



LIVING HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 2018 Newsletter

A few years ago there was a commercial on TV for Angel Soft brand of toilet paper. It showed a man coming out of the bathroom asking for a roll of toilet paper and one being thrown to him, missing his hands and shaving the hair off the side of his head because it is too rough. The next scene shows the same guy asking for another roll of toilet paper, this time it hits him in the face and explodes in a cloud of fluff since it is too soft. Finally, the guy peeks around the corner and asking for another roll of toilet paper and this one lands right in his hands and is the perfect mix of strength and softness.

I bring this up as a way for us to think about how we, as a congregation, relate to one other and deal with issues. Often times we do end up having the same problem that the commercial tries to play on, we are either too hard or too soft on people and issues, or sometimes both. It is really a challenge to find the right balance. We have to go soft on people, giving them the benefit of the doubt, doing our best to be sensitive to how they might feel, and trying to make it so that issue isn't about them. We also have to go hard on issues, making sure that we are exploring every side of what is going on, presenting how the situation seems to us, coming up with our suggestions to the issue, not walking away until things have been decided to everyone's satisfaction.

When we look at this balancing act, it really does feel like it can be a tightrope. We can easily think that being soft on people means that we just go along to get along, but that does not honor the relationship and it means that the issue is of no real importance. It can also be a quick solution to say that the issue, whatever it is, is so important that we have to get our preferred solution. In doing that, we can hurt others and damage relationships, making our "victory" hollow. Finding balance takes work and dedication and also knowing that it will probably differ in different situations.

Philippians chapter four reminds us to *"Let your gentleness be known to everyone."* (verse 5) Then in verses eight and nine we are also admonished with these words:

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you."

In this I hear a juxtaposition of both the gentleness and the conviction to fold fast to that which is good, the same balance that is needed in working with others through difficult situations.

While there are no major points of conflict within Living Hope that I see, my hope for our congregation and the church universal is that we will continue to work on our life together, caring both about people and issues so that we can find where God is calling us to greater faithfulness. As we work towards this goal of soft on people and hard on issues, I guess one of the things that we need is something that is Angel Soft.

Will





Larry Under the Bridge

Sunday, August 26

Sunday, September 23

Waukesha Food Pantry turns 40!

As the Waukesha Food Pantry nears its 40th Anniversary in October 2018, we are reminded of our church's early involvement.

In the 1970's, a group of people saw the need and appealed to local churches for volunteers in setting up a food pantry in Waukesha. Our church was asked for help, and we sent Rose Emanuele. The Pantry's humble beginnings were in the cellar of a volunteer's rooming house in a neighborhood near the hospital. It was later hosted in 3-4 more private homes before moving to a commercial building. It is now in its 7th facility. The Pantry grew from serving 150 visitors a month to currently over 5,000 monthly recipients, representing 2,000 households.

Today there are a host of individuals, congregations (50), businesses, and service organizations along with approximately 100 commercial donors such as Trader Joe's, WalMart, Sendik's, and Costco, that support the Food Pantry in Waukesha. Even at that, over \$200,000 is still spent to purchase food each year.

Our church helps in the form of food donations, financial support and volunteerism. From the very start, many members from our church have volunteered in the Pantry's efforts. Rose Emanuele, one of the 300 monthly volunteers, has been helping there *continually* since 1978. Others from our church who have volunteered include: Marge Gauen, Arleen and the late Woody Goranson, Dick Fine and Rose's late husband, Vince, and many more. Currently, Bill and Pat Perkins, and sometimes John Riedmaier deliver the food collected to the Pantry. Talk to Rose about volunteering at the Food Pantry in support of one of our church's longest running missions. - Rose Emanuele



Sunday School had a great mid-summer meeting on July 15. Our school year programs starts up again on Sunday, September 9, meeting twice a month before worship. Please contact Marcia Sinner if you can help with Sunday School in some way throughout the year.



We are a connectional church... connected in faith to God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine... and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

August Calendar

- 1) Ken and Diane DeBoer
- 2) Dorothy Dieter
- 3) Elizabeth Ellis
- 4) Rose Emanuele
- 5) Joe and Kathryn Fresch
- 6) Jim and Jean Freuck
- 7) Barb Foy
- 8) LaVonne Gardner
- 9) Marjorie Gauen
- 10) Emmy Gedeit
- 11) Arleen Goranson
- 12) Larry and Marge Harris
- 13) Tom and Betty Hill
- 14) Will and Traci Houts, Grace, Lauren, and Evan
- 15) Bernie and Judy Huizenga
- 16) Bob Hutchings
- 17) Barry and Thelma James
- 18) Goldie and Ray Jones
- 19) Joan Junek
- 20) Peter and Harriet Kirchhoff
- 21) Amanda and Paul Lavoe, Ziva, Zion, and Zach
- 22) Curtis MacDonald
- 23) Kathy Mathews
- 24) Char Mattson
- 25) Ginny Maurer
- 26) Pat Mitschrich
- 27) Nancy Molstad
- 28) Paula Moore
- 29) Don Olson
- 30) Jim and Bette Olson
- 31) Bruce and Kris Parker

