Merv Shanley
- 5/21 Anna Meyer
- 5/24 Linda St. Pierre
- 5/25 Jan Berger
- 5/28 Oliver Eisenhauer  
 Jacob Jaloszynski
- 5/29 Edith Ersland  
 Brett Peterson
- 5/30 Chase Mueller

## Celebrate Mother's Day with Apron Sunday!

We're celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, with a special Apron Sunday event. Men, women, and children are invited to wear an apron to church. During fellowship, we will have an opportunity to share stories about our aprons. There will also be a short poem performed. Bring a special apron to share with our congregation! Please contact Ann Walser with any questions.



*-Submitted by Ann Walser*

**The church office will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, May 28.**



## Memorial Weekend Service

**First Lutheran Church Sunday Service  
 Sunday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.**

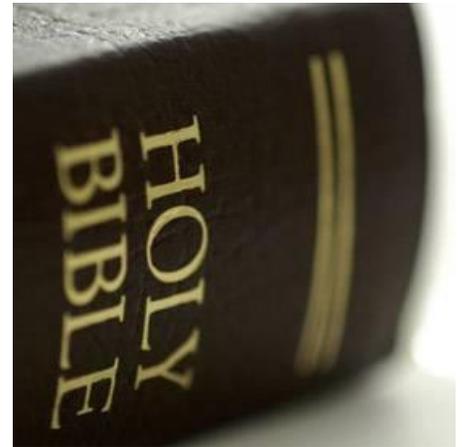


We continue a long-standing tradition of having our Sunday service during Memorial Day weekend at the historic First Lutheran Church on the corner of Pleasant View and Old Sauk Roads. There will be a service at West Middleton Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 23.

## Coming to a Pub Near You: Beer and Theology!

**Bros, Beer, and the Bible**  
 First Monday of the month at 7 p.m.  
 First meeting is May 6 at Longtable  
 (7545 Hubbard Ave., Middleton)

**Women, Wine, and the Word**  
 Third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.  
 First Meeting is May 20 at Grapewater  
 (7466 Hubbard Ave., Middleton)



**Non-alcoholic drinks are always available as well.  
 Join us to find out our first topic of study!  
 Contact Pastor Connie with any questions.**



## Farewell, Bailey!

Our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Bailey Green, will be ending her time at West Middleton Lutheran this May. Bailey has been our DYFM for the past 3 years while finishing her Master's degree, which focused on Soviet-Norwegian and American-Norwegian relations following World War II. Bailey will be working at a youth camp in California over the summer before starting her Doctoral program at UW-Milwaukee in the fall.

Please join us for a special sending service and farewell fellowship for Bailey on **Sunday, May 19**, which is also her last Sunday with us. We wish you all the best in your future, Bailey!



## Enjoy the Theatre on a Summer Night

You are invited to a night of theatre and fellowship at the American Player's Theatre! We have 10 tickets to *She Stoops to Conquer* on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:30 p.m. *She Stoops to Conquer* is a raucous British comedy revolving around the not-so-successful love life of Kate Hardcastle. From the APT website,

Wealthy countryman Mr. Hardcastle is hoping to marry his lovely daughter Kate off to a rich suitor. They both set their sights on Charles Marlow, the son of a rich Londoner. When they receive further intelligence on Charles, they discover that he finds women of high society intimidating, and prefers the company of the serving class. So Kate hatches a plan to pose as a maid in hopes of putting Charles at ease and, eventually, marrying him. Of course, no scheme goes exactly as planned, and Kate's results in the kind of uproarious comedy that our company plays so perfectly.

Plan on an evening of laughter and good company. Tickets are available for purchase from Rebecca in the church office and cost \$28.50 each. You may pick up your tickets when you drop off your payment.

*-Submitted by Ann Walser*



## Celebrate Spring with the Euchre Club!

Please join us for food, fun, and euchre on Tuesday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. Please wear your brightest, most spring-like outfit and bring a springtime snack (including all those leftover jelly beans and Easter treats!). All players are welcome; we always enjoy observers and those who want to learn to play euchre. Please contact Jane Hyer at 347-1453 with any questions.

*-Submitted by Jane Hyer*



## Join Our Communion Distribution Team!

We welcome anyone who is interested and enjoys visiting elders and homebound to join our homebound communion distribution team. Teams visit a number of homebound members each month to bring communion and fellowship to those who are unable to attend services at church.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Betty Casey at 836-3918 to be added to our teams. Many of you already visit members on your own, but if you would also like to be on a communion team, you are surely welcome and appreciated. Your ideas and comments are welcome. Thanks and do be in touch if you are interested in this vital mission of WMLC.

*Submitted by Betty Casey*

## Free to a Good Home!

John Hofer has a walker available for someone who might need it. It is very lightly used and in good shape. The brakes work well and it has a seat and handle. If you are interested, please contact John Hofer at 798-2530.



