The Mini Pioneer

Welcome to worship at West Middleton Lutheran Church!
Psalm 81:1 invites us, "Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob." And so we will. Welcome to worship!

Calendar for the week of May 28:

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday (5/28/17)	9:00 a.m.	Worship at First Lutheran Church
Monday		**Memorial Day** **Church Office Closed** Pastor Ted's Day Off
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday Bible Study Staff Meeting
Wednesday		No events
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bulletin Assembly Cub Scout Troop 640 Meeting Worship
Friday		No events
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Arts & Crafts Group
Sunday (6/4/17)	 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	**Pentecost Sunday** Worship Fellowship

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours resume Tuesday, May 30.

Summer Worship Schedule: Starting June 1, we will switch to our summer worship schedule. Services will be Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. **Please note the different start times for both services!** There were many requests to start at 9:00 a.m. for our Sunday service, and Worship & Music approved the change.

Today's Ministers

People doing God's Work with Our Hands—all of our 446 baptized members!

		This week	Next Week
Saturday (Thursday starting 6/1)	Assisting Minister	TBD	TBD
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.	Lector	Matthew Helmers	Chuck Morkri
	Assisting Minister	Sonya Lindquist	Roger Gmur
	A/V		Margaret Patterson
	Usher	Duane & Nancy Kittleson	Bryan & Peggy Haack
	Greeter	TBD	Nicole Rawling
	Acolytes	Josh Stormer & TBD	Cody Kempf & Noah Schmitt
Outreach		Gayla Nichols-Jensen	Bev Hofer
Fellowship			Peggy Haack
Nursery			Maddie Bremer
Altar Guild		Betty Casey	Arlene Krueger

Altar flowers were donated by Bob & Jan Berger

We keep the following loved ones in our prayers: Those in need of healing: Sue Fritz, Anna Olson (Arlene Krueger's sister), Maureen (Gayla Nichols-Jensen's friend), Sherry and Steve (Peggy & Bryan Haack's friends), Steven McWethy (Sue Fritz's brother), Anna Mae McWethy (Sue Fritz's cousin), Sharon Budd (Dee Lunda's sister), Kathy Draxler (Sean Draxler's mother), and Carlotta Reiman (Lorelle Micklitz's mother). Pray for the homebound: Clara Maurer, Forrest Harms, and John Peterson.

Vital Signs for May 20 & 21

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Worship	25
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship	48
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship	24
Total Weekend Attendance	97

Member Contribution Finance Information

Budget YTD	$124,195
Received YTD	$110,813
Difference	($13,382)

Operations Summary

Projected 2017 Revenue	$268,474
Projected 2017 Expenses	$308,655
Projected Operating Deficit	($40,181)

K&A Gift cards are on sale through May! Our high school mission trip youth are selling gift cards to K&A nursery to help raise funds for their mission trip in June. You can purchase them after service on Saturday or between services on Sunday. Gift cards are $20 each and can be used at both K&A locations. Contact Bailey Green for more information.

Do You Have an Idea? We are looking for ideas to help improve our worship experience in areas such as worship, music, Sunday School, youth programs, our church facilities, and any other area you can think of. We hope these ideas will continue to move us toward new congregational growth. You can submit your idea in the box in the narthex, or contact one of the committee members: Gene Kussart, Ann Walser, Roger Gmur, Jan Berger, Nicole Sachse, and Rachel Roberson.

The Human Concerns committee is selling Fair Trade Chocolate candy bars and Fair Trade Coffee. This is an opportunity for West Middleton Lutheran Church members to purchase Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee that is available through SERRV. When we purchase Fair Trade items, we join with other Christians as they work to help small-scale farmers all over the world earn a fair minimum wage for their crops.

Are you interested in having a BIG impact on our worship services? We are looking for Greeters, Ushers, Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Audio/Visual volunteers, and Fellowship hosts. You can decide how often you volunteer! Training is provided for all volunteer positions. Pease email Kris Patterson and Jill Bradshaw at wmlchurch.worship.assistant@gmail.com or call Jill at 203-6155.

Steeple to Steeple Ride for Hunger: West Middleton Lutheran Church is assembling a group for the 2017 Steeple to Steeple Ride for Hunger on Saturday, June 24. We are looking to put a group together for the Family Ride and, if we have enough interest, the 30 mile ride. You can sign up on the kiosk in the narthex at church. To ride (or just to donate!), please visit www.steepleride.com.

American Players Theatre Outing: A small number of tickets are available for a performance of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* at the American Players Theatre on Wednesday, June 28. We will meet for a potluck picnic at 6 p.m. Please bring your own tableware, drinks, and a dish to share. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex or talk to Ann Walser or Jane Hyer.

If you have a church key that you no longer need, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. It is important that we keep our records up to date to keep our building safe.

A self-defense seminar will be taught on Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Attendees will learn to protect themselves and escape from threatening situations. The class will be led by two arnisadors (practitioners of a Filipino stick art). Participants must be 14 or older. Donations of money or canned goods will go to support Middleton Outreach Ministry's food pantry. Sign up on the kiosk in the narthex today!

Family, Faith, and Fun by the Fire! Join us on Thursday, June 15 for a family potluck at 5:30 p.m. Stay for church at 6:30 p.m., and afterwards we will play games, roast marshmallows, and enjoy fellowship around the fire! Watch for more details and a sign-up in June. This event is in lieu of Vacation Bible School and sponsored by the Christian Development Committee. Everyone is welcome!

WMLC invitation cards: The Fellowship & Outreach Committee has created a WMLC invitation card that can be handed out to anyone who is interested in our church. You can find them in the pews and around the church. They are the size of a regular business card. The cards have our church information and location on them, and there is even a place for you to write a personalized message! Feel free to take some and distribute them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

Help us minister to those in need! If you know of anyone in need of a call or visit from Pastor Ted, please contact the church office. It can be a member you haven't seen in services recently, someone who was or is in the hospital, or someone who just needs help. We keep your information confidential.

Church Staff	
Pastor	Ted Lindquist, 833-5815, ext. 15 *215-0754 (c), 277-7712 (h), pastorted@wmlchurch.org*
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Interim Director of Music	Karen Zimmerman
Choir Director	Roger Gmur
Saturday Musician	June Zeeh
Sunday Musician	Anna Myeong