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 July 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fellowship	30 9:30 AM Bible Study	31	1	2 6:30 PM Visioning Meeting	3	4
5 10 AM Worship with Communion 11 AM Fellowship	6 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	7	8	9 7 PM Finance	10	11
12 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fellowship 11:15 AM Deacon Meeting	13 9:30 AM Bible Study 7 PM Session	14	15	16	17 Sept Newsletter Deadline	18
19 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fellowship	20 9:30 AM Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fellowship 11:30 Larry Under the Bridge	27 NO Bible Study Bible Study resumes on Sept 10	28	29	30	31	1 Sept.
2 10 AM Worship with Communion—Guest Preacher: Rev Fiona Nicholaisen 11 AM Fellowship	3 Labor Day NO Bible Study Office Closed for Labor Day	4	5	6	7 11 AM Prayer Group	8

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Communion Servers	Keith Pierce* Joe Fresch Kathryn Fresch Eileen Pierce Ann Tennyson			
Fellowship Hosts	Mike and Jenni Parnon	Barry and Thelma James	Bill and Pat Perkins	Keith and Eileen Pierce
Counters	Joan Junek Ginny Maurer	Kathy Mathews Steve Sinner	Dan Brankle Dave Stephan	Don Waterman Judy Bauer
Welcome Host/ Lock up	Ann Tennyson	Ann Tennyson	Peggy Waterman	Peggy Waterman
Ushers	Keith Pierce Karl Bertram Barry James	Tom Tennyson Ann Tennyson Barry James	Tom Tennyson Ann Tennyson Don Waterman	Ken DeBoer Diane DeBoer Dave Stephan

FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of June 30, 2018							Fav/(Unfav)
			Actual		Budget		Variance
Total Income - YTD			\$ 59,543.97		\$ 58,272.00		\$ 1,271.97
Total Expense - YTD			\$ 69,113.80		\$ 69,246.00		\$ 132.20
Net Loss - YTD June 30, 2018			\$ (9,569.83)		\$ (10,974.00)		\$ 1,404.17
Unrestricted Funds as of June 30, 2018			\$ 194,812.17				



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Bible Study meets Monday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Brookfield Room *You are invited to join us!!* Even if you cannot attend our study group, you are invited to read through the passages prior to worship on Sunday.

Lesson Date and Passages: **For Sunday:**

7/30	John 6:24-35; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	8/5
8/6	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15-, 31-33; Psalm 130	8/12
8/13	Ephesians 5:15-20; 1 Kings 2;10-12,3:3-14	8/19
8/20	Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20	8/26

Bible Study Group is off Aug 27 and Sept 2. Our next session is Sept 10.

The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:

Max and JoAnn Broyles, & their nephew Jim
and their niece Debbie
Mary Dalton's cousin Ken
Mary Dalton
Kathryn/Joe Fresch's grandson Jack & parents
Joan Junek
Harriet and Pete Kirchoff
Char Mattson
Pat Mitschrich
Nancy Molstad's great-niece Marlie
Paula Moore
Jim Olson
Art Peterson
Carole Riedmaier
Jeane Satola

Marcia Sinner's brother James
Happy Taylor
Tom and Ann Tennyson on the death of Tom's
sister Sharon Duesing

Those affected by hurricanes and earthquakes,
...others who face difficult medical conditions,
caregivers, the un- & under-employed, for
refugees/migrants and all who are victims of
violence or terror or natural disasters, for those
who grieve, for military personnel, for all who
experience life's challenges, and for LHPC as
we listen to God's invitation to mission and
ministry here in Menomonee Falls.



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Session Members

Judy Bauer, Dorothy Dieter, Joe Fresch, Kathryn Fresch, Curtis MacDonald, Nancy Molstad, Keith Pierce, Eileen Pierce, Marcia Sinner

Deacon Members (designated last names)

(A-B) - Julie Courtney

(G-K) - Mike Brady

(P-R) - Peggy Waterman- Moderator

(C-F) - Karen Stephan

(L-O) - Ann Tennyson

(S-Z) - Ken DeBoer