## Tickle Your Funny Bone



**Don't forget: Mother's Day is May 12!**



## Support Madison Area Jail Ministry

We are still collecting the following items to donate to the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Please drop them off in the basket in the narthex.

- Reading glasses (especially men's)
- Non-fiction and fiction sacred books
- Bibles and other sacred texts
- Stamped envelopes
- Loose leaf paper
- Christmas and sympathy cards (Dollar Store/Tree to get more for your buck)
- Composition notebooks

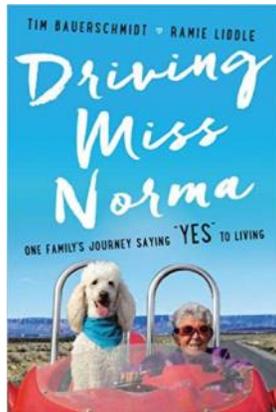
If you would like to learn more about MAJM, please visit [www.madisonjailministry.org](http://www.madisonjailministry.org).

*Thank you and blessings,  
Human Concerns Committee*

# Come Read With Us!

The May meeting of the WMLC Book Club is Tuesday, May 14, at 1 p.m. We will be meeting in the Fireside Room at WMLC, and will be hosted by Barb Hanson.

We will be discussing *Driving Miss Norma*, by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions, or need a copy of May's book, please contact Betty Glaaser at 798-2883.



-Submitted by  
Betty Glaaser

# Join Our WMLC Supper Club!

If you aren't attending the WMLC Supper Club events, you are missing out! Our next event is Saturday, June 22, at the home of Ann Walser (9861 Blackhawk Road, Middleton). We're having a backyard picnic! Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns will be provided. Guests are asked to bring their own beverage and a side dish or dessert. Ann is able to accommodate 20 people, so please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex today!



-Submitted by  
Sarah Wilde and  
Pauline Kussart

*Thank you*

*Thank you, thank you, thank you for the gifts, cards (especially the Big One), and just being there to help celebrate my 100th birthday. You really made my day!*

*-Mae Hartwig*

*Thanks to everyone who helped with Easter set up on April 20: Jan Berger, Liz Odgren, Gene & Pauline Kussart, Dee Lunda, Karen Schultz, Lynn Schultz, John & Carolyn Ridgely, Karen Zimmerman, Peggy Haack, and Scott Schullo. Thanks for making this an easy task!*



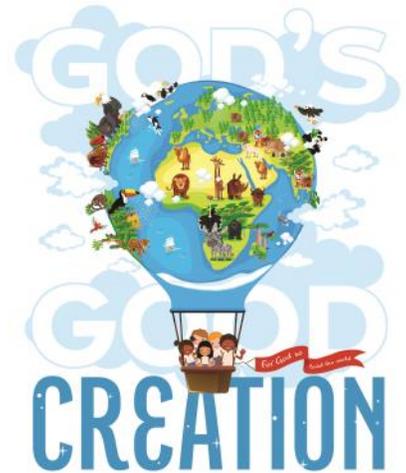
# Vacation Bible School: God's Good Creation

Join us as we explore God's Good Creation! Each night we'll be studying a different theme: God created the world and it is good; God can use you whatever size you are; God made everyone different and important; Jesus uses us to bring miracles to life; and Working together we can change the world. Our final night together will end with a program where the kids share what they have learned throughout the week.

VBS is June 16-20 from 6-8 p.m., and is open to children age 3 through grade 6. Cost is \$5 per child or \$15 total for 3 or more siblings. This is a perfect opportunity for your kids to invite their friends to a fun week of stories, crafts, activities, and more! Please contact Pastor Connie with any questions or to find out how you can be involved in VBS.

Please fill out the registration sheet below for each child attending VBS. Extra registration sheets are available on our website and in the church office. **Please return your registration forms and fees to the church office by June 1.**

*Registration forms will also be available the week of VBS, preregistration just gives a general idea of attendance for the week.*



## Vacation Bible School: God's Good Creation!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed in Spring 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Any food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the church office with your \$5/child (\$15/3+ kids) registration fee by June 1.**



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Verona, WI 53593**

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**Website: [www.wmlchurch.org](http://www.wmlchurch.org)**

**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Friday**

**Staff:**

**Rev. Connie Matye, Pastor  
Bailey Green, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Rebecca Carlson, Administrative Assistant  
Anna Myeong, Musician/Organist  
Mooyoung Kim, Choir Director**

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Return Service Requested

May 1 & 15  
Quilters

May 6  
Bros, Beer, and the Bible @ Longtable

May 12  
Apron Sunday

May 15  
Newsletter Deadline

May 19  
Sending Service for Bailey Green

May 20  
Women, Wine, and the Word @ Grapewater

May 26  
Worship at First Lutheran Church

May 27  
Church Office Closed

**Worship SCHEDULE**



**Weekly services**  
Thursday at 6 p.m.  
Sunday at 9 a.m.

**Sunday School**  
Sundays at 10 a.m.  
Through May 5.

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